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My Lord:

With reference to Your Lordship's despatches Nos. 37 of March 2nd and 54 of April 18th in regard to the claim of the Pottawatomie Indians, I have the honour to inform you that according to information I have received, there is little prospect of the early consideration of this claim on the second schedule of claims for arbitration before the Pecuniary Claims Convention. A member of my staff has however held a number of unofficial conversations with the competent authorities of the United States Government in the hope of being able to find some more expeditious method of settling this claim. The fact that the claim of the American branch of the Pottawatomie Indians has now been paid by means of a series of appropriations passed by Congress has been confirmed. There appears, however, to be some question as to whether this portion of the claim of the Pottawatomie Indians was paid as a matter of grace or as a matter of right. It is, according to officials in the Department of State, open to contention whether or not the Indians who refused to live in the territory assigned to them in Kansas thereby forfeited their right to

His Excellency

The Lord Byng of Vimy, G.C.B.,

etc., etc., etc.,

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