

D.X.H.

Ottawa, September 14, 1908.

Sir,-

Referring to letter addressed you on the 17th of June last, in regard to the question of submitting surrenders to the Thunderchild and Moosomin Bands of Indians, I beg to say that, from a communication received from Mr. Commissioner Laird, it would appear that a surrender was taken from the Thunderchild Band of their reserve on the 26th ultimo, and the money forwarded to the Commissioner paid over to the Indians, and that the Moosomin Band declined to grant a surrender.

In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that the instructions given you were to obtain a surrender from both bands of Indians, as it was not considered advisable that a surrender should be taken from one Band, the Department deciding that, whatever arrangements were made should be made as to transfer of both bands, and not of one band only.

In view of the above, I have to ask you to report at once action taken in the matter, and why a surrender was taken contrary to instructions given, from only one Band, notwithstanding instructions that surrender should only be taken if both Bands were willing to grant same.

Your obedient Servant,

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