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not be prepared, we will
the papers be forwarded as
requested by you to the
Minister of Dominion Lands

Ottawa, 7th March 1892.

Sir:-

Your obedient servant
A. MacKinnon
Deputy Minister
of Dominion Lands

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo,
regarding the death of a bull which was
done by and belonged to the Blood Vein
Indians, I beg to inform you that
I have taken note of the contents of your letter, and
the conclusion at which I have arrived is that it was
the duty of the Indians who owned the bull to look after
and keep the animal on the Reserve, and as they failed
to do so, and damage and loss was sustained and expense
incurred by Mr. Mattheson in respect of the bull, owing
to its having entered his farm and committed damage to
his crops and to one of his cattle, the annuities of the
Blood Vein Indians, are properly assessable with the
amount of the damages sustained by Mr. Mattheson, also
with the cost of the butchering of the bull and the
freighting of the beef to Dog Head to be distributed
among the destitute Indians of the Band. The proper
course would, therefore, appear to be to deduct the
amount, which you state you assess at \$50 damages, as well
as the cost of butchering and freighting the beef, viz.,
\$3.50, from the annuities which will next be payable

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