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Ottawa, 9th February, 1912.

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter of the 28th ultimo which the Department has received from Chief Tawapungwa of Christian Island, in which he makes enquiries as to whether the Indians should be charged interest on accounts which they owe. The Department desires that you should enquire very carefully into the matter referred to and make a report thereon to the Department. I may say that it is thought that unless the Indians owe accounts which are long over due, interest should not be charged.

When making a report, you should inform the Department of the different prices for staple articles both at Christian Island and Functangishane.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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