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Indian Office

Brantford

173322

April 30th 1896

Dear

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 26th March last No. 171721 I was enquiring from our Indian merchants, and learned that flour could be purchased some 2 cents per bushel less if paid when sundry finished. There will be until the full distribution of interest money. I therefore arranged for payment after sundry is over this spring. But another difficulty has sprung up. The merchants who for years have been crediting Indians absolutely refuse credit. I have insisted on an order. I have not issued an order except on a chief's certificate and by Saturday night I had issued 215 orders amounting in all to \$1964^{xx} while over an hundred were obliged to return home without getting their flour. The application was