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Ottawa 28th September, 1902.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, I beg to inform you that the Department will allow you to incur expenditure up to the amount stated in each case to assist each of the under mentioned persons in building or repairing their houses, viz:-

William Marble	assistance to the extent of \$10.00
Joe Silieby	" " " " 10.00
Francois Paul	" " " " 10.00
Peter Marble	" " " " 8.00
Widow Tom Nicholas	" " " " 8.00
Widow Mary Prosper	" " " " 5.00

The amount specified in each case should not be exceeded. You should personally supervise the purchases, and see that the material supplied is used for the purposes for which it is given.

With reference to the amounts which have been allowed I beg to say that the Appropriation at the disposal of the Department will not admit of assistance to the extent asked for being afforded to individual Indians. The Appropriation is only intended for the relief of those persons who are unable, either through illness or other infirmity, to provide for themselves. You should give the able-bodied Indians to understand that they should depend upon their own exertions, and not upon the Department.

The accounts should be sent in in the usual way for payment.

Your obedient servant.

J.R. McDonald, Esqr,
Indian Agent,
Heatherton, N.S.

Secretary.

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