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W. Indian office
Kovvaka Aug 25- 1900

Sir

John Heard Manufacturer of
Stone Lile. (of the town of Strathroy)
has written to me wishing to know
if the Department of Indian Affairs
would be willing to allow him to
buy gravel by the cord from off
the Indian Reserve near the village of
Middlemiss. He wishes to establish
a factory at Middlemiss to manufacture
Stone Lile. Gravel is used as a part
of the composition for making Lile.
He offers to pay at the rate of 30 cents
a cord for the gravel at the pit. which
is the usual price paid for this material.
He also offers to protect the pit by building
a fence around it putting a gate
up with lock and key.
I would recommend that he be granted
his request. Would you be good enough
to let me know at once if the Department
is willing the proceeds of the sale of gravel
to be paid to the individual Indian of the
Dept. thanks this proper

I am your obedient servant

Secy Dept
Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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Indian Agent

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