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Ottawa, March 27, 1912.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the first instant, No. 11-17, I beg to inform you that a satisfactory reply has not been received from the Provincial Government in connection with the portion of land which Mr. Abraham is willing to have cut out from his Pre-emption in order that it may be granted to the Indians. In view of this fact it is thought that the matter may be better dealt with if Mr. Abraham will take out his pre-emption on the understanding that he will then deed to the Crown in trust for the Indians the tract of land containing about thirty acres, in question. If an arrangement of this nature can be entered into with Mr. Abraham it should be reduced to writing and duly signed by him in the presence of two witnesses. There will then be no objection to the Indians moving their houses to the land to be so granted and the Department will furnish the necessary sum to provide them with nails as suggested by yourself provided the total sum does not exceed \$120.00.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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