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OTTAWA, June 22nd---1904.

With cheque-

Sir:

I enclose herewith cheque No. <sup>5</sup>~~466~~ for \$2,590.00 in order that you may pay not only the Robinson Treaty annuities to the Indians in your Agency for the year 1904 at the rate of four dollars each, but that you may also pay them the arrears due them for the years 1873-74 at the rate of three dollars each. When making the payments of arrears, you should make it clear to the Indians that this is in full for all claims of arrears due them under the treaty, viz: for the years 1873-74.

The Department desires that the annuities for 1904 and the arrears for 1873-74 be entered in one payroll, the arrears being placed in a special column ruled for the purpose as the enclosed folio from the payroll will show. As many of the Indians may inquire why only two years' arrears are paid them, I think it best to explain the matter to you so that you may be in a position to give full information to them.

The Robinson Huron Treaty provided for an annuity of 600 pounds to be distributed annually. There was a further proviso "that should the territory hereby ceded by the parties of the second part at any future period produce such an amount as will enable the Government of this Province, without incurring loss, to increase the annuity hereby ceded to them, then in that case the same shall be augmented from time to time, provided that the amount paid to each individual shall not exceed the sum of one pound, Provincial currency in any one year."

The Government of the Dominion of Canada has paid the  
G. P. Cockburn, Esqr., increased  
Indian Agent,  
Sturgeon Fall, Ont.

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