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Ottawa, 26th August, 1914.

Sir:-

10 Referring to your letter of the 23rd. ultimo,  
with enclosures, relative to the application of Pewapacomawat,  
or Iron Bear, of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippawa Indians,  
Belcourt, North Dakota, U.S.A., to be admitted along with  
his wife and four children to membership in Sakinay and  
Little Bone's Band, No. 74, I beg to state that this  
application can not be granted.

The Indian Act does not contemplate the admission  
of Indians of a foreign country into Treaty in Canada, as  
they are not strictly speaking Indians within the meaning  
of the Act.

You should therefore inform Iron Bear of the  
Department's decision and advise him to return to his  
Reserve where he and his family have received allotments  
and can enjoy all the rights, privileges of annuities and  
other benefits accruing to the Chippawa Band.

I herewith return forms of relinquishment  
forwarded by you.

Your obedient servant,

E. Taylor, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Broadview, Sask.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.