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MMcNeill ACK and inclose copy of
letter from Dept of Interior. Request
Powers to take immediate steps to have the water
rights in question with the Indians secured
at least in some of the lands at
present in the hands of the
Railway Co. and
other interests. The
recognition of the
rights of the Indians
as they be determined
by the local agents
of the Dept of
Interior. The
Office
of the
Dept of
Interior
will be in touch
with the
Dept of
Interior
for securing water
rights which may be necessary

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 27th
last upon the subject of water for
irrigation purposes for Indian
reserves in this Province. Etc. Etc.
In reply I have to state that
I had the honor of acquainting you
(No 625. S. July 31st) as to the amendment
passed to the Land Act of 1884
permitting the Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works under certain
conditions to allow water to be
recorded for Indians and your
subsequent request to take the steps
necessary for recording water for them
has been carried out by my instructions
to the local Agents. Whether
the present amendment to the Land Act
of 1884 is the outcome of the under-
standing between the Provincial
delegate

It is to be
remembered that
the water rights
of the Indians
are a very
important
matter and
that the
Government
is very
anxious to
secure them
for the
benefit of
the Indians
and the
Province.