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I make this offer, not official, as I wish it to be understood that if my proposition is not accepted it shall not prejudice any bids I may make under tender in competition with others.

W. G. CONRAD.

L. VANKOUGHNET, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 17th May, 1884.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, submitting two new proposals, under either of which you state that Messrs. I. G. Baker & Co. will furnish beef, from 1st November next, at the points and at the rates mentioned in your letter.

Having submitted your letter to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, I am directed to inform you that the Department is prepared to contract with Messrs. Baker & Co. for two years at the rates mentioned by you, the other conditions of the contract to be similar to those in their present beef contract with this Department, in so far as the same are consistent with the schedules for the ensuing year. I shall have the necessary papers drawn up immediately for execution by your firm, and subsequently by the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs. Your letter will now be considered by the Department as official.

I. VANKOUGHNET.

W. G. CONRAD, Esq., Ottawa.