427,029-63.

Ottawa, Pebruary 9th., 1916.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with which you submitted voucher No. 296 for \$5.20 in favor of Mesers. Kennedy, Blair & Co., of South Fort George, for supplies furnished to Thos. Baptiste and family No. 19 of the Fort George Band; and in reply I beg to say that it is observed that you state that the amount of the account is properly chargeable to Trust Funds. In this you are in error, Thos. Baptiste has no money held in trust for him by the Department. Kindly refer to your letter of the 11th November 1914 (J. 325,224-1 A) in connection with the distribution of moneys to the Fort George Indians. In that letter you stated that Thos. Baptiste's share of land money was paid into the Royal Bank, at Fort George, to be drawn upon by him. In view of this statement it is not understood why you should refer to trust funds belonging to this Indian as being in the hands of the Department. It was understood that the money at this man's credit would be drawn from the bank by him. Kindly state whether the Department is to understand that the money is held by the bank for the credit of the Indian and that the deposit book is in your hands. A full explanation in the matter is desired.

Your obedient servent,

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We J. Modilan Hege, Indian Agent.

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