

for that amount.

No steps have since been taken to obtain a refund of the money, and this Department has now determined that the survey of the Reserves, if made, shall be made by one of its own officers, to be detached for the purpose from Head-quarter service, and I have now the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you consider that by process of law the Department of Crown Lands could be compelled to refund the money, or, if not, whether an action at law would lie against Mr. Bignall for the amount, and, if so, what steps you would advise should be taken to enable the Department to recover it.

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of
Indian Affairs.