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3<sup>rd</sup> May. 8

Mr. Sir.

I enclose herewith a copy  
of a telegram of the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
from Chief Commissioner of the  
Richmonds, reporting that small-  
pox was very bad in Maria,  
and asking that a Doctor be  
appointed to vaccinate the  
Indians. I also enclose a copy  
of my reply by wire to the Chief.

I have to request that  
you will be good enough to visit,  
at your earliest convenience,  
whether the Indians have as yet  
escaped the disease, and what  
steps you have taken bearing  
out my instructions contained  
in my letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
relative

Mr. J. Hayes.

Missionary.

Maria.

P.S.

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