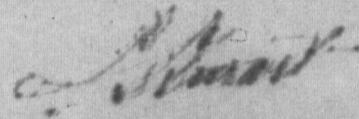


Ottawa 17th March 1902-

Dear Chief-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th Instant, regarding surrendering of land on the Fort William Indian Reserve, and in reply to inform you that an application having been received by the Department to purchase a tract of land, comprising about 1717 acres, along the water front on Thunder Bay, your Agent was instructed to submit the question of surrender to the Band in Council, as provided for by the Indian Act. The local Agent duly reported the unwillingness of the Band to surrender and the application made was, therefore, not entertained by the Department.

Your obedient servant



Asst. Secretary-

Chief J.B. Pinessi,
Fort William,
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