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Ottawa Jan 29, 1908.

Sir,-

I beg to draw your attention to the last sentence in your letter of the 26th ultimo No. 712.G.5 in which you state "I have requested the Chief Commissioner to let me know the result of survey at as early a date as possible"

In a letter from the Chief Commissioner of the 24th ultimo addressed to you he says "A survey of these lands will have to be made by the Dominion Government". I have to say that this is also the understanding of this Department. I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to explain to what you refer in the quotation from your letter above mentioned.

The said surveys of the lands to be purchased from the Provincial Government for the Babine Indians should be made at as early a date as possible in order to close this matter. I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to arrange to have the necessary surveys made during the coming season.

In this connection I have to say that the deed or conveyance to be hereafter made by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government (or Order in Council) for the lands referred to is to simply vest the said lands in His Majesty, the King. Please note especially that no statement of the said lands being held in trust for Indians or for any other purpose

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