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Ottawa, 21st December, 19

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, with respect to the sale by Mary Queenie of 15 acres of land to Samuel Taylor, and note your request that an investigation be held in regard to this matter.

In reply I beg to say that there is no allegation as to fraud or misrepresentation or anything of that nature. As pointed out in Departmental letter to you of the 17th ultimo Myles McDougald one of the witnesses to the conveyance states that Mary Queenie made her mark in his presence, that she appeared to fully understand the contents thereof. The consideration paid by Mr. Taylor was small but it no doubt was of considerable assistance to her at the time and there is nothing to show that she was not perfectly satisfied. You will note further that Mr. Taylor was not to take possession of this land until her death at an indefinite period which would influence him in the amount he was willing to pay and would influence Mrs. Queenie as to the amount which she was willing to accept under that condition. In view of these facts

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