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Sir,-

I regret to report a serious state of dissatisfaction among some of the Indians with regard to the "Game Act". They claim that they were told by the "Great White Chief" from Ottawa, a long time ago, that the game was theirs to kill for food at any time. They say the "law does not grow old", meaning that that promise is as good to-day as when it was made.

Most of the Indians are amenable to our game laws, while others are not, and I suspect many infractions recently. While serving the summons for the enclosed case I had considerable trouble. It was only after riding all day through the Indian reservation that I found my man. The other Indians evidently knew my business and wilfully misinformed me as to his whereabouts. Fortunately, I met an Indian, Moses, an old friend; he told me where to find Michel. When I finally found him he was with several more Indians, a badly disgruntled bunch, full of threats. After giving the summons to Andrew Michel and explaining it to him, he threw it back at me and declared he would not obey it. I failed in my attempts to talk any reason to them, and if it had not been for the fact that they had no firearms, and that I had, I would have had to sacrifice some dignity in getting safely off the reservation. Another time, if I have a similar office to perform I will not go alone.