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Ottawa, Aug. 21, 1908.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in which you call attention to the fact that a petition was sent to this Department by Indians of the St. Peter's band on the 7th ult. asking that an election be held, as the usual term of three years expired on the 4th of that month.

In reply I beg to say that the petition referred to was forwarded by the Indian Commissioner to this office.

On the 17th ult. the Indian Commissioner was informed that the Department agreed with the view that to hold an election at that time would probably have a disturbing effect while the selection of lots on the St. Peter's reserve for those who were to receive patents was still going on and the Department left the matter of deciding as to the date of the election in his hands. I might add that he will now be written to and asked whether he considers the time has yet arrived when it would be advisable to hold the election.

If you do not hear from the Indian Commissioner in a short time, you might write to him, instead of communicating direct with the Department in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten Signature]
Acting Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

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