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OTTAWA, 17th February, 1906.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, reporting on the application of the Big Sail family to cut a few trees on Snake Island and sell them to purchasers who would haul the wood made therefrom, I beg to inform you that the Department, while desirous to assist, is unable to grant their request as you were advised on the 5th instant that no white labour must be employed in cutting and hauling wood from locations.

Can you not arrange to employ an Indian team to do this work for Big Sail on reasonable terms?

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary.

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