

Johnson, you remark that Paul Johnson on account of immoral conduct, "has as much right to lose his interest money as has the woman he was married to", but the point you appear to overlook is that the wife laid herself open under the law, by her action in deserting her husband and living immorally with another man, (see Section 92, sub-section C of the Indian Act), whereas the husband would not appear to have brought himself under operation of the law.

It occurs, however, to point out that Mrs. Wesley appears to have become by marriage a member of the Saugeen Band and the question suggests itself as to whether in the event of her misbehaving herself with Johnson, she should not be expelled from the reserve.

As to the case of Solomon Jones, if he has been deprived of his annuity, and it is paid to the deserted wife, it is not apparent that the Department's jurisdiction extends to any further action.

The same remarks apply to the case of Mrs. Louis Nadjiwan and her husband, and as to Anderson Tomab, unless it can be shown that he does not do his share toward supporting his boy, it is not apparent what punishment could be inflicted upon him, however deserving thereof he may be.

Relative to Robert Nadjiwan and his wife, also John Akewenze and his wife, it is not apparent that any action can be taken.

Your obedient servant.

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Secretary

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