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Ottawa, 27th November 1891.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant, relative to the timber on the unceded portions of the Whitefish River Indian Reserve, I beg to inform you that on reconsideration of the matter, after my interview had with you the day before yesterday in regard to the green timber remaining unsold on the said Reserve, I regret that I have been forced to come to the conclusion that the Department would not be justified in selling the same this season, as the time for advertising it and selling it to advantage would be too short, as Winter is so near, and consequently competition for the timber would be too limited and the price obtained would be insufficient.

As respects the burnt, dead and fallen timber, however, on the unceded portion of the Reserve, instructions have been sent to Mr. Visiting Indian Superintendent Phipps to have a proper surrender taken thereof from the Indians, and, should this be done, to advertise the same in the Little Current paper and sell at such time and

Messrs. Burton Bros.,

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