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nor sanctioned, pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Act. That coupled with the fact of said will being now lost, as admitted by the Delisle family, would seem to imply that the late Dame John Rice died intestate and her husband could claim her whole estate, by section 20 of the Indian Act, as there was no issue to that marriage.

But, the said John Rice does not intend to disturb the material clauses of the codicil of his late mother-in-law, he merely requests you to sanction said codicil, subject to the immediate payment of his legacy of fifty dollars as given in the will of his late wife, previous to the partition of the said parcel of land between the legatees of the late Dame Delisle, as mentioned in her codicil.

In support of his contention, Rice is quite prepared to adduce evidence and also refers you to the Indian Agent who is able to give a report of the admissions made in his (Rice's) favor, at the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Hoping that, when you come to consider the said codicil, you will see fit to accede to the request of Rice, which is just and reasonable,

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J. Vanicte Jocks.