OTTAWA, 26th March, 1903-

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In reply to your letter of the 26th Ultimo, respecting the cutting of timber on the Cape Croker Reserve by Indians, under Permits for building purposes, I have to state that the Department approves your action in cancelling Permits held by Indians who you state were using the funds arising from sales of Timber for other than building purposes.

It is not understood how they were enabled ' to do this, if your instructions were duly observed, as all moneys should pass through your hands instead of being paid direct to the Indians.

You will be good enough to explain this matter fully and also to see that no timber sold by the Indians without authority, or in violation of Permits, is removed from the Reserve without special written permission approved by the Department.

Your obedient servant

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Secretary John McIver, Esq., Indian Agent, Cape Croker, Ont. Indian Affairs, Letterbook, 23 March 1903 - 16 April 1903, (R.G. 10, Volume '5023) PUBLIC ARCHIVES **IBLIQUES**