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Ottawa, 19. 4 April, 1912.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 11th instant, stating that a number of white landholders who own vacant lands had put up notices forbidding anyone trespassing upon their land. You state that this will prevent the Indians from trespassing on their land, and you want to know whether these notices are within their rights.

In reply I beg to say that the white people are quite within their rights in forbidding anybody to trespass on their lands. The Indians have no more right to trespass on the lands of white people than the white people have to trespass on the lands of the Indians.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Mr. McFarlane, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Kenora, Ont.

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