

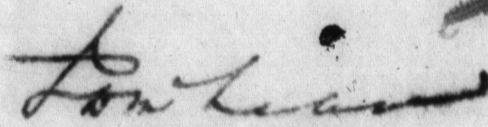
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Ottawa, April 29th., 1909.

Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith copy of a communication addressed to the Hon. the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs by Chief William Prince of St. Peter's Reserve. I have to request that you will at once fully report on the allegations made by the Chief in his letter. The Department desires to know whether there are any grounds for this statement; and if in any case cattle or implements have been seized for debt, you should state the circumstances. You should also report generally whether the Indians are being oppressed by the whites, and if so, give the definite cases. You will observe that Chief Prince states that he could not "find protection" in the position now occupied by the St. Peter's Band. While it is not the intention to take for granted the correctness of Chief Prince's statement, it is thought well to point out that it is your first duty to protect the Indians under your charge, and you should give them constant attention; particularly to any group of Indians that are in the position now occupied by the St. Peter's Band.

Obedient servant,



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