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Ottawa, May 29, 1913.

Sir,-

The Department has received a letter from Simon C. Pierre, who calls himself Secretary of the Coquitlam band, transmitting a letter signed by several members of that band protesting against one David Bailey acting as their chief and asking to have Coquitlam William, a brother of the late chief appointed to the position.

This is the first intimation that the Department has received of the appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late chief. As, therefore, the appointment does not appear to have been made with either the consent of the majority of the band or the approval of the Department, the position may be considered vacant. I shall be glad if you can ascertain whether Coquitlam William really has the support of the majority of the band and is probably suitable for the position. If you can assure the Department to that effect you may declare him appointed chief for an indefinite term. Be good enough to advise the Department of your action in this matter.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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