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Ottawa 23rd May, 1916.

Revd Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the remuneration allowed by the Department for care of the Maria Indian school house, and in reply I beg to say that at other reserves similar work to that required to be done at the school mentioned is performed in a satisfactory manner in return for an annual payment of twenty five dollars, and consequently the Department is not disposed to pay more than that amount to the care taker of the Maria school, particularly as the remuneration is regarded as fair. Under the circumstances you should endeavour to have some person other than Peter Duplin attend to the work. The cost in the past has been altogether too high, and economy must be practised. It is thought that if you make enquiries and do what you can in the matter you will be able to have the work attended to satisfactorily in return for the payment allowed.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy Secretary.

Revd J. D. Marin,

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