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date been cleared. You will see, therefore, that the Indians should have little ground to complain as to the scarcity of timber. Of course, I can very well understand that in the immediate vicinity of Indian Cove and Pine Tree, where a number of Indian families have been in continuous residence, the ground must have become pretty well denuded of its timber, but this condition must necessarily follow in the case of any permanent settlement. As the Indians have still considerable timber land within the boundaries of their Reserve, I do not really see how the Department would be justified in going to the expense of providing additional land of this kind for them. I may add, that the Indians at Pine Tree are simply squatters outside of the Reserve. However, I will be glad to have the Agent report upon the complaint made, and see if there would be any way of adjusting the difficulty.

Yours truly,

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