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Ottawa, April 10th, 1896.

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of letter dated 28th ultimo, and transmitted by you on the 1st instant, in which Mr. Agent Muckle explains what the Chief desires to have done in the way of surveying the St. Peter's Indian Reserve; and in reply to inform you as follows.

The Department recognises the claim to have that part of the Reserve subdivided which has not already been so treated, at the expense of the Government. With regard to retracing the base lines of the river lots and the lines of Townships 14 and 15, Range 4, east, within the reserve, while the Department does not admit any obligation, it is willing if funds can be found to undertake the work. Since, however, the application has not been made in time to allow of provision being made in the Estimates for the proximate fiscal year to cover the expense of survey, and there is urgent work awaiting our own surveyors, it is impossible to make any definite promise to have the work done during the

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