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Ottawa, 2nd December, 1919.

Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, with reference to your claim for the amount of notes given by certain Indians at Kamsack for the purchase price of horses which you sold to them, and note your observation that the Indian Agent paid the sum of \$100 on account and that this should be proof that the Department approved of the deal, and you suggest that this is a just debt by the Government.

In reply I beg to say that this is in no sense a debt by the Government, it is a debt due by the individual Indians to whom you sold the horses. The Department had no knowledge of these transactions, and the Agent had no authority to become responsible for any such accounts. The approval of the sale of these horses by the Agent would not amount to a guarantee for the payment, but if the Agent did undertake to become responsible for the payment of these notes, your claim should be against him personally and not against the Department.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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