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Ottawa, 19th June, 1908.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, with enclosures, regarding the desire of the Indians therein mentioned to be transferred from the respective bands to which they now belong to the South ^{Bay} Band, which has signified its willingness to accept them into membership; and in reply I beg to say that before action can be taken towards ratifying the transfers it will be necessary for each band interested, viz:- the Whitefish River, Chippewa Band of Beausoliel and the West Bay Band to signify in each case its willingness to the proposed transfers and also that they are willing that the share which each individual has in the capital of the said bands be transferred to the credit of the South Bay Band.

I may add that in any event the Department would not be disposed to approve of the proposed transfers unless it can be assured that these men all intend to reside permanently on the South Bay Reserve.

Your obedient servant,



for Secretary.

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