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Ottawa, 23rd June, 1917.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing the affidavits of Mrs. Lucy Schuyler, Mrs. Lucinda Nicholas and Esther Schuyler with reference to Lucinda Nicholas who claims that when her father died intestate twenty-seven years ago he was possessed of three parcels of land containing respectively thirty acres, thirty-three acres and twenty-five acres; that these lands were sold by her brother, Jamieson Cornelius and by her mother; that she, Lucinda Nicholas, never received any portion of this estate and never consented to any disposal thereof and that she now claims one half of this property.

In reply I beg to say that we can find no reference in the Department to the estate of the late Martin Cornelius except the information given by Mr. Agent James by letter, dated the 9th February, 1917, a copy of which was forwarded to you with Departmental letter of the 14th February last. Lucinda Nicholas has apparently been sleeping on her rights for twenty-seven years; her mother

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