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Ottawa, Aug. 22, 1908.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. stating that the Indians of the Red Bank reserve are anxious to have a chief; and in regard to this subject you ask certain questions.

In reply I beg to say that as the last election for a chief for the Red Bank band was held on Sept. 1, 1905, three years ago, that band is now entitled to another election.

With reference to your remark that the last chief of this band was displaced by Superintendent Carter, I may say that such could not have been the case, as no Indian Agent has the power to depose either a chief or councillor: this can only be done by Order in Council under the 96th section of the Indian Act.

Charles Cloud, the last chief who held office, is not qualified for nomination as either chief or councillor at the next election as the Order in Council deposing him dated Nov. 6, 1906, declared him to be ineligible for a term of three years from that date to hold the office of chief or councillor. You might let him know, therefore, that his nomination could not be accepted.

You may arrange to hold an election at as early a date as will be convenient to the Indians and yourself, allowing time to give due notice thereof.

Your obedient servant,

Forhead
Acting Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

R. A. Irving, Esq.,
Indian Superintendent.