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Ottawa. Feb. 13th. 1917.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. inst., inclosing resolution of the Christian Island band asking that they be permitted to cut saw-log timber during the rest of the winter and in reply to inform you that as it is noted that they have completed their chemical wood contract and have been paid in full for same they should find it un-necessary to cut logs.

However you may interview the local lumbermen with a view to determining whether or not the Indians would be offered a fair price for logs at this late time of the season and if in your opinion the Indians would derive benefit from cutting 100,000 feet of logs and can sell same for a fair price, permits may be issued to them subject to the usual clause of the payment of dues at tariff rates under sworn returns.

These dues should be collected from the purchaser of the logs as you appear to have had some difficulty in collecting them from the Indians in the past.

Your obedient servant,

C.J. Picotte Esq.

Indian Agent.

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Asst. Deputy &amp; Secretary.

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