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ANSWER REQUIRED

Ottawa, May 11th, 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to the fact that the Indians of the St. Peter's Band do not appear to have received any lands in lieu of those within their Reserve for which patents were issued by your Department to claimants through actual occupancy at the date of Treaty.

As you are aware, such patents were issued by virtue of the following Treaty stipulation, which said : "It being understood, however, that if at the "date of the execution of this Treaty there are any "settlers within the bounds of any lands reserved "by any Band, Her Majesty reserves the right to deal "with such settlers as she shall deem just, so as "not to diminish the extent of land allotted to the "Indians.

The Department is aware that the late Hon. Thomas White, when Minister of the Interior, thought that in view of the exodus from Treaty of Half-breeds having left the members of the Band who remained in Treaty in possession of a Reserve, the area of which had been computed to provide for the said Half-breeds who went

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Ottawa.

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