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Ottawa, 26th May, 1904.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I have to inform you that a reply has just been received from the Department of the Interior to a communication from this Department regarding the desired exchange of a portion of the Key Reserve for a portion of land in Township 50, Range 18, West 1. M., lying between the Assiniboine and Whitesand Rivers, to the effect that, before arriving at a decision in the matter, it is necessary for that Department to obtain the report of a Homestead Inspector showing what lands in the tract proposed to be included in the Reserve are squatted on, homesteaded, or in any way dealt with, and also what class of land is to be released by our Department in exchange, and that their Agent has been instructed in the matter accordingly.

It is evident that a conclusion cannot be arrived at in time for any young men of Key's Reserve to clear up land on the new Reserve. In case they do so, it should be perfectly understood that it is done at their own risk.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

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