Ottawa, May 27, 1907.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st instant, in regard to application for oil and gas on the Muncey, Chippewa and Oneida Reserves, and in reply to say that, when the report of the Local Agent reaches the Department, the matter will receive due attention. I may say that a formal surrender, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act, must first be obtained from the Indians, and after surrender the mode of disposition of the oil and gas will be determined.

Your obedient Servant,

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Secretary.

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