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Indian Branch

Ottawa Jan 20, 1873

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. I have to inform you that the interests of the Department, I consider will be best consulted by the acceptance of your resignation being deferred until the spring of 1874 year.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant

Joseph Howe

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