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Ottawa , 2nd December, 1902.

Sir,

On the 15th ultimo the Department sent you official cheque No 1680 for \$397.90 (File 158599/4) in order that you might pay the Indians who supplied beef as per voucher No 828. In your cash book return for October you have debited yourself with \$310.30 as the proceeds of cheque No 1680. The Department desires to be informed why you have not shown that you received 397.90 for which sum the cheque was drawn. Somewhat similar explanations are required in regard to cheque No 1681. On the 20th ultimo the Department sent you the last mentioned cheque to pay Indians for beef supplied as per voucher No 829. The cheque amounted to \$374.80, and while you show that you received the cheque you have only debited yourself in your October cash book with \$258.55 on account of this cheque. In both cases you should have shown in your October cash book the actual amount of the cheque received, opposite the cheque number. I shall be glad to receive an explanation as to why you failed to do this. It is thought you should be aware of the Department's requirements in this regard.

In this connection I beg to inform you that the Department desires that you will be most particular in future when sending in beef vouchers ~~in~~ for payment to transmit also a duplicate memorandum showing the names of the Indians to be paid, and the amount which each is to receive. . . etc.

Your obedient servant.

J.A. Markle, Esqr,
Indian Agent,
Blackfoot Reserve,
Gleichen N.W.T.

F. W. Lean
Secretary.