

n<sup>o</sup> 248.Circular.

Office of the  
 Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
 North-West Territories,  
 Regina, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you to report, at an early date, whether or not should authority be given you to purchase raw hides, in your district your Indians could dress them in a proper manner for mocassin-leather, free of charge, beyond payment in leather for mocassins.

After being dressed, they would have to be returned into your store, and be issued by you, as required.

If this can be done, it would, we think, effect a great saving, as the cost of dressed leather, with freight added, is very high.

I have the honor to be,  
 Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Commissioner.

Indian Agent,  
 Peace Hills—  
 via Calgary.  
 Alberta.

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