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Ottawa, 24th. June, 1908.

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Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 3rd.April last and inclosure relative to an Indian, Elijah Root, I beg to state that the Department has only now succeeded in ascertaining what appear to be the facts in the case.

It seems that Root deserted his wife in the Spring of 1907 and has not lived with her since, and consequently has under the provisions of Section 92, subsection "a" of Chapter 81, R.S. 1906, rendered himself liable to forfait any annuity or interest money to which he might otherwise be entitled and have the same applied to the support of his wife and family.

. Your obedient servant,

Secretary

W. Burgess, Esq.,

Barrister,

Port Elgin, Ont.

