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9th Sept.

Res. Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Department has been advised of the prevalence of smallpox in the Cape Breton District. If such is the case precautions should at once be taken for the protection of the Indians under your care by vaccination and Dr. McDonald of Cape Breton who has addressed the Department on the subject has been authorized to have the Indians vaccinated if after consultation with you such a step appears to be necessary.

Res. Mr. McNeuzie
Indian Agent
Christmas Island
N. S.

I have the honor to be
Res. Sir,
your obedient servant
R. McDonald
Acting Deputy of the Capt. Genl.
of Indian Affairs