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Indian Branch  
Ottawa 27 March 1872

Sir

I beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of  
the 16th Inst. and to inform  
you that the Department is  
not at present prepared to  
take up the subject of  
establishing Departmental  
Stores upon Indian Reserves.  
but

Resd. G. Wilson  
Garden River  
Dist.

but if intelligent, educated  
Indians possessed of sufficient  
means to enter into business  
with fair prospects of  
success, and upon the  
principle suggested by  
you that no intoxicating  
liquors whatever should  
be kept, or in anyway  
introduced, it would be  
a highly acceptable  
arrangement, and entitled

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