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Ottawa, 29th April, 1905.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter No. 101 of the 18th instant relative to a steer killed by Sahpwoosum of Big River.

After giving the matter full consideration the Department is of the opinion that it will have a better general effect on the cattle holding members of the Band if you obtain another steer of equal value to the one killed and place it in the hands of Sahpwoosum with the understanding that he is to pay for it before the next annuity payments, otherwise the price of the animal will be deducted from his annuity money then due.

This may be carried out at once and when doing so be most careful to see that it is thoroughly understood by the Indians; and if you can assist Sahpwoosum in any reasonable way towards earning the price of the animal you should do so.

The Department is reluctant to take this course, but where Indians take it upon themselves to kill their cattle without authority, decided action must be taken to stop it.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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