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Ottawa, 24th March, 1891.

Your obedient servant

Sir:-

In the "Montreal Witness" of the 21st instant the following statement is made respecting the prosecution of certain so called "Conservative Chiefs" for supplying liquor to the Caughnawaga Indians:-

"The trial of certain Conservative Chiefs for supplying liquor to the Caughnawaga Indians was fixed for yesterday. The case against Montour was postponed till April 1, at his request, on account of the absence of an important witness. The other case went on. To the astonishment of the Indians the Dominion Government Police Officer for the Reserve seated himself at the side of the Lawyer and for the defence gave instructions to him during the trial. A vigorous attack was made on Chief Louis Jackson as the instigator of the prosecution, and the witnesses were cross-examined in vain to show that he had treated or bribed the witnesses to make the complaint. This attempt signally failed, and it was shown that Jackson only did his duty as Chief Councillor of the tribe in vindicating the law. The evidence adduced by Mr. W. A. Weir, Attorney for the prosecution, was most conclusive. Judgment will be

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Indian Agent,

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