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Ottawa, August 20, 1920.

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., from the Acting Superintendent, regarding application of Mabel J. Monture for enfranchisement, I have to inform release and surrender, as required by the Act, which you will kindly have signed by applicant after filling in date, and return same to the Department.

It will be necessary also for the Department to be furnished with a statutory declaration by a priest, clergyman or minister of the religious denomination to which applicant belongs, or by a notary public or a justice of the peace, to the effect that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Deponent, the applicant has been for at least five years a person of good moral character, temperate in habits and of sufficient intelligence to hold land in fee simple and otherwise to exercise all the rights and privileges of an enfranchised Indian.

You will be good enough to obtain evidence as to what is the nature of occupation of applicant and her family, capacity from some reliable person living in the same locality where Indian resides; also to advise as to whether the applicant is self-supporting, and whether in your opinion it would be in her interest that she should be enfranchised.

Very respectfully,
 J. H. McLeod, Secretary.

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