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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, with enclosures, I regret to say that the Department can not pay Dr Allingham for services rendered in connection with the outbreak of chicken-pox among the Indians referred to . Dr Bird is the Department's regular medical officer , and it is expected that he will attend to all cases of illness ,moreover he has no authority to engage additional medical services.

Your obedient servant.

Ottawa 28th November, 1901.

Secretary.

M. Bess, Bsor,

Indian Agent,

Grooked Lake Agency,

Broadview, N.W.T.

