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Indian Branch
Ottawa, 22nd October 1873

Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 20th ultimo, I am advised by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to inform you that, under the Law as it now stands a Magistrate can commit an Indian for contempt of Court who refuses to answer a question put to him. No greater power in this respect could be given to a Magistrate by the Legislature.

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I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant
[Signature]
Deputy Minister
of the Interior

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