Ottawa, 29th April 1909.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant
addressed to the Hon.David Laird, I beg to say that if
Gilbert Cook was a non. Treaty Indian you would be expected
to treat him the same as a Treaty Indian when you visited
Lacorne whether he belonged to that Beserve or not.

If he is a Malfbreed who has received Halfbreed Scrip he is not a ward of this Department and you are not expected to treat such people for the remuneration paid you by this Department.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Dr. M. S. Hawke, Melfort,

Sask.

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