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Ottawa, Jan. 19, 1912,

Sir,-

With reference to the two letters addressed to the Hon. Robert Rogers, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, one dated the 7th inst., signed by yourself, the other undated, signed by yourself and nineteen other members of the Abenakis band of St. Francis, protesting against the admission of certain Indians as members of the band, I beg to say that the cases of four of the persons referred to were dealt with in the Department's letter of the 10th inst. addressed to Agent Comire, namely, Joseph Dauphinais and John Baptiste Watso, Solomon Watso and Samuel Ernest Watso. However, if it will afford you and the others who signed the undated protest any satisfaction, the Department will go over the ground again.

First, as you are aware, the cases of William and Louis Lagrave were disposed of some months ago in connection with the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of the Crespieul reserve, it having been found that by resolution of the band these men were admitted to membership some years ago. Consequently there was no question as to their rights when their names were placed on the voters' list made out by Mr. McKay of this Department at the meeting of the band held on the 29th ult.; and for the same

Mr. Joseph Laurent,

Abenakis Reserve,

Pierreville, Que.

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