

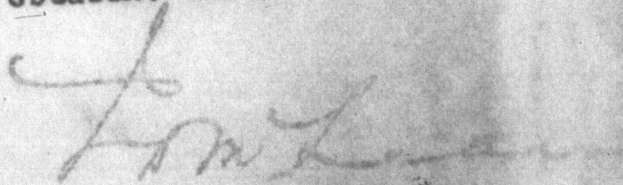
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Ottawa, 20th January, 1902.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 13th inst., relative to liquor prosecutions and to your request for information as to whether objection could be raised to Francois Dufour, who was recently convicted of supplying liquor to Indians, acting as an informer and receiving a moiety of fines imposed upon evidence furnished by him; I have the honour to inform you that the Department has been advised that the fact that Dufour has himself been convicted does not affect the question of his right as informer to a moiety of a fine inflicted upon another person, as a result of his information, upon a conviction under Sec. 94 of the Indian Act, as enacted by 51 Vic., Cap. 22, Sec. 4. Under that section a moiety of every such penalty shall belong to the informer, or prosecutor, and the other moiety thereto shall belong to His Majesty for the benefit of the band concerned. It is thought that Mr. Savard should appear on the appeal by Dufour from the conviction of him.

Your obedient servant,


 W. T. A. Donohue, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Pointe Bleue,

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Secretary.

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