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Ottawa, August 16th, 1912.

Sir:-

The Department is in receipt of your telegram of the 15th instant, stating that the Indians of Little Black River Band ask for two oxen; and in reply I beg to state that apart from the fact that the Department has no funds at its disposal for the purchase of these oxen, it cannot grant this request without valid reasons being given, which you have failed to do.

The live stock returns show that this Band have the following animals, namely:- 3 Bulls, 2 Oxen, 4 Cows and 7 young stock. There is no necessity for keeping three bulls for the number of breeding stock on the Reserve, and if the Indians require more oxen they should have managed so as to be able to break steers to oxen. This should be looked into, and if it is possible to do so, the Indians should be advised accordingly.

I may add that requests of this nature are not urgent enough to be made by telegraph, and furthermore they should be supported by the fullest explanations.

Your obedient servant,

John R. Dunn, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Winnipeg, Man.

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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