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the Agency papers will guide you in respect to those entitled to receive interest moneys. After all have been paid and the pay sheets signed by the recipients in the presence of a witness to each signature and all certified by yourself and the Chief, they should be transmitted to the Department with a covering letter; and the shares of the absentees should be returned therewith to be afterwards requisitioned for upon the proper claimants returning to the reserves.

You should make no expenditure without the same being authorized by the Department; nor should you allow the Indians to make any expenditure on account of band funds without your having communicated the facts to the Department for approval.

As regards expenditure of capital under Secs. 89, and 90 of the Indian Act, the consent of the Council of the band should be forwarded to the Department with your recommendation for or against the proposed expenditure. Sec. 167 relates to obtaining any ordinary consent; Sec. 166 to obtaining consent for any special or very important expenditure or action.

The funds of the band cannot be used in payment of any debts contracted by individual members of the band. As above stated the interest moneys are to be paid when sent you for distribution directly share and share alike to Indian heads of families or their wives, or in the case of single or unmarried members to the person whose name appears on the pay-list and who is entitled to receive it.

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