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OTTAWA, 23rd March 1903-

Rev. Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, reporting that the Indians at the Fishers Grant Reserve are asking urgently for more land for cultivation and more wooded land for fuel, and that Mr. Wm. Scott, of Pictou Landing has offered 36 acres for \$400.00, which you state is adapted for crops &c-

In reply, I beg to inform you that before the Department can entertain Mr. Scott's offer, it will be necessary to ascertain whether the Indians are cultivating the whole of the arable land which they have already, or otherwise.

With regard to the wooded land near the Reserve, which Mr. Sproule is desirous of selling, it is observed that you reported under date of 31st March last that you thought there was not much wood on the property and that it is poor land for farming.

In order that the Department may be in a position to deal with the matter intelligently, it will be necessary to have specific information of a reliable character regarding the area of good land on the lots, which are for sale near the Reserve and the estimated quantities and kinds of timber thereon.

This information should be obtained as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant

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