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Indian Office  
Bathurst 20<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1886.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that several of the Farming Instructors are beginning to get uneasy, about the way the Indians are acting, for example Mr. Sufferin informed me that he had been told by an Indian that when he (Mr. Sufferin) was told to go, he should go at once and not wait for anything and it would be better for him if he did not take government horses to leave with, as he (the Indian) was sure there would be more trouble in the Spring, as there had been a number of runners from the South who visited the different reserves, and their errands were bad; he further states that by some secret signs they have these runners know where they will be welcome, and where they will not. I have requested Mr. Sufferin, to endeavour to obtain more definite information and to inform me at once.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, informs me that he is positive that the Indians are meditating mischief, as they are continually having the Sioux war dance, and painting themselves and there is something in their manner that he does not like, but cannot define; some of his men refused to work, for several days until he stopped issuing rations to the band, then they went to work again; he also states that there has been runners from the Red Deer River, visiting his and

\* Farming Instructor, Mr. Sufferin, at the Reserve - North of Bathurst about 180 miles

\* Farming Instructor, Mr. Sweet Grass, at the Reserve - between the Powder Maker's & Thunder Child's Reserves - a Cree Band about 217 South