

For the Deputy's signature

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

Ottawa 31st October, 1894.

Sir,

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, in regard to the proposed purchase of a saw mill for the Cape Croker Indians. I have noted what you say respecting the one which you have in view, and the price seems reasonable, but although I am very anxious to redeem my promise to the Indians at the earliest possible date, it is desirable that every precaution be taken, in order that the purchase, when accomplished, may give full satisfaction. I would therefore be glad if you would assure yourself as to whether the boiler and all the machinery is in a satisfactory condition, and whether it would be possible to get renewal parts if, as it is believed, Messrs Abel & Son, the Manufacturers, of the Mill under consideration ~~have~~ gone out of business. You might also look into the condition of the shingle mill, which you think can be got for \$100.00 and give me a full report in regard to its condition etc as well.

It must likewise be borne in mind, that as intimated by you, the first cost of the machinery is by no means all the expense which it will be necessary to incur. There will be in addition to the items you

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J.W. Jermyn Esqr.,

Indian Agent,

Cape Croker,

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