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In your reply refer to

No. 20

also to date of this letter.

Ref.: Your Letter JUNE 17 TH 1908. No. 16 421

Sir,

With reference to the surrender of Thunderchild Reserve, I have the honour to report that the surrender was duly accomplished, although not without a good deal of talk and diplomacy, as owing to the intermeddling of outside parties, the Indians had become quite prejudiced against the idea. The Hon D. Laird, Indian Commissioner, came up, and was present at the negotiations and surrender; and his presence was a very material help in the conducting of the business.

Although the Indians were previously so much prejudiced against the surrender and exchange, they are now perfectly satisfied with the very liberal terms of the proposition; and are very anxious to have their new Reserve located, so that they may be able to begin building right away: the stipulated time for them to vacate their present location, will be extremely short between Winter and the opening up of Spring; and I think that it is very necessary that the new Reserve should be located and surveyed at as early a date as possible.

The Moosomin Indians refused to surrender; and to show that this was caused by prejudice, I may add that they handed us a signed refusal dated the day previous to hearing the terms and conditions of the proposed surrender; their only reason advanced was that they did not wish to give up their present holdings. I have since heard that a number of the

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs

Ottawa

*See Submitter as to whether
Surrender in fact is in line from Shovel
or Submitter's W. H. Co. for
approval.*

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