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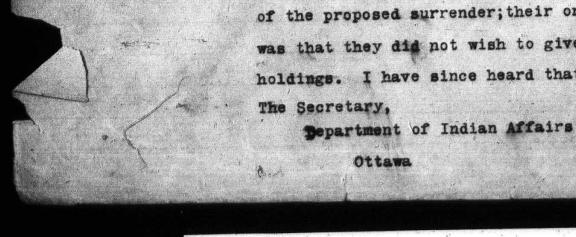
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In your reply refer to No. _____20 also to date of this letter.

Sir,

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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 talkand 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 busimess. Although the Indians were previously so much press judiced 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 Reser should be located and surveyed at as early a date The Moosomin Indians refused to surren possible. der; 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 condition



of the proposed surrender; their only reason advance was that they did not wish to give up their presen holdings. I have since heard that a number of the

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