

has been transferred  
to me by the Dept. of  
the Interior; and in  
reply I beg to inform  
you that this Dept. had  
nothing to do with the  
declining the survey  
offered you in the A. N. T.;  
and as regards the  
survey of the Beltrami  
Reserve the Dept. did  
not authorize your  
employment; but in  
the summer of 1884  
when you were de-  
tained at Beltrami  
en route to Muddy  
Bay you were asked  
to survey the boundary  
of the Reserve which  
you declined to do.  
Moreover the Dept. would  
not accept a survey  
made by your son  
as he is not a C. L. S.;  
and the Court at  
Muddy Bay has been  
authorized to appoint  
a surveyor of the boundaries  
as there is a case  
of alleged trespass  
being adjudicated  
on by it affecting the  
boundary of the Reserve.  
I am, Sir,  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. W. [Signature]