

**Exd.**

OTTAWA, 3rd March, 1906.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, submitting copy of a resolution passed by the Indian Council of the Georgina Band relative to white men being employed to haul timber cut under permits, I have to refer you to Section 26 of the Indian Act as substituted by 53 Victoria, Chapter 29, Section 3, by which you will see that white men on Reserves are regarded as trespassers, and may be punished severely for removing timber therefrom without the License of the Superintendent General.

Indians should not be allowed to cut down trees on Reserves and sell them at the stump, as it has a bad tendency, and as you should be aware is not in their best interest.

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary.

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