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OTTAWA, 21st March. 1906-

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th Instant, No 385W4, enclosing application of the British Columbia Canning Company, Limited, for a 20 year lease of five acres on the Esquimalt Reserve, and in reply to say that in view of the Agent's report as to objection to application by the Indian living on the Reserve, the Department is not disposed to consider sale.

I may say that if a new application were submitted, which would be satisfactory to the Indian living on the Reserve the same would receive due consideration.

Your obedient servant

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