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Ottawa, 5th May, 1899-

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th Ultimo, in which you recommend that a piece of land, containing about 80 Acres, adjoining No. 24 of the Fisher's Grant Reserves, be purchased for the Indians of Pictou County, I beg to inform you that there are no funds available for this purpose.

It is noted that you state in your letter, that you think it would be more to the advantage of the Indians to have their land in one block, than to have it in small Reserves, in different parts of the County. With reference to this point, I have to say that this Department has no knowledge of any other ^{Indian} Reserves or lands in the County of Pictou, than the block of Reserves known as the Fisher's Grant, above referred to, and the two Islands in Merigonish Harbour, and in your Annual Reports you refer to only two Reserves, which are supposed to be the ones mentioned. You mention Indian Cove and Pine Tree, as points where Indians reside. These places are not shewn on any map neither is it known whether there are any Indian Lands *at these points*

It is possible there may be other Indian Lands in the County, of the existence of which the Department has not

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