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Ottawa, August 20, 1909.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 18th of May last, in which you reported that as soon as navigation opened you would go and estimate the quantity of timber cut by Mr. Robinson, I have to request you to explain why you have not complied with your instructions and furnished the Department with the information desired.

It appears from a report made by Mr. G. O. Calverley, that there has been some disagreement between the Indians of Black Lake Reserve and Mr. Robinson about employment at the mill, which has been settled by the Indians being allowed to return to work.

You are no doubt aware that Mr. Robinson had no authority from this Department to cut timber on the Reserve and erect a mill and other buildings, thereon, and I have to request you to proceed at once to the Reserve and obtain full information and report particulars of the quantity and kinds of timber cut and the value of same, so that a claim for payment may be formulated.

You should warn Mr. Robinson against cutting any more timber on the Reserve on any pretence whatever and also ascertain whether he, or his employees, have cut any more than the quantities used for building purposes, which have been reported already, namely:- mill store,

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