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Ottawa, 3rd April, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that a letter of date the 21st January last signed by Chiefs George McKean of the Bears paw band, Tom Chiniquy of the Chiniquy band, and Peter Wesley of the Wesley band, was received by the Department in which a request was made that more freedom to shoot game be obtained for the Stoney Indians. These Chiefs asked that they be granted permission to shoot game at any time during the continuance of the present war in order to enable them to make a living.

This request was submitted to Mr. Benj. Lawton, the Chief Game Guardian at Edmonton, and he was asked whether permission could not be granted under certain restrictions that would authorize the Indians in question to secure sufficient meat for their own needs. In reply the Game Guardian has informed the Department that while unable to go the length in this matter desired by the Department, he would suggest that at any time you may consider that any Indian of the Stoney band is in absolute want, owing to the fact that he is unable to draw rations, that you apply on his behalf to the Game Guardian at Calgary, Mr. James. I. Brewster, or to

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