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Ottawa September 12th. 1899.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 5th. instant, in reference to four signatures in the Interest Paylist, dated March the 31st. 1899, I would point out that your position as guardian does not give you authority to sign the payees' names, but only to sign for them. When you sign an Official Document, the Department expects you to write your name and not to make a mark only, as was done in the <sup>these</sup> following cases:-

As the shares were all returned to the Department and nothing given for which a receipt could be taken, signatures were not only unnecessary, but misleading.

Regarding Nos. 97 and 105 your supposition that authority from the Department to withhold their Interest money to pay debts due by them to the Department, gives you the right to sign their names to receipts, is erroneous. Be good enough to leave the space for signature blank in future, when the ~~money~~ money is not actually handed over to the payee, or his representative, and under remarks make a note that the money has been sent to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

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J. D. MCLEAN

Secretary.