

do at once. I should also like to know whether the Indians now remaining at Tuft's Cove, as well as the other resident in different parts of the County, would be willing to accept this situation; and also to have information as to the means of livelihood available, should they decide to accept.

A suggestion was at one time made to me that the Ship Harbour Reserve should be made the headquarters for all the Halifax Indians. There is a large reserve there at present unoccupied, with good timber and fishing available, and about 100 acres out of the 500 of good arable land. This reserve is also fairly accessible.

I would like you to take this suggestion into consideration and let me have your views.

The Department does not wish to undertake any large expenditure in providing for these Indians, if it can be avoided. If it were made clear to them that those who went would be provided with homes, and that the Department would not further bear any responsibility for those who would not locate there, it might be the means of influencing them.

Yours very truly,

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Deputy Superintendent General.