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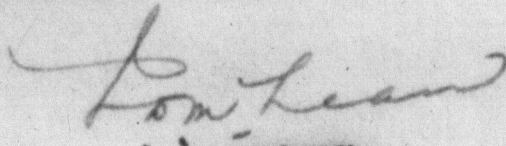
Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, in which you state that 120 bushels of seed of potatoes are required by the Indians of the Middle River Reserve, and that they also need 15 bushels of oats; and in reply I may say that it would have been more satisfactory to the Department had you stated whether any of the Indians are able to purchase seed for themselves. If any Indians are in a position to buy their own seed they should do so.

The Department will allow you to purchase the quantities of seed above named for distribution, but before giving out any of the seed you should assure yourself that each applicant therefor has properly prepared his land for cultivation, and you should warn each recipient of seed to endeavour in the fall to save seed for next year's planting.

The Department will require with the accounts for the seed, which should be rendered in detail and in duplicate, a statement showing the names of each recipient of seed, and the kind and quantity of seed given out.

Your obedient servant.



Secretary.

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