File 294 736.

Ottawa, November 7, 1906.

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your communication of the 35th ultimo, in regard to the application of Mr. Smith for improvements on land referred to in the will of his late wife, I beg to say that in discussing this matter with you, it was thought that possibly the claim was one which might be worthy of consideration, and you were asked to submit a statement of claim in detail form.

were no funds available for the payment of such a claim and that even if the Department considered Mr. Smith entitled to compensation, it would not, apparently, be in a position to enforce payment, owing to the fact that the land could not be leased and the rental paid over to him, he having a life interest in the property.

Upon being advised as to the exact amount that Mr. Smith claims as compensation for his improvements, the question will

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