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Rev<sup>d</sup>. Drs. Wood & Taylor,  
Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:

Adverting to your letter of the 3rd. inst.,  
I have the honor to inform you, that the sum of \$1600.00  
has been paid in by the Great Western R.R. Coy. as the  
estimated value of the Minister's residence, the school  
house (which had been used also as a Council house) and  
Chapel on the Sarnia Indian Reserve and that amount is now  
available for those objects. But as respects the sum  
paid as Principal for the land and water lot lately  
purchased by that Company, it has been placed at Interest,  
for the benefit of the Indians at the present time composing  
the Sarnia Band, and those who will come after them; and it  
would be inconsistent with the principles which apply to  
moneys received in payment for Indian lands to divert any  
portion of it from its proper destination as an investment  
for Revenue purposes.

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I have further to inform you that the Dept.  
would desire that the new buildings should at the least be  
as convenient for the purposes for which they are required  
as the former buildings were.

I have the honor to be

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Y. O. S.

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