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Ottawa, March 12, 1914.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ult. in which you report that the Kitkahta band at Hartley Bay has expressed a desire to elect councillors and be governed by by-laws, and you forward a set of proposed by-laws for approval.

In reply I beg to say that the two first sections of the proposed by-laws could be allowed only under the Advancement clauses of the Indian Act, which are contained in Part II. Consequently in order that these by-laws may be passed, it is necessary first that Part II should be applied to the Hartley Bay band. This can be done only by the Governor General in Council as provided by sections 173 and 174. But before a recommendation to that effect can be made, it is considered necessary that the Department should receive a formal request from the band for the application of Part II.

It would be well, therefore, if you would explain to the Indians what is necessary to be done before the proposed by-laws can be approved, namely, that they should at a general meeting called for the purpose pass a resolution asking that the Advancement clauses of the Indian Act be applied to them. On this Part of the Indian Act being applied to these Indians, they will have the privilege of holding annual elections and electing such number of councillors as they may decide upon; and such council shall

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