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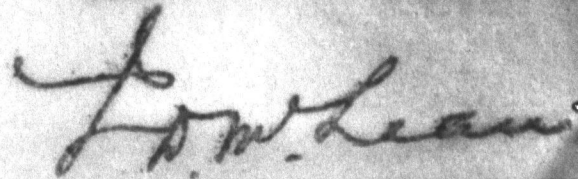
Ottawa, February 9th., 1916.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, dated October 23rd, 1913, with which you forwarded an account of \$4.00 from Mr. J. J. Weldon for leathering a wooden leg for Peter Loler, and in reply I beg to say that the account will not be paid. The expenditure was not authorized by the Department and moreover, I may say that before it was incurred Mr. Waite, who held office as Indian Agent, was informed that no assistance should be given to Loler as he had been drinking, ~~and~~ as it was considered that if he had money to procure liquor, he should be able to procure such necessaries as he required without assistance from the Department.

With reference to your letter of the 20th January, and the account of \$18.40 which you submitted from Mr. Dickinson for supplies furnished to different Indians of the Fobique Reserve during the fiscal year 1913-1914, I beg to say that the funds appropriated for expenditure during that year have lapsed and it is therefore impossible to make payment of the account in question. Moreover I may say that the expenditure charged for therein seemingly was not authorized by the Department.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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