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OTTAWA, 2nd December 1902-

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo, reporting that a certain Gentleman has been in communication with you respecting the purchase of the Rocmont Indian Reserve, land and timber, and that the Chiefs of the Lorette Band favour the sale.

In reply I have to inform you that as the Reserve is covered by License for the Spruce Timber and as the Timber Regulations provide that License holders, who shall have complied with all existing Regulations, shall be entitled to have their License renewed, an application to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and considering that it is somewhat doubtful whether the non-compliance with the Regulations on the part of Mr. Atkinson would justify the cancelling of the License, it seems very questionable whether the Department is in a position to dispose of the Reserve, or to refuse the renewal of the License thereon.

You may, however, submit the offer to which you refer to the Department on receipt of same.

Your obedient servant

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