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Ottawa, 21st October, 1914.

Sir,-

you

The Department has received from Mr. D. A. Vigneault's accounts aggregating \$544.28 for relief supplies furnished destitute Indians. The accounts have been examined, but before payment is considered, explanations are desired from you. You should state why you authorized such large issues of provisions at one time as are charged for in the accounts. You quote as authority for the expenditure official letter of the 11th September 1911. Permission granted in 1911 for expenditure for relief does not constitute authority for expenditure in 1914, and you should be aware of this fact. If the Indians who received the supplies were trappers and about to go into the woods for a time it would have been reasonable for you to cause them to be supplied with a barrel flour and a pail of lard, pork and a reasonable quantity of tea, but destitute Indians who live at home should only be given relief in small quantities to the value of from \$5.00 to \$6.00 each month. In July, August and September the Indians should not have been supplied with pork. During those months they could fish and provide for themselves. If the Indians require potatoes (which are good ~~miniataxaf~~ food for them) they should plant them in the Spring. There is no reason why they should not raise potatoes and other vegetables. Dominique St. Onge was supplied with pork and fresh beef on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 29th July and also on the 8th, 19th and 26th August. Widow Crepeau was furnished with meat on the 4th, 11th and 18th

July

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