

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

Ottawa ^{15 Jan} ~~29th December, 1897~~

Sir,

not With further reference to your application of the 7th ^{now} ~~ultimo~~, for permission to lease the Moravian Indian Reserve for oil purposes, I beg to inform you that the Indians of the Moravian Reserve, by Resolution of the 8th ^{Inst.} ~~Inst.~~, have agreed to allow the land of individual Locatees on the Reserve, to be leased for oil or gas purposes, on terms satisfactory to the Locatees, upon which a lease will be issued by the Department, after a regular Surrender has been obtained from the Indians, as required by the provisions of the Indian Act.

not The department is willing therefore, that you should prospect for oil on the Reserve, and if the same is found, to enter into an agreement for ~~the~~ Lease with the individual Locatee, and upon the same being satisfactory to the Department, the necessary Surrender will be obtained preliminary to the issue by the Department of a regular Lease.

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) HAYTER REED

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Done to
P. D. McKellar, Esq.,

Registrar,

Chatham,

Ont.

H. Drafts under