Ottawa, 3rd January, 1914.

Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 30th October last with enclosures in reference to the estate of the late Jack Tsech, an Indian of the Songhees band, also your subsequent letter of the 9th ultimo.

In reply I beg to say that you should secure a declaration by Chief Cooper that the deceased died intestate; that his wife predeceased him; that he had no other child than him daughter, Louisa; that the said daughter died intestate leaving her surviving the children named and no others.

You are hereby authorized to get in all valid claims against the estate and if you have any doubt about outstanding claims you should advertise, as provided by statute with respect to the estates of white people. These claims should be paid out of the funds referred to in the Bank of Commerce at Victoria.

After the payment of all claims the balance should be divided into four equal parts, one of which should be paid to Agnes Jack, one to Josephine George, and the other two shares thould be forwarded to the Department to be paid out to Andrew and Dehlia as they attain the age of 21 years.

Indian Agent,

Duncans Station.

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