Ottawa, February 9th., 1916.

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Sir,-

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In reply to your communication of the 18th ultimo, I regret to say that the application made by Wm. Johnson and his son oliver for a loan of \$500.00 from Cape . Groker Band Funds, towards defraying the cost of a house which they are erecting, cannot be granted. In explanation , I may say that payments on loans made to Cape Croker Indians are much in arrears. Some of the Indians have had money loaned to them for years without making any payment thereon, and until the Indians who have received such advances show a disposition to pay the same, no further loans will be granted.

I beg to inform you that such collections as you made at the time of the fall distribution of interest money on account of loans should be immediately forwarded to the Department.

Your obedient servant, when

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

