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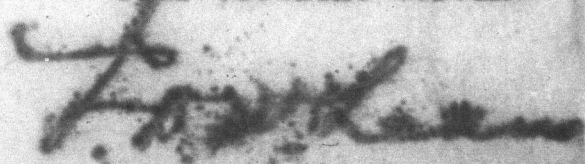
Gentlemen-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of letter of the 23rd Instant, in regard to the surrender by the Christian Island Band of Indians, Hope and Backwith Islands, in the Georgian Bay.

In reply, I may say that before submission of this surrender to Council for approval the Department will take every means of satisfying itself that it has been taken in compliance with the requirements of the Indian Act and of the regulations of the Department.

Your information, as to the intention of the Department to sell the timber on the Islands without offering same to public competition is incorrect. If it is decided to accept the surrender, the Islands, including the timber thereon, will be examined and valued by an officer of the Department for the purpose of fixing an upset price for sale by public competition.

Your obedient servant



Assistant Deputy &amp; Secretary

Messrs Ritchie, Ludwig &amp; Ballantyne,

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