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Ottawa, 3rd January, 1916.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo expressing your opinion that the members of your band who have just been elected as chief and councillors are not qualified for such positions, I beg to say that your band is under the provisions of Part I of the Indian Act, and in that Part no special qualifications for the position of chief or councillor are mentioned; consequently the Department has no power to demand any. Even under Part II— which does not apply to your band — the only qualification required (under Section 182) is that a candidate must be possessed of, and living in, a house on the reserve.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Mr. Sampson Green,

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