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Ottawa, 24th March, 1920.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant with which you forwarded an account amounting to \$114.50 from Dr. C.R. Young of Little Current, for professional services rendered to Indians of Sucker Creek and Shegelandah Bands for the months of December, January and February last, and in reply I beg to say that it is observed that you have amended the entries in the account with regard to the distance travelled by the Doctor in visiting his patients. It appears that in every case he made an error with regard to the distance travelled, and consequently a mistake in his charge, and the Department desires to have you direct his attention to the matter. The correct mileage should always be stated. This fact should be made perfectly plain to the Doctor. Kindly also inform him that he should guard against making too high charges for medicines.

The Doctor has charged \$15.00 for a visit made on the 7th June to John Oginah who suffers from rheumatism. An explanation with regard to this charge is desired. Explanations should also be furnished with regard to the charges of \$6.00 and \$7.00 respectively for medicines, which charges you will observe have been reduced. I may say that unless it was absolutely necessary for the Doctor to furnish drugs of an expensive kind xxxxx, the charges referred to will not be allowed. Kindly point out to the Doctor that the Department desires him to render his accounts at as reasonable rates as possible. The Department is prepared to make payment at a fair rate for such attendance and medicines as may be supplied from time to time by the Doctor. Kindly impress upon him the absolute necessity for the Department to observe economy in paying for medical attendance furnished to Indians, but give him to understand that justice will be accorded him in connection with all accounts which he renders.

R. J. Davis Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Manitowaning, Ont.

Your obedient servant,

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