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Ottawa 26th August 1899-

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Instant, asking for permission to prospect for mineral on the Parry Island Indian Reserve, and in reply to inform you that as considerable annoyance has been caused the Parry Island Band of Indians by the persons to whom Permits have already been granted, the Department is not disposed to give any further permissions to prospect at present *on the Reserve*

Your obedient servant

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Secretary-

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