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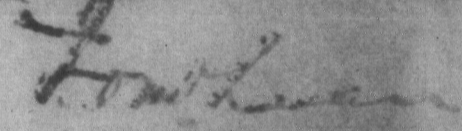
Ottawa 5th November 1902-

Sir-

In reply to your letter of the 31st Ultimo enquiring whether or not you should give permission to Mr. George Simpson to take firewood from the land of Charles Robertson, on his order, without any restriction, I beg to inform you that an Indian on his own Location has the right, under the Indian Act, to cut and remove timber for his own and his family's use, in building, fencing and fuel, but he cannot legally receive permission to sell timber therefrom without the consent of the Band by way of resolution.

As this required formality has not been complied with in this case, you should <sup>not</sup> issue a Permit in the name of Charles Robertson. In any case, an Indian has not the right to allow white men to cut the timber from his Location, and care should always be taken to see that there is sufficient timber remaining on the Location to supply all future wants before disposing of any of it by way of sale.

Your obedient servant



Secretary-

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