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Ottawa, 28th April, 1909.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, with enclosures, in further reference to the claim for \$112.00 made by the Georgetown Saw Mill Company for 3200 feet flooring said to have been supplied for the erection of certain public buildings at Metlakatla and in reply I beg to say that the written statements of the Indians, which you transmitted have been carefully examined. You remark that it is difficult to decide therefrom whether the Company actually delivered the flooring for which they claim payment. It is not only difficult but impossible to decide as to the justice of the claim in the light of the statements submitted. For instance Albert Leighton, who testifies that he helped to discharge all the scows containing the lumber sent in, says "I did not see any flooring", and Isaac Parnell, who also helped to unload the lumber from the scows states "I am sure that I saw some flooring and helped to discharge same, most of it was put on the wharf. I put some myself on the wharf". All the other evidence submitted is of a more or less conflicting nature.

On the 29th February, 1907, the Department paid an account amounting to \$797.78 from the Georgetown Saw Mill Company for lumber for the Indian Day School at Metlakatla. In that account was

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