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Messrs. Street & Becker.  
Barristers &c.  
London, Engl.

Feb'y 18 1886.

Gentlemen,

In further  
reference to the subject  
of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Decr.  
last relative to the disputed  
claims of certain Indians  
upon the ~~Tarnia~~ ~~Reserve~~  
and Waipatu Island Reserves  
to share in the moneys  
distributed to the other Indians  
on those Reserves, I have  
the honor to inform you  
that this Dept. is advised  
that to admit of a  
Commission being appointed  
to enquire into the matter  
at issue, fresh legislation  
will be necessary; and  
the question of applying  
for the same will be  
submitted to the Sept.  
Sess. of P.A.

I have the