

Ottawa, August 16, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, regarding the complaint of Annie Mitchell, widow of Richard William Gabriel, that her house had been shifted by white men and badly damaged.

I may say that your letter does not give the Department sufficient information to enable it to arrive at a decision as to what to do in this case.

The three acres of land were not purchased exclusively for Alice and Louis Mitchell, for whom houses have been erected thereon, but to be held for them during their lives, and for such other Indians as the Department may permit to reside thereon. Joseph Mitchell also has a house on the three acres which was repaired by the Department and the reason that no house was erected for Annie Mitchell was that she refused to remove there.

You should proceed at once to Rocky Point and report what damage was done to Annie Mitchell's house and by whom it was done; and also ascertain from her whether in the event of funds being found available, she will be willing to move into a house on the three acres if the Department erects one there for her.

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Rev. John A. McDonald,

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