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Ottawa, 13th. October, 1905.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3rd. instant making various complaints and charges against your husband, who is a member of the Saugeen Band, and in reply to inform you that as the evidence before the Department not only fails to show that he deserted his family, or was guilty of conduct justifying you in separating from him, but on the other hand tends strongly to create the impression that you deserted him, the Department has neither the power nor inclination to interfere in the direction desired by you, and can only recommend you to return to and remain in your proper home.

Your obedient servant,

*Samuel Redley*  
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Mrs. Elijah Root,  
Indian Reserve,  
Cape Croker,  
Ont.

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