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EX'D.

Ottawa, 14th. March, 1911.

Sir:-

Referring to the resolution submitted with your letter of the 4th. instant, "that demand be made on "the Department for permission to cut and sell timber "from the Reserve to help the Indians to winter out.", I have to remind you that the merchantable timber on this Reserve must be getting scarce and that as you are no doubt aware, the Indians would, if allowed, cut and sell every tree on the Reserve as quickly as possible.

It has been credibly reported that a great deal of timber on this Reserve has been wasted, cut and left to rot, and you may issue free permits to cut and dispose of dead and fallen trees but no green trees will be allowed to be cut until after you shall have furnished the sworn returns for past years, which you have been repeatedly instructed to furnish and to remit all outstanding dues payable thereunder.

If the Indians will not cultivate the land in order to maintain themselves and their families during the inclement season, they must be held responsible for the consequences of their improvidence.

Your

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Indian Agent,

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