

Ottawa, 16th July, 1902.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to inform you, that although as a matter of law, the moneys collected by the Department on account of Mr. Gillespie's claim against certain members of the Rama Band of Indians may not be garnisheable, neither is the Department legally bound to collect and pay to Mr. Gillespie the amount of his claim.

The Department is advised that no money be paid to Mr. Gillespie until sufficient time has elapsed for the Dominion Bank to obtain a final order, and that if no order is obtained within six months the money might properly be paid to Mr. Gillespie on the assumption that proceedings against the garnishee had been abandoned.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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