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OTTAWA, 30th September, 1901

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant forwarding an application from the Burnt Church Band of Indians for a grant to assist them in putting up a combined school and council house in a central location on their reserve and in reply I beg to inform you that the Department has no funds available for this purpose.

The Burnt Church Band has, however, the sum of \$2760.00 to its credit, ^aprt of which could be used for the purpose specified upon the authority of the Governor General in Council being obtained, but before submitting the question to His Excellency it will be necessary that the Band should pass a proper resolution in Council agreeing to the expenditure being made from its capital, which resolution should be certified by you.

The document enclosed by you is simply a letter, the signatures being almost all in the same handwriting and not witnessed, and it would not, therefore be sufficient authority for the Department to proceed in the matter.

Your obedient servant

W.D. Carter, Esq.

Indian Supt.

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Asst. Secretary