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Manawau
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25th June 1894
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To the Deputy Sup. General of Indian
Ottawa

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Chief
I am in receipt of your
Letter No 28.070 bearing date 12th inst
to which I was glad to learn that the
Indians of the Desert had held
a Council on our behalf, but let
me say that I am greatly surprised
at the conclusion or resolution
which in my opinion is but a
simple reply:

We can bring out our
claim to the right to demand a
portion of the Reserve & Gratuity
as the Department of Indian Affairs
has informed us that there is land
for us at the Desert to settle on if we
wish to: but our reasons for not going
to the Desert is that some of the interior
Indians have tried to settle there but
could not agree with the band that
is there:

A Council was held by the Indians
of Manawau on this 25th day of
June 1894 and in answer to the
simple resolutions adopted in ~~their~~
the Council of the Desert Indians.
we have to inform them that we too
have a rightful claim ~~to~~ the Desert
Reserve. as the obtaining of that
Reserve was the efforts of several
tribes & not only the Tribe which
resides there