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Ottawa, Sept 7, 1907.

Dear Chief,-

In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo and with reference to all protests from the Abenakis of St. Francis to the sale or lease of land in the Pierreville Indian Reserve for the purpose of a "dye" to be constructed and used by the Quebec, Montreal & Southern Railway Company I beg to inform you that it was necessary to accommodate the Railway in some way. The Department, therefore, in view of the protests of the Indians, refused to recommend to His Excellency in Council the sale of the said land, but it has consented to the lease of the said land to the Railway Company for the period of five years at a rental of \$50.00 per annum.

I have to request you to take notice and also notify all concerned that the employees of the Railway Company may now enter on and execute all their work on the said land so leased, and if any Indian molest them he does so at his own peril.

I shall be obliged if you will read this letter to Councillor Arthur Nolett as a reply to his letter of the 31st ultimo.

Chief Nicolas Panadis,

Your obedient servant

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