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Sir.

Regarding the last portion of a communication sent the Department by three members of the Fort William Band in regard to the disposition of a portion of Mount McKay.

I beg to deny any charge contained in that letter and I enclose three letters which I am convinced will show how groundless this accusation is.

At a meeting of the Indians which I called regarding this matter Mr J.B. Penassie produced the original of which File 227950- is a copy, this said letter was written in Indian and was compared by the Indians with the copy I received from the Department, but the port script containing the charge against me was not on it. Mr Penassie and the other signers claimed that this portion was added by the party who translated the letter for them and without their knowledge.

Your obedient servant

J. T. Hodder
Indian Agent

The Secretary

Dep^t of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

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