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Ottawa, 28th November, 1912.

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Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, with enclosure, regarding the case of Peter Calder, Chief of Lak-kalzap, Naas River, who has a brother an Alaskan Indian from Ketchikan, United States Territory, who desires to be received into membership in the Lak-kalzap Band, and also to have his gasoline boat brought into British Columbia free of duty; and in reply I have to inform you that the Department does not approve of the admission of American Indians to membership in Canadian Indian bands, and has in the past refused to sanction transfers such as referred to, consequently the request for transfer in this case can not be allowed. I may also state that this Department is not disposed to ask the Customs Department to admit the boat referred to free of duty. You should advise Chief Peter Calder to the above effect.

Your obedient servant.



Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

C.C. Perry, Esqr..

Indian Agent,
Metlakatla, B.C.

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