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Referring to your letter of. 9th instant

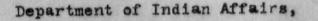
No. 121698-38 and my letter No IOO of 29th ulto, I have the honour to state that your letter was only received by me on my return from the annuity paymentson the 28 ulto. Had I received it before leaving I would have acted in accordance with its tenor. Imay say that the Indians of the James Smith's Band think that when they elected the present Chief that it was only for a term of three years, and from some correspondence I came across I was of the same opinion, but upon looking further into the matter I cannot find any thing on fill bearing on the subject other than a report to the Commissioner of the election of James Head to the position. In view of the Bands below f that they elected James Xee for only three years I think it would be well if they were informed officially of their error.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, .

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.



Ottawa.

