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Enclosure.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, calling attention to a previous communication, dated 7th February last, relating to a road situated upon the Indian Reserve at Grosse Ile which the Indians desire to be allowed to reserve to their own use.

The last mentioned communication has remained unanswered up to the present time owing to the file having gone astray, for which I desire to express my regret.

Replying to the questions put by you I beg leave to say that the papers do not disclose the facts with sufficient certainty to enable me to give a definitive opinion. It is stated in Mr. Agent Bastien's letter of the 30th January that the road has always been open since the commencement of the Huron Village; he cannot, however, say for how many years. Mr. Bastien adds that the road was never opened for the use of the stranger public, but solely for the use and benefit of the Indians, said street being within the limits of the Indian Village. This statement of the Agent's, I am strongly inclined to regard rather as an inference than a statement of fact.

From the plan submitted, the street would appear to be the Survey Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.