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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th. ult. re purchasing lands from parties adjoining the Whycecomagh Reserve and I note what you say to the effect that no action has been taken by the Department to purchase lands in this locality, I have been informed on very good authority that the Department has been paying or offered to pay certain parties with a view of obtaining a release of their claims to certain lands or for improvements made by said parties to the land. I understand there is a long standing dispute between the Department and the adjoining preprietors with regard to said lands and I would be greatly obliged if you would kindly give me some information as to how the matter stands just at present. If the matter is in the hands of the Justice Department would you kindly advise me to that Colored Stand

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