Ottawa, March 7th., 1918.

Sir,-

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Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I beg to state that the dates of annuity payments submitted cannot be approved, as they must be arranged so that Mr. Agent Carter will be able to meet the whole of the Hollow Water River Band to take the surrender of the Loon Straits Reserve. The whole Band has an interest in that Reserve and a surrender cannot be taken in the manner suggested by you. Mr. Carter is the official suthorized to take the surrender and he cannot transfer his powers to Mr. Agent Colcleugh. Unless you have very serious objections to offer the Department proposes to fix the dates of payments in the Clandeboys and Fisher River Agencies as follows, in order to facilitate the taking of this surrender, viz :-

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| Broken Head                          | ly 2nd      |
| Fort Alexander                       | • 3 and 4   |
| Black River                          | * 5         |
| Hellow Water                         | • 6<br>• 8  |
| Blood Vein                           | * 9         |
| Jack Head                            | * 10        |
| Berens River                         | * 12        |
| Poplar River<br>Grand Rapids (Sask.) | * 15 5      |
| Little Grand Rapids                  | <b>n</b> 22 |
| Deer Laks                            | * 26        |
|                                      | * 29        |

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This arrangement should be satisfactory to the Clandeboy Agency

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