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Sir: -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant and the document enclosed therein, being copy of a letter addressed by Mr.J.R.Booth, Lumber Manufacturer, Ottawa, on the 20th March 1889, to the Rev. Eugene Bloem, Missionary Priest at North Bay, also the solemn declaration made by the Rev. Joseph Bloem that the copy of the aforesaid letter is a true copy of the original. The papers referred to relate to an application made to Mr.Booth for permission to cut timber on his limit in the Nipissing Reserve held by him under license from this Department, said timber being required for the purpose of rebuilding the Church at Sturgeon Falls.

As promised in my previous letter to you on the subject, dated the 15th instant, instructions were sent on that date to the Indian Superintendent for the above Reserve requesting him to bring the question of the Rev. Joseph Bleem being allowed to have the timber applied for by him free of dues before the Indians who own the Reserve in Council on the casion of the Superintendent visiting that locality, which I may state will be shortly. In the meantime nothing can be done in the matter until the Department has been informed of the result of the reference to the Indians in Council.

I have the honor to be.

Sir.

The Honorable

M.A. Girard,

The Senate,

Ottawa.

Your obedient servant

Deputy Supt.General of

Indian Affairs.

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