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Ottawa. Jan. 3rd. 1923.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th. ult. reporting that the Seabird Island Indians refuse to consider the purchase of the frame buildings left on their Reserve which are the property of the licensee but indicating their desire that these buildings should be left intact, when the timber licensee vacates the reserve.

As explained previously, these buildings being composed of lumber purchased by the Seabird Shingle Co. cannot be regarded in any way as belonging to the Indians, and the company is therefore at liberty to dispose of them as they see fit.

The Company place an actual value on these buildings of \$6,680 and are prepared to sell them to the Indians at a price of \$600, and it would seem that if the Indians desire to retain them, they would be well advised to purchase them at this figure.

However the Department does not desire to take any action contrary to the wishes of the Indians, and I have therefore to state that if the Indians refuse to purchase them, the company will probably dismantle them and remove the material from the Reserve.

Your obedient servant,

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