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16th May 8

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant I have to inform you that as the sale of Lot 23, 9th 6 on census Billings was made so recently as September 1876 it seems premature at this date to cancel the same.

You should endeavor to ascertain where Mr. Stitt resides and notify him that unless he complies with the conditions of sale as to occupation and improvement within 3 months from date of notification the sale will be cancelled and the land otherwise disposed of by the Department.

At the Department of the Interior

H. Sheppes

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