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THIS LETTER WAS SENT

Ottawa 26th March, 1896.

Sir,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, with further reference to the scarcity of seed grain on the Six Nations Reserve ; and in reply I may say that the details given in your report have been noted , and from the statements therein made it does not appear that any real necessity exists for a general issue of orders for this purpose. The Department will however in accordance with your recommendation , allow you to issue orders up to \$3.00 against the Fall interest money, to those Indians who are found to be actually in need of seed , and who have no means of purchasing it themselves. The certificate of the Chiefs , referred to by you , should be insisted upon, and the Department will expect you to personally select the grain to be issued by ~~you~~ the merchants upon whom the orders are given , and also to see that the Indians actually receive the grain . You will also be required to see that nothing but seed grain is supplied on these orders.

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It is not clear from your letter whether you intend to ask the merchants to wait until the Fall for payment of their accounts , or whether you wish them paid at once from the Interest account of the Band . If you can make a better bargain for the seed by following the latter course the Department will consent to pay the accounts when they come to hand properly certified. As

E .D.Cameron, Esqr.,

Your obedient servant.

Indian Supt.,

Brantford,

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Deputy Supt Genl.

of Indian Affairs.