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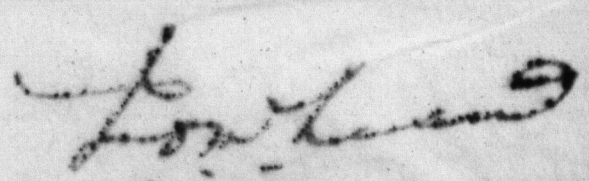
Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. reporting the results of the vote taken on the 23rd inst. in order to ascertain whether the majority of the band are in favour of the ballot or open voting for the election of chief and councillors; also forwarding the ballots cast.

In view of the large majority of the vote in favour of open voting, the Department cannot do otherwise than conclude that the representations made to it that the majority of the band are in favour of the ballot are incorrect. As such a long time has elapsed since the election held on Feb. 1, last, it is advisable that an election by open vote should be held as soon as possible. I have to request, therefore, that you will at once announce that an election by open vote will be held on Monday, May 3, at such hour as you think will be convenient.

In view of the short notice you will be particular to make the announcement as public as possible.

Your obedient servant,


Secretary.

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