

Ottawa 7th January, 1903.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing an account amounting to \$350.00 from the Revd J.B. Robishaud, to whom was let the contract for the erection of the building on the Burnt Church Reserve, which is to be used as a combined school and Council house; and in reply I beg to say that I observe your remark that Messrs Anderson have written you that the work on the building is well and carefully done, which is apparently your reason for certifying to the account. The Department is at a loss to understand why you have not looked after this matter yourself. Payment can not be made upon Messrs Anderson's report. The Department does not know these gentlemen and has not employed their services. Your travelling expenses are paid by the Department, it is therefore not clear why you did not go to Burnt Church instead of delegating to others the important duty of inspecting a building upon which a large expenditure has been incurred. It seems strange that you should expect the Department to accept and pay a voucher which you have certified, but which you acknowledge is for work which you have not examined, and upon which ^{you} can therefore make no report. You should be able to say, from personal examination whether all the work has been done in a thoroughly careful manner, and in accordance with the terms of agreement.

The voucher is returned. The question of payment will be dealt with when you have examined the building personally, and made a full report thereon.

Your obedient servant.

W.D. Carter, Esq.,
Indian Supt.,
Victoria, B.C.

John L. ...
Secretary.

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