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E. Watson, Esq
Indian Supt
Sarnia.

Ont.

Jan 22nd '81

Sir,

Enclose herewith for your
early report on the subject, a copy
of a petition from certain inhab-
itants of the Township of Sarnia
praying for the reasons given
therein that the land not occu-
pied or used by the Indians on the
Reserve should be cleared, cleaned of
weeds and improved by granting
leases or otherwise, so that the
Indians may receive the
benefit of the same.

Will you be good enough
to state in your report on
this matter what number
of acres might be, in your
opinion, leased for the bene-
fit of the Indians and what
rental per acre ~~would~~ you
think should be obtained
for the same; also whether
the Indians would consent
to such leases being issued
and ^{an} ~~the~~ agreement that the
proceeds shall be divided
among them; and that ⁱⁿ any
work required to be done ^{on the lands} by the
Sarnia ~~that~~ Indian labor
shall be employed on the
same. Yours