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Ostawa, February 18th., 1909.

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Sir,-

I have to inform you that the receipt (through the Indian Commissioner on the IIth. of February) of the pay-lists for the distribution to Thunderchild's Band and also your latter of February 8th arrived just as the Department was about to take serious notice of your laches in this matter, and action was stayed. I must point out that your explanations are not considered satisfactory, and that, in future in dealing with official matters and particularly with matters of such importance as these under discussion, you should act with promptitude. I must draw your attention also to the fact that, as you were informed on the IIth. of January, you still hold money which should long ago have been forwarded to the Department, and to inform you that all matters in arrears in your office must be immediately

leapatched.

Your obedient servant.

D. MCLEAN

Secretary.

J. P. G. Day, Hot.,

