

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd. ult. regarding the arrangement to the Indians of the Tobique band to sell damaged timber on their Reserve, for sale, which you have made an arrangement by which Frank [unclear] the Chief of the band exercises a certain amount of supervision of these permits and shall receive \$60 as compensation for this responsibility.

In reply I have to state the Department approves of this arrangement subject to the condition that this \$60 shall not be paid until the dues have been received by the Department, as previous experience has proved that in many instances of timber permits, the Indians at the last moment have shown a disinclination to work them.

Further than this, you should give the Indians to understand distinctly that no cutting of green timber will be tolerated.

The full amount of dues as per tariff must be collected, and you should endorse on the face of the permit, the dues that are payable and the fact of the responsibility of the purchaser of the timber with respect to the payment of these dues.

Under separate cover, a book of permits is being sent you.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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