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I beg to asknowledge the receipt of your letter (No date) inclusing one from Mr. McKinmon, Medical Officer for Antigenish County, relative to the refusal of the Indians to be vaccinated, and in reply to say that the Department does not wish to insist upon their submitting to the operation, unless there should be an outbreak of smallpox in or near the localities where they reside in which case you will be good enough to report to the Department without delay.

Your obedient servent.

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John R. McDonald, Req., Indian Agent, Heatherton, N.S.

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