

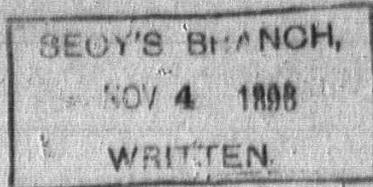
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A.O. Bastien Esq.,
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Sir:-

Respecting the desire of the Indians to exclude, by means of gates, the public from the road on their Reserve, I have to inform you that the file of papers in the matter containing your various letters on the subject and a plan of the Reserve were submitted to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to whether the Indians could legally carry out their desire; and I have now to enclose ^{for the information of the Indians,} to you copy of a letter from that Department, from which you will observe ^{that, on} the facts as disclosed by the papers, ~~that~~ the Minister of Justice has expressed the opinion that it would not be legal for the Indians to ~~erect gates to exclude the public from the use of the roads.~~ erect gates to exclude the public from the use of the roads.

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