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Indian Branch
Ottawa 5 April 1872

Sir

A necessity seems to exist for the opening of
Grinnell River and other
Indian Settlements around
and in the vicinity of
Lake Sturgeon being navigable

and I have to request that
you will proceed to the
first

Dr Simpson

Manitowishong
Manitowishong Island

first named place with
the above object as soon as
possible after the opening
of Navigation. You will
be good enough to notify
Mr Joseph Wilson, of
Sault Ste Marie, with a
view to his apprising the
Indians of your proposed
visit.

As respects the
other Rivers, it is desirable

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