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10<sup>th</sup> March 9.

Sir,

With further reference to your report of inspection of Indian Agencies during the year 1878, I have to inform you:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the question of the establishment of an industrial school, in some central point or place for the benefit of the Indian youth, has already been referred to in a letter to you relative to the general question of establishing such institutions in the North West.

2<sup>nd</sup>. With reference to the  
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Winnipeg,

Manitoba.

the dissatisfaction, which you report is created among the Indians by the encroachment of white settlers upon their Reserves, and to obviate which you suggest the expediency of surveying the different Reserves as soon as practicable and instructing the <sup>(Dominion Lands Agent or similar functionary)</sup> Dominion Lands Office to protect the Indian Reserves in the same manner that they do public lands from illegal timber cutting. I have to inform you that I will confer with the Surveyor General on the subject.

3<sup>rd</sup>. With regard to the question of the out side promises connected with Treaties Nos. 1 and 2, I enclose herein for your information Copies of Orders in Council relative thereto, of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1875, and 21<sup>st</sup> July

1876



1876; also copy of letter to  
 Mr. Provancher, then Acting Indian  
 Sup<sup>t</sup>, of October 7<sup>th</sup>. 1876;  
 and Statement of what articles  
 and animals are to be supplied;  
 as well as of those supplied  
 up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December  
 1877, under said outside promises.  
 These documents will probably  
 give you full information, as  
 to the intention of the Government  
 in respect to said promises;  
 and for information respecting  
 the articles and animals given  
 on account thereof since December  
 31<sup>st</sup> 1877, I have to refer you  
 to Mr. Acting Sup<sup>t</sup> Graham.

4<sup>th</sup> The matter of the  
 supplying of seed grain, potatoes  
 &c.

4c. early in the Spring, to the Indians for the sowing and planting of their Lands, has already been dealt with in the instructions to you, respecting the calling for tenders for supplies generally, within the Manitoba Superintendency.

5<sup>th</sup>. With regard to the question of providing office accommodation for the different Agents, it would be well that you should communicate more fully on this subject; stating what rent you consider it would be proper to allow the several Agents for the same.

6<sup>th</sup>. The Complaint of Chief Yellow Quill, that he has not received the land promised him in lieu of Buggies, will



will be looked into, and any rights that he may have, and that have not already been allowed him, will no doubt be recognized.

7<sup>th</sup>. With regard to the request of the Sandy Bay Band, that their Reserve be extended South about two miles, in order to include land built by them previous to the Survey thereof, the Surveyor General states that an equal quantity should be taken from the North of the Reserve, if the extension asked for be granted: he also reports that this Reserve (in Township 18 Range 9 West) contains 891 acres more than the

the quantity to which they are entitled. The extension in the direction described, would include a log house and improvements made by one Williams; and it is questionable whether Mr. Williams can be interfered with, in his possession of the same.

8<sup>th</sup>. The request, of the Christian Band of Broken Head River, to have a division line run between the lands occupied by them and those of the heathen portion of that Band on the same Reserve, and to have Councillors to represent them is objectionable on account of the embarrassing precedent that would be established, were the privilege conceded.

9<sup>th</sup> With regard to  
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the complaint of the Riding  
Mountain Indians that their  
Reserve is almost destitute of  
timber, the Surveyor General  
reports that Dominion Land  
Surveyor Wagner, who surveyed  
that Reserve, states that the Valley  
of the River Little Saskatchewan  
has splendid prairies and  
meadows and the remainder is  
well wooded. It would there-  
fore appear that the Chief is  
misinformed, in regard to there  
being no wood upon their Reserve.

10<sup>th</sup>. With reference to  
the request of the Manitoba Lake  
Band, to have their Reserve  
extended north to Dog Creek,  
in order to include Sixteen Homesteads

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South by them previous to the Survey of their Reserve. Their Reserve, as surveyed, contains the number of acres to which they are entitled, a number of acres equal to the proposed extension (if made) would require to be taken from the present Reserve.

11<sup>th</sup>. With regard to the request of the Ebb and Flow Creek Band to have their Reserve about two miles South, as as it includes some good prairie land, and that a corresponding quantity be taken off the North end of their Reserve, that the Surveyor General thinks that, provided the proposed alteration in the limits of the Reserve would not interfere with the improvements of any Settlers, there will be no objection to the



the Change asked for in the limits of their Reserve - You should therefore ascertain if any improvements of Settlers will be interfered with.

12<sup>th</sup>. Respecting the request of that portion of the Crane River Band, who have remained on their Reserve, to be allowed to retain the same, the Surveyor General reports that there can be no objection to their retaining so much of the Reserve as their number would entitle them to.

13<sup>th</sup>. With respect to the request of Chief Kai-tai-tai-tai - Joo - Coob to be allowed a Reserve, and be given a toll

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Chest to replace the one intended for him which is stated to have been lost in the year 1874, These matters will receive attention.

14<sup>th</sup>. With respect to the application of Chief Ma-wi-tu-bin-see to be allowed the Reserve as selected by the Mining Survey Bands opposite Lime Stone River N.S., I am to inform you that that point is not shown on the maps in the Department - You will be good enough to have the locality more clearly described, with a view in the question of giving the Indians the Reserve there, being properly considered.

15<sup>th</sup>. With regard to the Eighty-two Indians who are



are claimed with the Moose  
Lake Band, and claim that  
they never belonged to that  
Band, and who request a  
Reserve at Chin-awa-sin, at  
the Northern part of Cedar Lake  
where their dwellings are, the Surveyor  
General reports that a Reserve  
at that place would not in-  
terfere with any sales or settle-  
ment. It is, however, desirable  
that enquiry be made into the  
question of these Indians being  
a separate Band, from the  
Moose Lake Indians, and  
whether they have or had a  
Head Chief to represent them,  
or not, or to what Band  
they belong.

16<sup>th</sup> The Surveyor  
General

Several reports that there is no objection to a compliance with the request of the Cumberland Band, for a part of their reserve at an Island forty (40) miles North, where a portion of their Band live, and where they state there is good land.

17<sup>th</sup>. Acquiescence in the request of the Black River Band, for a Chief and Counsellors acknowledged by the Government, will depend upon whether the adhesions stated to have been given by them to Treaty No. 5. can be found. It would be well for you to enquire of Mr. Acting Sup<sup>t</sup>. Graham in respect to this matter.

18<sup>th</sup>. With respect to the request of the Grand Rapids



Band to have their Reserves as  
 Changed as to embrace land  
 fit for cultivation, This Office  
 is informed that, should any  
 such change be made in the  
 limits of that Reserve, they  
 should not be extended any  
 further up the River, as such  
 extension would include lands  
 which may be required in the  
 navigation of the Little Saskatchewan  
 River. You should ascertain the  
 locality of the land desired by  
 that Band.

19<sup>th</sup> The desire of the  
 Fisher Band remaining at Norway  
 House to have a Reserve allotted  
 to them at that place has  
 already been met; a Reserve  
 having

Having been surveyed at Norway House. There will be no objection to the Norway House Band having a Chief and Councillors; but the latter cannot look to the Government for payment of the salaries granted to the Chiefs and Councillors who were parties to Treaty No. 5, as the Government cannot recognize Chiefs and Councillors as entitled to such salaries, in cases in which their appointment to these offices was occasioned by a Band dividing, after the date of the Treaty.

2<sup>d</sup>. With regard to the request of the Headmen of the Dog-Head Band that their Reserve be located at "Loon Straits", Lake Winnipeg, where  
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The land is suitable for farming, instead of at Dog-head, the Surveyor General reports that there is no objection to this request being complied with.

21<sup>st</sup>. The application of the Big Island Band to have a Reserve located for them at Hollow Water, instead of at Bad Throat River as proposed, cannot be considered at present, inasmuch as neither of those localities can be identified on the maps in this Office. You should obtain and forward more definite information, as to the locality in which the land desired by them is situated.

I am.

Sir.

Yours obedient Servant.

Stanford Leach

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15. of Indian Affairs