

yours

, 16<sup>th</sup> April 1

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant stating that you have long thought that it would be a good thing to have a small band in connection with the larger industrial institutions, and recommending that, if the Government approve, a set of instruments, the cost of about \$80<sup>00</sup> or \$90<sup>00</sup>, be provided for the 2<sup>d</sup> Duffell, High River and Duffell schools.

In reply, I beg to inform you that funds would probably be provided for the purpose specified in your letter. It would however be very

The State Commissioner

for Mass. & A. W. Smith,

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notes to purchase instruments of the  
 grade which would cost \$50<sup>00</sup> or \$75<sup>00</sup>  
 for the set. They would be of a most  
 inferior make, and in a short time  
 the mechanism of the pistons and valves  
 would wear out, or become disordered, and  
 the instruments would be useless. It  
 would be better to purchase a fair quality  
 of French instruments, such as is supplied  
 to the village bands of the country, and  
 which would be sufficiently durable. Such  
 a set could be obtained in this city for  
 about \$150<sup>00</sup>, and I think it would be  
 well to purchase one set, to be used by  
 one of the schools, when a person who  
 understands music is on the staff.  
 The experiment of having a band might  
 then be tried, and the result might prove  
 that



that the plan was not feasible, and any  
additional selling would be small. The  
instruments, if properly used for, could be  
sold for their value as second hand goods  
any time.

Your obedient servant,

*H. M. H. H. H.*

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of Indian Affairs