

## [Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, to Dr. William J. Roche, Minister of the Interior]

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Mr. Hon. W. H. Smith,  
Chairman of Indians  
Ottawa.

My dear Dr. Roche,

When I wrote to you a few days ago and  
Mr. H. Clogstoun my various plans of work in the north  
and N.W. Canada we had a short letter which had been  
written to him by Mr. Fisher, the young lawyer who  
was instrumental in getting up the case of the late  
Sergeant who had caused so much trouble and whose claims  
as I remember were not very an expenditure of  
some \$ 600.

When I was here Mr. Fisher called upon me  
and discussed this whole matter, and I will tell  
it according to the best of my recollection which was obtained  
from him before he gave his judgment mentioned  
in Fisher's letter to you in which many new  
accusations were made to him. He said by the  
Government it is apparently could mean a bill  
over \$ 2000. His argument is that this would  
clear off all the cases of such Indians as had  
entered "such affair" to Committee with the  
protection of the Government. Many say that Fisher  
formally disagreed with Mr. Fisher and I can  
not believe it. But if it could be desirable to do that  
I discussed it with him (Fisher) and he  
is of the same opinion. It is a long and involved a  
considerable sum but after all, a comparatively  
small amount considering the interests and  
immortal character that they could  
situation now assumed. Mr. Clogstoun stated that  
a great many of these people especially on the

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