

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

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Re: Mr. Withers.
Min. of Indian
Affairs.

My dear Mr. Withers:

When I was in the post I made up back with
Mr. H. Cleggman on various points of North-West
Indian history as he seemed better informed than
I was on them by Mr. Withers, the young lawyer who
was assigned to take up the case of the two
Indians who had claimed personal and school claims,
as I remember, were not they an expenditure of
some \$ 600

When in Vancouver Mr. Withers called upon me
and discussed this whole matter. He made it
clear to me that he had cases which were about
to come up before the law and that he intended
to take them to the Indian Affairs Committee
and ask them to be paid. He said that the
Government had apparently could mean a full
pay of \$ 2000. His explanation is that this would
be an off set for the cost of such Indians as had
not been paid. He said that the Committee with the
presence of the Government I may say that I was
personally impressed with his statement and I
intended to look into it if it could be possible to do so.

I discussed it with Mr. Cleggman and he
is of the opinion that it would involve a
considerable sum but after all a comparatively
small amount considering the delicate and
important character of the case. But the whole
situation was assumed by Cleggman that that
a great many of the people especially in the

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