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My dear Mr Dawson.

I am not in any degree
responsible for either the opinions
or the language of the letter -
respecting the Oka Indians
referred to in your 'private'
note of the 11th instant. The
letter was dictated by the
Minister himself and was
merely signed by me.

I think it right to say, however,
that I ^{very} perfectly saw that Mr.

Mills is honestly desirous to do
everything which it is possible to
do to protect the interests of
the Indians - and that he has no
wish to give any thing to the
jealousies of the Seminary
beyond their strict legal rights.
His sympathies are wholly
on entirely with the Indians &
against the Seminary - who
has certainly acted most
harshly & cruelly towards the
poor Indians.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
S. Mendell

Meredith
May 1888

