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Ruby Valley, Nevada.

April 8, 1912

Mr. C. H. Asbury,
811 S. Virginia St.,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir

These Indians here
that have taken up this land
In Township 30 N. R 58 E. Township 30 E
Range 59 E.

A joining this land is a of the
Indians is fuller that is a bother
these Indian water has no water
right what ever.

Can you come out and look this
matter over and straighten this up.

These Indian have been using this
water for years and as they are putting
in a little new ground they fertile is
trying to take their water a way
from them and stop the Indians
from using the water.

If you can come out right away let me know and I will meet you at Wells and all the expenses will be what gasoline we use in my auto. And if you want to survey why you can use my surveying out fit. As I have one of the best that made. And drawing out fit if you want to make any steps.

There is a correction in the survey on the west side of Township 30 N. R 39 E.

Will you please look on the field notes and let me know what it is.

Please come out and fix this up.

Yours truly
 Philip D. Sharp
 Ruby Valley,
 Nev.

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Reno, Nevada, April 23, 1912.

Philip H. Sharo,

Suby Valley, Nev.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 8th, in reference to the Indian land in your locality. Your letter just reached me a day or two ago, upon my return from a trip of some two weeks in California. It is not practicable for me to come to Suby Valley just at present but I intend to do so at the earliest possible date, at which time I will appreciate any assistance such as you kindly offer. I will be glad to have a further report from you as to the interference of the use of water by these Indians and if the case seems to warrant it, I will cause necessary notices to be posted so that the parties diverting the water cannot have ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{ground} on which to claim ignorance of the Indians rights.

Hoping to see you before many weeks, I am

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

Reno, Nevada. Aug. 27, 1912

Mr. Grant Patterson,

Ruby Valley, Nevada.

Dear Sir:- Referring to your letter of the 24th will say that the Office at Washington thought the city water was the easiest and apt to be ~~more~~ less trouble than the well. I have a letter from the Cater company but I think their price is high. They say they will furnish the pipe and fittings to put a hydrant at the village and do the fitting if the Indians will open and clear the trench and pay the \$10.00 per month for water for all the village and their stock. I think it is high as compared with the prices they get for other water users in town.

I intend to take the question up with them again before reporting to Washington.

As to work among the Ruby Valley Indians the most important thing they can do is to get some of that land that has been allotted to the Indians cultivated so that they can make use of the water before it is all appropriated by some one else. They have some good land and they can get water now but if they neglect to use it they are apt to lose all except what they have used in the past.

I hope they can get some of their children into the public schools and we may be able to pay the districts for such pupils if it is necessary. I wish you would talk with them about these things.

Very respectfully,

Special Agent in Charge.

Reno, Nevada, Aug. 27, 1912

Mr. S. P. Henderson

Elko, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Aug. 10th giving terms at which water can be furnished to the Indian camp has been considered.

I consider your price high. I suppose you get about \$2.00 per month for water here residences in town and on the hill near the Indians. Some residences will use almost as much water as the whole camp, and taking the average for the year, perhaps quite as much. Sprinklers are kept running a large part of the summer on large lawns and water is used prodigally in many ways.

From the one hydrant the Indians could not make lawns and they would use comparatively ~~few~~ little for kitchen and laundry.

For some time in the summer there are very few Indians there. As to laying the pipe the proposition is reasonable as it remains the ~~mine~~ property of the company.

I do not believe it is worth while to place this proposition before the Office for approval, as I feel sure it will not be authorized.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

Elko, Nevada, October 5, 1912.

Mr. C. H. Asbury,
Special Indian Agent,
Dept. of the Interior,
United States Indian Service,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of August 27th while in Ruby Valley, Nevada, and will say that I have been to see the Superintendent of the Water Company here again about piping the water into the village. After talking with him he told me the following proposition was the best he could possibly do for us. He has agreed to furnish the pipe, and one hydrant to be placed near the center of the village, and we are to dig the trench, lay the pipe, and cover pipe up, in fact, Mr. John MacFarlane, the Superintendent, agrees to furnish all the material as above stated, and we agree to do the work, and he will then furnish the water to us for a flat rate of \$75.00 a year. Mr. MacFarlane says that in case we accept this offer we should get the pipe laid as soon as possible as it will soon begin to freeze here and we would have trouble putting same in then.

While out in Ruby Valley I talked with the Indians out there in regard to their land. They have taken up among themselves \$100.00 and are going to use this to send one or two of their members back to Washington to see about the papers to their land. They think the papers for their land are in Washington.

I have your letter in regard to some of the boys going down to Wadsworth to work on the railroad running out to Pyramid Lake, and will say that I talked this over with some of them and several have already gone, and it may be that more will go later when they get their work arranged here. Some are

out working yet, and some are out gathering pine nuts, and will not be in for a few days. I have no doubt but that quite a few will take advantage of this offer for which we thank you.

I have struck some good leinglass ore, and have put the matter ^{up} to two or three parties. If you see anybody looking for this kind of ore would you kindly refer them to me. The ledge runs two feet wide, and is of a fine quality. The next time I write you I will send you a sample of the ore.

Very respectfully,

Grant Allison

Reno, Nev., Nov. 5, 1912.

Mr. Grant Patterson,
Elko, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of October 5th just as I was leaving my office for a trip into California. In reference to the purchase of water from the City Water Co., I have not received any proposal from the Company more favorable than the one they first made me of \$20 per month, which I regard as excessive and considerably too high for favorable consideration by the office. Unless I hear from them I will not be able to take any further steps in that matter until I can take it up with them personally when I next come to Elko, which will probably be within the next few weeks.

I note what you say about the Indians having raised \$100 to send one or two of their number to Washington to see about the papers to their land. I am sure that this is an entirely unnecessary expense. In the first place it will cost from \$150 to \$200 for one of them to go to Washington and back, and they would not then be able to do anything whatever to obtain their land papers. Those who have filed on land will receive their papers in due time. There has not yet been sufficient time for them to be issued. In some cases several years elapse between the time of application and issue of patent, but their title to the land is just as secure after the application is accepted as after the patent is issued. I hope that more of them will apply for land if they can find any that will be of any use to them. They have had some meeting and I expect plan another meeting in Elko in December to discuss their old treaty, but I have written them quite fully in reference to that subject and can assure them all that there is little prospect of their securing any additional reservation or any land except in the manner suggested above.

Very respectfully,

Reno, Nevada, March 1, 1913.

Massach Tomague,
Ruby Valley,
Nevada.

Dear Friend:

I hope that your people are planning to make use of the land allotted to them, as you have several hundred acres of very good land and there seems to be sufficient water in that creek to give all of you a small farm, but the only way you can secure a water right is to make use of it.

I feel sure that you have an interest in the present ditch, even if you do not entirely own it, as it was built by the Indians originally. Of course, Mr. Wines has used the ditch for many years, and has no doubt done considerable work in keeping it in repair, and he will, no doubt, have acquired a right in the ditch and there is no reason why it should not serve him as well as the Indians. I think there should be no difficulty in making some arrangements whereby you can use the ditch together without trouble.

I expect to go to Ruby Valley just as soon as possible, but that may not be before May or June, and when I come I hope to find a number of pieces of land cleared and ^{gardens} ~~fields~~ growing, as well as wheat and alfalfa.

Very respectfully,

SPECIAL INDIAN AGENT.

st. W/S.

March 16, 1913

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Ruby Valley,
Nevada,
March,
16-1913,

Dear friends,
Come first of April etc
can't wait any longer, and
see about this land,
No folks like to see you,
etc want some water - these
Ind, got land they want some
water, etc want you see about
the water. They want you
to come, you are P. S. Agent
answer, send a letter to me
you come. etc. Yours,
A. C. Conover

How did that Rock come out,
or did it you sayed it out,
Is there gold and silver in
it,

Nellis Nevada

March 28, 1913

Special Indian Agent

Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir.

The Indians are in need of your assistance at once in Ruby Valley, Nevada.

They have no acres of land allotted to them and have used a large amount of water for years on this land.

Now there is some white people trespassing on their land and running a surveyed ditch to run through their land and even coming on their land and stopping them when they dig ditches on their own land.

Now it is up to you to come out and do some thing for these Indians at once.

They need protection and help as there was never for the Western Band of Shoshone a reservation but the Ruby reservation is not

in the these boundry as the treaty of
Oct 1st 1863.

Please let me know when you can come
and I will meet you at Wells and take
you to Ruby Valley.

When you can see the whole thing.

The Indians insisted that I should
write to you as I have been helping
them all I can.

Yours truly
Philip F. Sharp.
Wells, Nevada