

April 1913
Before April 14, 1913

Mr. B. G. Le Bido,

Elko, Nevada.

Dear Sir:- I have your letter of the 11th in reference to the situation at Ruby Valley. I doubt if there is any thing I can say to those Indians that will help the situation.

I know that there is no funds available at this time that could be used in the purchase of your property as you suggest. I had hoped that we would find the means of buying the particular 40 that the Indians had used to remove that cause of controversy but until some appropriation can be secured that can not be done, and the appropriation is uncertain though we think we have some prospect of getting something for such purpose by next Congress.

After our conversation in Elko in May I wrote suggesting that some other man be sent in there. Such detail has been made and a man who has been working in Utah is to make a recirt and to take the question up with the Indians. He came here a few days ago to go over the matter with and he has all the data necessary to a clear understanding of the situation and he will go in there as soon as he can get to it. He is on the coast just now and will not be back to Salt Lake until about the middle of August. I is doubtful if he can get there before the first of September as work will have accumulated on his desk that will require attention on his return.

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I will write them a letter but I do not believe it will do much good.

I hope that Mr. Creel will be able to review the situation with them in a way that will lead to an adjustment of the difference without resort to the courts. Even if you had some of them arrested it would probably only afford temporary relief and might be an additional aggravation that would make the situation worse in the end.

I am sending copies of this correspondence to Mr. Creel.

Very Respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

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ELKO, NEVADA, April 14, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Asbury,

Department of Interior, Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir :-

Your letter of April 7nd. was recd. in camp at Lamoille and have waited for some data on the ditch that I wished to send to you but as that has not arrived yet I did not want to delay answering any longer.

I will write to you again as soon as we get the data and try to present the facts as they are. I am afraid you have been misinformed as we have no idea of depriving the indians of any rights and we are willing to help them if possible.

We will appreciate any information you may send in regard to our right of way for our ditch.

On the 31 st. of last month I wrote Mr. Kearney in regard to the Indians out in Ruby as they took so much water last year that we could not get enough for the small crop we had in. If they used the water and did not waste it there would be plenty for all the land they had in and all we have under cultivation through this ditch.

Will try to see you the next time you come out this way and if that will not be right soon I will try to explain the best I can by letter.

Yours truly,

B. G. McBride

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Mr. W. H. Kearney, State Eng.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 16th. in regard to application No. 1768 Overland Creek was received. Mr. Astury's address is G. H. Astury, Special Indian Agent, 31 Gazette Bld'g., Reno, Nevada. We have taken the matter of our Right of Way up with Mr. Astury also the water matter and we will not bother you with this matter since he has expressed himself that he will help us in every way possible. Wish to thank you for your interest in this matter but feel that he can get it cleared up without any further trouble.

Yours respectfully,

B. G. McBride

W. H. Kearney

June 7, 1913

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Ruby Valley
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Friend G. H. Casbury,

I received your letter some
time ago, and I am glad
of it. Well Charlie Joe Billy
is working on his land. He
is cutting brush and can't find
any wheat around here, we
can find alfalfa easy enough,
Charlie Joe Billy he is going
to plant wheat, last year
he planted some wheat
and he did not have enough
water, he is cut down two

some acorns, and he want
some water some time now.
That all I know about Charlie,
and about my self. I am cut-
ting little to. I am going to
plant some alfafa. I have alf
alfa seed enough to plant six
acres. I can just tell you how much
I can plant of wheat. I am going
to plant garden about my house
and I am going to make a apple
orchard. and I plant some
potatoes. I am going to try to
make a ditch line about my
house here. Please come off up
so they can find the water

wright, and send me a note
when you come. Frank Jones
is cutting little brush too and
he said he is going to plant
alfalfa, I suppose he will
hunt for wheat. There is
no wheat here at Parby

Yours R. V. S.
Mr. M. L. S. Finney

R. V. S.

July 20, 1913

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Ruby Valley,
Nev.

7-20-13.

Friend Labaree,

How are you getting by this time. Well one man come from Elko to the Ruby store here, and one half breed I'd come from Joe Bully Smith, and the half Breed I'd I am talking about he was going to come up here to the Ind Camp to visit. But the man come from Elko see him or meet him, and they commence talking about the water here about the Ind creek. That mans name is B. G. Mc Bride, come from Elko, They got to talking about the water, and that half Breed Indian told him you said in your letter

that was our wish, and the man come
from Elko said you did not know
what you was talking about and
he said he know more about it than
you. He said he learn the law
for three years and he said he know
more about it than you. He said the
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in Carson own it. and so we are in
pretty hard fix. and they ^{says} ~~says~~
he said he got the land what he
is fencing from the government. and
also he said he was going to put
us in jail if we cut new ditch. He
said this land what we are on
havent got know water for it. The
Indians was clearing off little brush.

But

They stop working that fellow
said the Indians got land here having
got know war. Still about how he
said he know more about any
thing than I could.

So I will close my poor hand
writing

Answer soon

Mr. Jack Frost

I am Mutachoboy,

July 20, 1900

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Ruby Valley,
Nev.

7-20-13.

Friend, business,

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Mr. Jack Frost (Jack Tomoka)
I am Mutachobeg.