

Manhattan, Nev. Mar. 4, 1921.

Col. L. A. Derrington,
Indian Agency, Gazette Bldg.
Reno, Nev.

My dear Col. Derrington:

I recently wrote to Mr. Creel regarding the right of an Indian to lease or rent his ground to a white man prior to his receiving title thereto. I conclude that it was a mistake to write to him as he may have been called away so, having received no reply, am putting the proposition up to you directly in view of the fact that practically the same plan is being adopted, only in a more aggravated form, to dispossess an old Indian of his home.

The facts as given to Mr. Creel are these: An Indian named Fisherman in Monitor Valley took up land and has rented it to a white man for \$25.00 a year for five years. The other Indians in the vicinity came to me for advice fearing loss of their water rights. I told them that in my opinion Fisherman had no right to do this, but that I would refer the matter to you and let them know. Will add that Fisherman's place is improved and part of it under cultivation, with substantial buildings, fences, etc.

I would like to know as soon as conveniently possible how Jim Wilson's case stands. Briefly stated, Wilson lived on certain land which one R. E. Turner filed on. Part of Turner's filing was rejected and the promise was that as soon as the matter was definitely acted on Wilson's filing would be made, as the rules of the land office did not permit a second filing to be made until the prior one was disposed of.

Yours truly,

L. J. Brown

Keystone Nev
October 11, 1920.

Mr L. F. Clark
Manhattan
Nev.

Dear Sir

just a few lines to let you know We are all
well hope you are enjoying the best of
health We are still having that dry and
dusty weather havent had no rain well
I like move my fence up and there is
water in Salisbury Wash and so that why
I like move my wire up some place
where can I get fine water. But you see
my garden all died. I can make ~~nothing~~ any
thing, its dry ranch I can make it, if lots of
water there I like stay. But there is
no water. Can I move my fence some place
where can I find the water? Please let
me know what I am going to do.

and I am here at Hot Creek now. We
going to dig Potatoes. What we plant here
I lose everything my garden in Saticum
Wash. you let me know about the wire
where can I move the wire. Where there
in lots of Water.

do you know where the lot of water
and I was so sorry to see my garden
die no water to put on Ranch.
that why I am asking you about
that.

I think in I can say now,
Please write soon and let me know
about that. Write to Hot Creek.

good by
Respectfully

Mrs Ronnie Patt
Hot Creek Nev.

Manhattan, Nev. Jan. 17, 1920.

Mrs Rosie Patt,
Hot Creek,
Keystone P. O. Nev.

Dear Mrs. Patt:

I received your letter and was sorry to hear of your losing your garden for want of water. I know this has been a dry year and would not advise your giving up the land unless you have something better in sight.

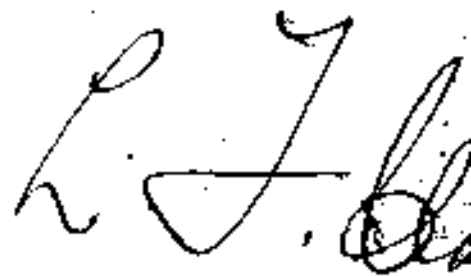
I do not know of any other place you can get just now. You have a right to take away your wife if you give up the place but if you do somebody else may go there as soon as you give it up.

I expect to be at Hot Creek soon and will see you there. I am sending your letter to the Indian Agent at Reno also a copy of this letter.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

CCPV TO: Mr. Dorrington.



*Mr. Clark
Headman
Spud's on the
at the place
knowing
was over
M. has ranch
South of Pine Creek
at Reno
5/21/24*

Reno Agency

Reno, Nevada,

July 9, 1921.

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Mr. Claude Keelmer,
Belmont, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention recently that you are using and occupying the lands of certain Indians at Pine Creek, in Monitor Valley, by grazing cattle thereon and other uses. My informant also stated this was thought to be through some verbal agreement with the Indians, notably Spud and Fisherman, who have leased pastures. The amount, if correctly stated, \$50.00 for the season, I think would be very inadequate return even if legally done.

I presume you are not aware that the lands occupied by these Indians are held under a 25 year restrictive clause and the Indian is not competent to lease or dispose of them in any way, except by and through the consent of the Reno Indian Office, of which Mr. Philip T. Emergen, is now superintendent, having succeeded Col. L. A. Dorrington recently. The penalty for dealing with the Indian in these matters is quite severe.

We assume that you have noted through ignorance in this matter and have no desire to cause you any unnecessary trouble. Therefore, would very much appreciate if you would submit without any unnecessary delay, a complete statement covering your side of the case, including therein the amount you agreed to pay, the length of time you are to use the property, the number of cattle you are running on the land and anything else of importance connected with the transaction.

Mr. ~~McClure~~ ^R

I understand that you have not cut any hay on the land and would suggest that until some better understanding has been reached, that you do not do so. If you consume all the pasture and also the hay that these Indians have, they will have nothing to feed their horses, when winter comes and consequently are liable to become discouraged, and thus open the way for further complaints and trouble.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the style of lease we use in these cases. In addition to the amount agreed upon for the use of the property, the Secretary of the Interior demands that an additional fee of \$5.00 be paid upon each and every lease. In cases where we lease Indian lands like these, the money is paid into our office and disbursed direct to the individual Indian without any expense to him. This method also protects the party who leases the land as well as the Indian.

Hoping to hear from you at a very early date,
We are

Yours very respectfully,

P. T. LOBERGAN

Superintendent

Per,

Lawrence C. Creel
Special Supervisor

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