

April 1888



Mr President Theodore Roosevelt

have been request to say something which may  
 be of benefit to me and my folk. I can say  
 you will help me to industry good and useful  
 life upon the world. There are several  
 hundred years ago this country of ours  
 was a wild land of woods and prairie  
 and swamps. There were no broad farms  
 no busy towns no road no rail road from  
 place to place. Stranger the land is  
 mine! I understand not these papers well  
 And now days he is become strong and  
 mighty and bold. he spread out his  
 parchment over the whole, and says  
 "It is mine land!" Stranger, there is  
 not room for us both.  
 I guess you realized what your  
 your fore father said, before the  
 north American the white man said of

red men brothers are had very good law  
indeed for grazing animal and grain  
upon it. Now days they made laws  
every thing what is we use to supply  
for our own food upon the world.  
That is all animal and such as a pig  
hens etc. But my opinions says they  
just like hog. And they are more for  
we have. But they are Emigrant  
from foreign country. I wish you  
will please let me have the horse.  
Will you objection about the land?  
ours for my sake. And I will be  
able do to for my life time period.  
And now days we have great  
argument about these matter our  
time are to. And we decided, we should  
have the piece of land. But we get  
tired of it helping white man better.  
And we will be able manage the

farm. Therefore we understand  
farm work and also irrigation. We are  
full blooded Indians wished to have  
a piece of land. And we dont like  
to live in reservations, but we rather  
live out side of the reservation. I am  
a student from United State Indian  
Industrial School of Carlisle, Pa.  
I did know Hon. Francis E. Tappan  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs and  
Hon. E. A. Hitchcock Secretary of the  
Interior. The following names are  
John S. Pabawena, William A. Pabawena,  
Mr. James M. Pabawena. If you will  
let us have the farm, send the outfit  
home stead for us fellows.

Yours truly

James M. Pabawena

P.S. These white men told us  
we got business killed deer, or  
etc. And I suppose we got to right  
killed our own fresh meat. because  
he got his own fresh meat. that is  
killed some stocks for his own  
but we have no stocks  
fresh meat. Well I will tell  
the fact or truth these white  
people do more damage we do  
than ever they killed the animals  
and throw away. You think  
it will be right? We had been hunting  
for a great while and we took all the  
fresh meat. You Indians do <sup>not</sup> hunting  
for any more. And the President of U. S.  
these white people told us. I did  
know whether they truth or  
no. you please let me know all  
this matter in state of Nevada, with



April 14, 1906

Subject: Carlisle  
Postoffice address  
of James M. Papawena.

The superintendent,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

The Office is in receipt by reference of the President,  
of a letter from James M. Papawena, who fails to give his  
postoffice address.

He says that he was at one time a student at your school,  
and it has occurred to the Office that possibly you can furnish  
his present address.

If you know where he is now living, please advise the Office.

Very respectfully,

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Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your Office letter (Land 34195/1908) dated the 14th instant, I have to say that the postoffice address of M. Pabawena is Death, Nevada. A letter dated at that place received from him here a few days ago.

Very respectfully,

*W. J. ...*  
Superintendent.

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April 23, 1908.

Subject:  
Relative to securing land,  
and the right to hunt and  
fish.

3/27/08  
Peter Babawena,  
Beath, Nevada.

My friend:

The Office is in receipt of reference of the President of our undated letter in which you express a wish to secure land outside of a reservation and request to be informed as to our right to hunt and fish without interference from the State officials.

It is possible for you, if you are a member of a tribe of Indians or entitled to be so recognized, to secure an allotment on the public domain under the fourth section of the act of February 5, 1887 (24 Stat. L., 388), as amended by the act of February 28, 1891 (26 Stat. L., 794). Your application for land should be made either through the nearest Indian agent or direct to the Register and Receiver of the local land office in whose district the land you wish to select lies.

Concerning your right to fish and hunt you are informed that the game laws of the State wherein you live apply equally to white men as well as Indians, and you are subject to the same

restrictions against hunting and fishing out of season that  
a white man would be,

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

LM

Dear Sir:

March 18 1912



I have wrote notes & two  
and promise sending to you my picture  
to 5 or three days ago. It you recognize me  
full blooded of face western shoshone  
an Indian Tribes in Elko Co. Nevada. I will  
enclosing my picture with my letter  
to you. But I suppose you will think  
I am belongs to the <sup>White</sup> ~~White~~ Indian  
tribe. I will not belong to any  
tribe. I am a citizen and long I have been  
raised at Star Valley, Delth & Wells Nev.  
I will request the Desert Land Circular  
number 1000, a circular Jan. 1909,  
a circular No 5, and also request the  
map of Elko Co. Nevada I will enclose  
15 cts for the Elko Co. Nevada map. I hope  
you will be succeed.

Truly yours

James M. Cabawena

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Allotments  
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Lands on the public domain.

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Mr. James M. Pabawena,  
Wells, Nevada.

FOR FILE

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 18, 1912, you are informed that the map and desert land circulars you refer to are evidently publications issued by the General Land Office, in respect to lands on the public domain, and it is suggested that you submit your request for information of this character to the Register and Receiver of the nearest local land office.

You say that you are an Indian of the Western Shoshone Tribe but that you "will not belong to any Indian reservation". While Congress has made special provisions for those Indians entitled to allotment under existing laws who make actual bona fide settlement upon any surveyed or unsurveyed public lands of the United States not otherwise appropriated, yet owing to the fact that there remains but a little desirable land on the public domain available for allotment the Office would advise you that if you have no tribal affiliation with the Indians of the region

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which you properly belong. This, of course, does not mean that you must remain on the reservation provided for your tribe in order to retain your rights as a member thereof.

For your information there is enclosed a copy of the General Allotment Act as amended, and your attention is invited especially to Section 17 of the Act of June 25, 1910, (36 Stat.L. 855-859), which now governs allotments on the public domain.

The eight two-cent stamps, enclosed with your letter, are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hanke

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Second Assistant Commissioner

APR 22 1872



Dear Sir,

I am sending you all I heard about this land matter, This is the treaty made at Ruby Valley. Treaty with western shoshone T63. Treaty of peace and Friendship made at Ruby Valley in the Territory of Nevada, this first day October A.D. one thousand eight hundred sixty three, between the United States and American Indians represented by the undersigned commissioners and the western Bands of the shoshoni nation of an Indian represented by their chiefs and principal men and warriors as follows. But all the old chiefs were dead and old Indians also nothing but younger Indians are living days but they did not know about their water & suppose. I will reporting to you another land matter at Ft Halleck with

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Francisco  
made after the treaty of peace and  
ship was made at Ruby Valley Indians, in the  
territory of Nevada. Capt. Smith Military  
and of Lincoln was given my great Grandpa  
cousin. That is the land at Ft. Halleck and  
also the houses upon it. My grandpa  
name of was Soldier Jim and another man  
was named Soldier Charley. Several  
years after Capt. Smith were given to  
the military land to them at Ft.  
Halleck and both of them were died.  
Ever since my grandpa was died the  
went worked to get my father, Indian cannot  
hold the military land or Government land  
account of no citizen in United States. But  
I am so afraid today tried to settle up  
at Ft. Halleck. But certainly I do like work  
on the farm. Please can you help me on

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are living today nothing but young  
and Indians living at present. Can  
you help me out impossible can please  
I will tell you the fact the agency  
Crowshee Nevada will not help Indians  
out sides of form is Reservation except  
under is case. Please can you send me  
Indian Affairs Laws and treaties

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treaties

with yours

J. M. Sabavona