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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As suggested by my wire of last night giving an estimate of thirty thousand dollars additional required to purchase lands for village homes for the remaining landless Indians of California, have the honor to submit the following as my justification for such estimate.

Del Norte County:

From best obtainable information it is estimated there yet remains not less than 50 landless Indians in Del Norte county, likely more than that number that may be properly considered homeless, in that a number of Indian allotments in that county are so very poor, rough and inaccessible as to be of little or no value.

The most of the remaining landless Indians of Del Norte county can hardly be properly designated bands or even remnant bands but more properly speaking individual families, usually drifting about, temporarily locating nearby where employment may be secured. This is largely true as to a considerable number of the remaining landless Indians of northern California.

The fact of so many remnant bands and individual families of landless and homeless, living largely after the manner of the country life, suggests for best results in many cases the purchase of small tracts of land at nominal cost, when to be found, for the individual family home, and it therefore follows that only an approximate estimate can be given.

It will likely require not less than \$1,500. to reasonably provide for the landless of Del Norte County, \$1,500.

Humbolt County:

What has been said of Del Norte county is largely true of Humbolt county, except that there are, I am sure, not less than 100 landless and needy Indians in last named county, to provide small tracts of land- a few acres at nominal cost- will likely require not less than, \$2,500.

Siskiyou County:

My knowledge of Siskiyou county is so indefinite that hardly an approximate estimate can be suggested. The county is very rough and mountainous, many of the Indians own either homesteads or allotments, and in most

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cases those that the landless are not likely to be needy as those differently situated in some of the other counties. There is little and not infrequently no objection of their pitching their tepees, pots and poles at most places inviting to the Indians.

My impression is however, it will require at least \$1,000 to meet the requirements of the most needy landless Indians of Siskiyou county, \$1,000.

#### Modoc County:

It will be recalled that a small tract of land has been purchased for the village home for the Indians at Cedarville in Modoc county, that land being what may be termed town Indians, in that they and their ancestors have lived in and near Cedarville since the beginning of that place. Also I understand that provision has been or will be made for the old and indigent landless and homeless needy Indians at Fort Bidwell, as I have heretofore suggested, by setting aside a small portion of the Government land there for their use.

Besides the two above named bands there are a few individual families and individual Indians in Modoc county that are landless and others virtually landless and needy for the reason their allotments are rather a burden than a blessing, being so rough, poor and inaccessible as to have no value.

These last named Indians live in and near the towns of Adin, Alturas, Canby, Happy Camp, Likely and Lookout and some few scattered through the mountain country traversed by the beautiful Pitt river. For the most needy it will require at least \$2,000 to provide homes, in most cases small acreages as individual homes for the family, \$2,000.

#### Lassen County:

The Indians of Lassen county are more of the country class than the town or village, chiefly of the family home kind, most of whom own allotments, though some of the allotments are of little or no value and as a rule not occupied by the owners.

There is no doubt but that \$1,000 or more could be used to good and proper advantage in the purchase of small tracts for small acreages for the most needy families in Lassen county, \$1,000.

#### Shasta County:

The conditions of Shasta county Indians are largely the same as those of Lassen county, in that they live almost entirely in the mountain portions of the county, along the Pitt River and McCloud rivers and Montgomery creek and their tributaries.

It will be noted that through my efforts three tracts of land have been purchased for as many separate bands of Indians of Shasta county, viz: Alex Patterson, WM. Harden and T.J. Henderson, situated on the streams above named.

There yet remains a few scattering families of landless



Indians along the streams named that I estimate could be provided for by the expenditure of \$1,000., \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.

#### Trinity County:

There are quite a few scattering landless Indians in Trinity county, confined mostly to the mountain portions.

I have been unable so far to ascertain as to the actual conditions of the Indians of this county, having only passed through by rail;

#### Tehama County:

Besides the bands of landless Indians at and near Paskenta, Corning and Tehama there are a number of landless families scattered over that county, to meet the requirements of the most needy I estimate it will require, \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500.

(See my former reports on Paskenta Indians)

#### Glenn County:

Not less than \$1,000 will be required for the purchase of adjoining additional land very much needed for the Grindstone Indians of Glenn county: In this connection see my former reports to the Office on these Indians, \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.

#### Mendocino County:

Besides the Indians at and near Hopland, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Sherwood there are quite a number of landless and needy scattered over that county, most of whom should be provided with small acreage tracts as individual family homes, for which I estimate it will require \$2,000. \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000.

#### Lake County:

There yet remains, as my former reports will show, a small band of needy landless Indians in Lake county, designated as Cache Creek-Indians, for whom it will require not less than \$1,000 to provide a small tract for a village home. (See my recent report on these Indians.) \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.

#### Colusa County:

To properly protect and secure a probable suitable home in lieu of the misfit heretofore purchased for the Cortina Indians of Colusa county I estimate it will require at least \$2,000. (See my former reports on these Indians) \$2,000.

#### Sacramento, Sutter and Yolo Counties:

I estimate that the suggested purchase of the 160 acres of land in Eldorado county adjoining the 80 acres purchased from Mrs. Thomas for the Eldorado Indians, which has been offered for \$1,400 will reasonably take care of the few scattering landless Indian families of Sacramento, Sutter and Yolo counties, \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,400.

(See my reports on ASacramento-Verono-Indians)

Sonoma County:

If ever available and suitable land may be found I estimate it will require not less than \$2,000 to secure a village home for the landless and needy Indian at and near Cloverdale in Sonoma county. (See my former reports on these Indians) \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000.

Marin County:

By reason of very high prices of land in Marin and adjoining counties I am reasonably certain it will require not less than \$3,000 to provide for the needy landless Indians at and near Marshall and Tomales Point in Marin county and the Bogeda Bay Indians just across the line in Sonoma county. (See my reports on these Indians) \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,000.

Butte County:

The four purchases of land in Butte county through my efforts, viz: Mooretown, Enterprise Nos. 1 and 2 and Mrs. Martin, son and family, fairly well provide for the Indians of Butte county. The Indians at Chico through the kind and generous disposition of Mrs. General ~~Blair~~ Bidwell have been provided with very neat little cottage homes.

Plumas County:

My recent investigations cause me to conclude that it will require at least \$1,000 to properly provide for the landless needy Indians of Plumas county, \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.

Sierra and Nevada Counties:

I am not sufficiently advised as to landless and needy conditions of the Indians of Sierra and Nevada counties to give an estimate.

Placer County:

The purchase of the 40 acre at Colfax for the village home of the Indians there will likely prove sufficient for the time for the landless Indians of Placer county.

Cavaleras, Tuolumne, Mariposa and Fresno Counties:

In my judgment it will require not less than \$5,000 to even reasonably provide small tracts for village homes for ~~the~~ the most needy landless Indians of Cavaleras, Tuolumne, Mariposa and Fresno counties. (See my reports in regard to the landless Indians of these counties) \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000.  
Total \$30,000.

The foregoing estimates do not take into consideration the pending proposed purchase at Lone in Amador county the old ancient village for the Indians at that place, at \$2,000, nor the estimated \$2,000 to take care of the Tache Indians of Kings county.



My impression is that these two last named propositions have already been considered hypothecated by the Office from appropriation for past fiscal year.

The foregoing estimates are only approximate minimum amounts necessary to meet the demands of the most needy landless and homeless Indians of California.

Nothing like an accurate estimate can be reached for the reason of the many varying conditions of the Indians, very high prices of lands in most of the California counties, almost universal prejudices against a nearby permanent Indian village or home and the small limit by reason of limited appropriation that can be applied for any one purchase.

Your wire requesting this information reached me here in Pala, having been repeated over phone from the Federal Building at Los Angeles, catching me away from all my data and files, except map of the State, having left my locker at Los Angeles, coming here in anticipation of before this meeting the Commissioner, therefore, have been unable to go more in detail and specific.

I sincerely trust the foregoing justification may prove satisfactory and sufficient for the purposes desired.

Very respectfully,

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Inspector, Indian Service.