

January 29, 1927.

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Lytton Ranch

Mrs. Belle Leroux,
Geyserville,
Sonoma County,
California.

My dear Mrs. Leroux:

This will acknowledge receipt of your valued favor of the 25th inst., having reference to purchase of land at Lytton for Dry Creek and Geyserville Indians and requesting information as to status of same at this time, stating that you desire to make mention of it in an address you are to deliver before the Woman's Club at Santa Rosa early next week.

You are respectfully advised that from all indications the deal for purchase of land from Mr. Gobbi, near Lyttonville School, will be closed at a reasonably early date, as all matters pertaining to the title were recently submitted to Washington and now only await final action by the authorities.

It is not my intention or desire to keep anything from the public which they are entitled to know, but you are fully aware of the unpleasant results following too much publicity in the past, and while it is not believed further protest will avail anything or disturb the deal, you should nevertheless be very guarded in your remarks, as the Lytton people have been so very unreasonable and inconsistent in the premises that we may expect anything.

Perhaps it will be better to not mention the Lytton land in particular when discussing the subject with your Club, but advise them that the land will undoubtedly be purchased and suggest that they (the Club) prepare to aid along the lines mentioned by you, with the understanding that any aid available is to apply to any land which may be purchased for the Indians; or, it may be that your Club women are broad enough and of such character that they can and will meet the situation squarely and join with a different spirit than have others. You must be the judge. But in

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any event they should be cautioned not to give out any unnecessary information at this time.

Congressman Lee is fully in accord with our plans and expressed his belief that the Lytton tract is the best we could secure.

With renewed expression of best wishes, I am always

Very sincerely,

L. A. Dorrington,
Superintendent.

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