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San Francisco, Calif., April 5, 1916

Mr. Mike Murray, (Indian)
Nicholous, Calif.

My Dear Murray:

In reply to my general report as to conditions of your and the homeless-landless- indians in the Sacramento Valley below Sacramento, as I wrote you from Los Angeles on the 16th, of Feby. last, the Office has approved of my suggestion of making an effort to secure a small tract of suitable land for a Village Home for those who may desire or able to take advantage of same, and I am now advising you in advance of reaching Sacramento that I hope to meet you there on my arrival, that we may make the effort along the line suggested.

I now expect to leave here to-morrow evening for Sacramento, likely via of Santa Rosa for one day, made necessary on account of pending proposed purchase of land near there, in which there is some unaccountable delay in abstract as required, and therefore will reach Sacramento by the 7th, instant, not later than the 8th.

I hope to meet you on my arrival, that we may discuss and do what seems best for your people. I trust before this you have taken the matter up with a number of the leaders of the landless and that

the suggestion of securing land to the east in the foot-hills of the Sierra Nevada Mts., where plenty of wood and pure healthy water, and possibly more or less land allotments worth while may be secured for the landless Indians, has met the approval of a number. FILED BY M. A. P.

Be sure to make every possible effort to meet me, or if not possible, kindly write at Sacramento, General Delivery, that I may be advised. Hoping to see you soon and that we may be able to secure a suitable home for a number of your landless people,

I am, truly,

Special Indian Agent.

(For Information Commissioner Indian Affairs)

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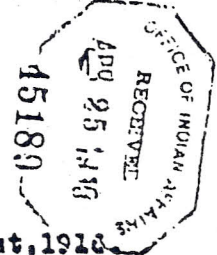
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Mr. Mike Murray,
Nicolaus, Calif.

Santa Rosa, Calif., April 21st, 1918

Dear Mike:

This is to tell you that I was very much disappointed in the Edwards land. While it has plenty of good spring water and possibly enough of wood, but not too plenty, the entire 80 acres does not have more than 5 or 6 acres of agrl. land, and that not of the best. Take the entire 80 acres I consider it very sorry and poor, too poor and rough to serve the desired purposes of a Village Home for your people. I am, however, glad to be able to inform you that I found 160 acres of land adjoining the 80 acres for which negotiations are being closed for the purchase of Mrs. L.H. Thomas for the El Dorado Indians, which the owners have agreed to take \$1400-00 that will make an ideal Indian Village, adjoining the 80 acre Thomas tract to the north. At least $\frac{1}{2}$ if not $\frac{2}{3}$ of this 160 acres is fairly good agrl. land and that that will not pay to cultivate is good grass land, except possibly 2 to 3 acres taken up by two small branches running through and coming together on the tract. It is well watered by springs and water can be had by wells at shallow depths, and has enough of wood for domestic uses for all time to come. Possibly the 160 acres has 2000 cords of wood now standing in the tree. I forwarded by yesterday's mail written proposition for the owners to sign obligating them to convey to the Government this 160 acres and will as soon as same is returned to me forward same with my recommendation to the Office urging approval for the purchase of this land for a Village Home

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for your people, that is, the remnant bands of Verona, Nicolans, Sacramento and the Sacramento Indians, according to the census between 70 and 75 Indians. I regret that you were financially unable to accompany me to see this land; however, can assure you that it is far better land than the 80 acres offered by Mr. Edwards at his price of \$2,000.00. I regard this 160 acres worth at least four times as much as his 80 acres, and therefore, congratulate myself that I was so fortunate as to find as much as 160 acres as good land that owners have agreed to take \$1400.00. They first wanted \$1,800.00, then came to \$1,600.00 and at last came to my offer of \$1,400.00. One of the greatest advantages of this 160 acres is the fact that it adjoins the 80 acres that will soon be the Village Home of the El Dorado Indians, there being a beautiful point in the dividing line between the two tract for the location of a school and church houses. The Railroad of the S.P. Co. runs through the south end of the 80 acre Thomas tract. This 160 acres is about one mile, possible $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Cummings Station on the S.P. Ry. Now Mike, as soon as you can possibly find the time go among all your people, bands above mentioned, and tell them all about this matter and find out who and how many will in course of time join you and your relations in making a home on this 160 acres in event the Office approves my recommendation to purchase. writing me fully results. If you can you had likely best first go and see this land. George Smith, Indian, who knows you, lives on the 80 acre Thomas tract, ~~and~~ will take great pleasure in showing you over the land. His home is in sight of the Cummings Station. Be sure to take this up with Chief Alex Blue, Bill Joe and the Adams Indians at Sacramento. Write me fully as soon as you can.

*Address me
at Sacramento* Your friend,

Special Indian Agent.