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Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Relative to the above references in the interests of the above named Indians I have the honor to report that at last have been able to make the long anticipated trip with the Indian, Mike Murray, one of the leading men of these Indians.

Being unable to cause Murray to join me here in that trip, in that, his employment gathering corn had taken him away so far from his post office that he failed to get my last letter, necessitated my revisit to his camp home some 35 miles up the Sacramento river from here.

As a result of our trip beg to report the following named Indians who are anxious and will join others heretofore reported in the contemplated village home, in the event of the purchase of the proposed 160 acres of land from Mr. W. J. Meldrum of this City, viz: George Hyland $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, about 50 years old, wife

Rosa $\frac{1}{2}$ blood 35 years old and 4 children, names, sex and exact ages not known, ages from about 5 to 15, and three children by a former wife, deceased, Harry $\frac{3}{4}$ blood, age 38, Ollie $\frac{1}{2}$ blood 47 years old and Judie $\frac{1}{2}$ blood age 22, _____ 9

Mose Hyland a full blood 60 years old, _____ 1

Charley Kellogg, $\frac{1}{2}$ blood 32 years old, wife

Mary a full blood 35 years old and daughter, Evalyne $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 years old, _____ 3

William Joseph (Bill Joe) a full blood 60 years old, a widower with 3 own children and 3 grandchildren, all largely depending on "Old Bill Joe" for support, his 3 children, Lena 23 a full blood, wife of G.A. Orr a $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, said to be a general "rounder", and therefore, the necessity of Bill Joe looking after the 3 grandchildren: Pat Lillie a full blood 14 years old and Pat a full blood 7 years old

The grandchildren are, Maude 12, Frankie 10 and Francis S. (Orr) all $\frac{1}{2}$ blood. Old Bill Joe informed me that he has sent his three grandchildren with his daughter Lena to Ft. Lapoway School,

..... 8.

Mrs. Jane Lewis 60 years old and full blood, .. 1.

B. J. Frost $\frac{1}{2}$ blood 38 years old and his

wife Mary $\frac{1}{2}$ blood and about the same age, 8.

Total, .. 24.

It will be noted by reference to my original report,

see letter of January 4, 1916, that census at that time gave 34 Indians, including 3 or 4 Hawaiian Indians, heads of families.

As heretofore reported it is not likely that these Hawaiian Indians or their families will desire to join in this proposed new home, at least for a number of years yet.

My information is that these Hawaiian's who married the native California Indian women, mostly full bloods, are very much attached to their women and children, therefore, will not likely desert them.

By recent talk with "Old Jim Murray", Sr., ^{learned} that he was born on the Hawaiian Island but came to this country about 40 years ago and soon after took his wife Annie a full blood.

He is the step-father-in-law of Mike Murray and is very desirous to join with his family Mike and other Indians in this proposed new home. He is getting quite old and will not likely be able to do hard work many years longer, soon to leave a dependent family. The probabilities are that sooner or later most, if not all the Indians of these Hawaiian Indians, will desire to go upon this home. At least after their deaths, as will be noted from census they are growing old, their families will surely desire to identify themselves with these, or rather, reidentify themselves with these two remnant bands.

We were unable to see Indian Alex. Blue or any member of his family, tho we camped one night in his yard, learning later that they were all away attending a dance. I am of the opinion that as long as he may be able to remain on the small plat of ground on which he has built his home, near two acres, improvements consisting of a fairly good 4 room residence and good barn and other outside improvements, neither he or any members of his family will desire to join in this new home; tho, in event of the alledged claimants of this land forcing his removal, which is likely sooner or later to occur, he and his family will surely desire to remove, this proposed new home.

In my opinion there will be from time to time landless Indians of small remnant bands now scattered in the counties of Eldorado and adjoining to the south and west who will desire to take refuge in this proposed home.

The chief trouble has been and will continue that, these non-reservation Indians (landless) having to live from hand to mouth, are hardly able to take advantage of these land purchases, not financially able to secure material sufficient to erect even a cheap house, therefore, with many the taking advantage of such opportunities will be slow.

From the fact this proposed purchase has been pending so long, as appears from Mr. Meldrum's proposition of date Oct. 3, 1916, would suggest, in event of approval of my recommendation, that same be closed out at the earliest possible date.

It seems that Mr. Meldrum has concluded the proposed sale off from the fact ~~that~~ he has caused some 25 to 30 cords of fire wood to be cut and taken off the land. However, there is ample wood

left for all domestic uses for all time to come.

As appears from my files the Office has received copies of all letters I have received from Mr. Meldrum in connection with this proposed purchase and carbons of all my letters in reply thereto; however, from my files it appears his last letter dated Sept. 12, 1916, reads as followst: "Will be able to get every thing cleared up this week at least, have all deeds ready this afternoon. Are you still in Bakersfield let me know at once." To which I replied Sept. 18, 1916, from Bakersfield, carbon furnished the Office.

In the event my request for leave of absence to visit my Texas home is granted, beg to suggest that until further advised, all communications from the Office should be addressed to me at Austin, Texas, 207 West 21st. Street, as that event, I shall leave some point in California for home on the 10th. instant, expecting to return to some point where I shall leave my auto and camp outfit, of which the Office will be later advised, by the 8th. January.

Inasmuch as this proposed purchase has been pending for some time and the fact it is exceedingly difficult to secure suitable and available lands for the landless Indians of California, sincerely trust that with this supplemental report together with my former reports, the Office will deem it advisable to approve my recommendation to purchase the land offered by Mr. Meldrum.

Very respectfully,

John J. Ferrell
Inspector, Indian Service.