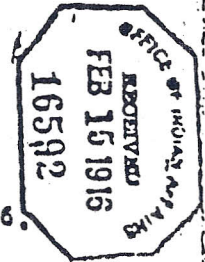


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Los Angeles, Calif., 2/10/1916.



Mr. M. O. Murray (Indian)
Nicolaus, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th, of January last reached me on my arrival here on the 8th, instant. I am pleased to be able to inform you that in response to my report as to the conditions and needs of your people at Nicolaus, Verona and those in the Sacramento valley the Department at Washington by letter of the 22th, ~~instant~~ ultimo, has advised that it favors the purchase of a small tract of land for the combined bands above named, if such tract can be found suitable and for sale at reasonable price. In this connection I am instructed to try and secure a definite offer for such tract in the most suitable location for a Village Home for the combined bands named.

As you likely recall, according to the census you kindly assisted me in compiling, there are 4 of you at your place, 15 at Verona and 15 in or near Sacramento, total 34; and according to census of the Indians in the Sacramento valley some 25 to 30 miles to the south of Sacramento there are about 35 more, making about 70 in all.

I will suggest that you kindly give as much of your time as you possible can to visiting and developing an interest among all of your people that might desire to leave the valley country and locate on a permanent Village Home on a suitable small tract of land where plenty of wood for domestic use and good water and sufficient land for gardening and orchards may be found.

I am unable at this time to advise just when I may be able to

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reach your locality, but likely within the next 4 to 6 weeks; at which time I hope to be able to find for sale at reasonable price the suitable tract of land suggested by the Office at Washington.

Also try and conclude as to probable best location, that is, the most suitable locality in the mountains or foot-hills of the mountains to the east of the Sacramento valley.

As suggested to you when at your home the combining of your several small bands, aggregating about 70 Indians, will result in sufficient children in the school age to insure an exclusive Indian day school. The value of such school cannot be overestimated.

Realizing that our Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Cato Solis, very greatly appreciates the commendable spirit manifest in your letter, to every way possible to better your own and your people's condition, have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Office with carbon copy of this letter to you.

On account of the limited appropriation for the purchase of land and time required and visiting the many bands and remnant bands of needy and homeless Indians, you people will have to exercise considerable patience and be generous enough to begin with a small tract of land for your permanent Village Home. I assure you that I shall do every thing in my power to every way possible better the condition of your people at the earliest possible date, and to this ^{heartily} and am pleased to assure you I have the sympathy and support of our Indian Commissioner. If occasion to write me before I shall again reach your locality, address me at Wakersfield, for should same not reach me there proper orders will have been given for forwarding.

Trusting that we will be able to accomplish some thing worth while for your people in the near future, I am,

Truly your friend