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 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
 OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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Authority is hereby granted for you to expend, during the fiscal year 1916, from

- (1) Purchase of Land for Landless Indians in ..... \$  
 (2) California, ..... \$ 1500 00  
 (3) ..... \$  
 (4) ..... \$

for the following:

OBJECT.	UNIT PRICE.	AMOUNT.
<p>In the purchase of the E<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> of the SW<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> of Sec. 29, Twp. 10 North, Range 10 E., M.L.K., Eldorado County, California (except a strip 100 feet wide for right of way), containing 80 acres, more or less, from Mrs. Lucy H. Thomas for the benefit of the Eldorado Band of Landless California Indians, at a cost of per acre,</p> <p>Payment to be made after valid unencumbered title is placed on record as vested in the United States. Payment to be made by Indian Office.</p> <p>Original to Auditor in claim of Lucy H. Thomas            No. 288213</p> <p>SETTLED JUN 9 1916            MAY 17 1916            (Signed) Bo Sweeney,</p>	15.75	1500 00
TOTAL		1500 00

**AUTHORITY**



This sheet to be detached and retained by Disbursing Officer.

And recorded in Vol. 6 page 447  
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Commissioner  
 Indian Affairs,  
 Washington, D.C.

COPY.—To be filed by the disbursing officer with proper voucher in his copy of memorandum account.

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Land-Allotments.  
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Mr. J. J. Terrall,  
U. S. Special Indian Agent,  
General Delivery,  
Sacramento, Calif.

MAY 11 1916

My dear Mr. Terrall:

There are inclosed herewith warranty deed, abstract of title and Solicitor's opinion of May 3, 1916, concerning the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land in Eldorado County, California, from Mrs. Lucy R. Thomas, (widow), in consideration of \$1500. This land is being purchased for the benefit of approximately 48 Indians of the Eldorado Band.

As you will note from the Solicitor's opinion, a good title is vested in the grantor and her deed will vest a good title in the United States. You are therefore directed to have the inclosed deed properly placed on record in Eldorado County and have the abstract brought down to the date of the recordation of the deed. This should be done by the Company which compiled the abstract, namely the Pierce-Bouquit Abstract and Title Company, of Placerville, California.

When this has been done return the deed and abstract to this Office and the grantor's claim for the purchase price will be settled as soon as possible.

INITIALING COPY FOR FILE yours,  
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Acting Chief Clerk.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Land-Allotments DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

El Dorado  
Indians.

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior.



Sir:

The Office has the honor to enclose herewith the abstract of title and warranty deed covering the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land in El Dorado County, California from Lucy H. Thomas (widow) in consideration of \$1500 for the benefit of 53 homeless Indians, known as the Dorado band.



Attention is invited to the fact that there is excepted in the deed a strip of land 100 feet wide, conveyed by Martin Thomas to A. Mierson et al. This conveyance appears on page 6 of the enclosed abstract and covers a strip 50 feet in width on each side of the located line of the Shingle Springs and Placerville Railroad.

All accrued taxes on the land have been paid and the receipt is incorporated in the abstract.

Special Agent Terrell's report of September 2, 1915, shows that this is the only tract which he has been able to find which is suitable for the use of this band of Indians and that they will be well pleased to have it for a permanent home. Many years ago an Indian village was located on this

land. There is plenty of wood there, fairly good soil and good water near the surface.

The Office is satisfied that this purchase would be beneficial to the interests of this band of Indians and therefore recommends that all the enclosed papers be referred to the Solicitor for the Interior Department for an examination and opinion as to the state of the title. When this opinion is received the Office proposes to take all necessary steps to clear the title as the Solicitor may require. It is understood that no payment is to be made until after a valid, unencumbered title shall have been placed on record as being in the United States.

In view of the fact that the grantor is reported by Mr. Terrell to be anxious to close up this transaction at an early date, it would, therefore, be appreciated if the above examination can be made special.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Referred to the Solicitor for the Interior Department for examination and opinion as requested, such examination to be made special, if possible.

Enclosure 14300.

Assistant Secretary.