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Moqui Pueblo Indian Agency
Arizona Territory
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Sir:

I have the honor herewith to report that owing to the Ute, Navajo & Mormon trouble, my Indians - Moquis - being very timid - refused to move to the place I had selected for them, at Moencopy. There is a small Mormon settlement some eight miles from Moencopy, another on the Colorado Chiquito fifteen miles distant and they contemplate putting up an out post at Moencopy. Notwithstanding, I advised them that I would move my Indians there. These operations on the part of the Mormons & the late trouble between them and the Navajos and the threatened Ute trouble, has frightened my people from the place. In consideration of the above state of affairs, I have acted on your first instructions and have commenced building an Agency Eighteen miles east from the present Moqui Villages in a canon; quite a pretty place, and sufficiently extensive for an Agency, and near enough to be among my Indians. Some of these Indians will always live here, in this canon; so that if my proposition to move the people to Moencopy, is ultimately carried out, there will be Indians from the Agency to Moencopy. I think under any circumstances that are likely to arise the present place a desirable one, for an Agency head quarters.

I respectfully ask that I be permitted to define a reservation sufficiently large to shut out these Mormons, making my western boundary far west of them, and to extend east to the present Moqui Villages, a large scope of country, but a great

speaks of it worthless, and when it should become necessary it could be surrendered again to the United States. I would include the Colorado Chiquito a desirable place, and I think sufficiently large to accommodate the Pimo Indians. On rect of authority I will examine all the country referred to and report.

With Agent Amey I think it necessary, to avoid trouble to shut out these Mormons from too near an approach to our reservations, and to do that, they must be driven from Moancopy & the Colorado Chiquito. I would respectfully request that you advise me with reference to the foregoing, as early as convenient.

I commenced building Agency house last month: the plan is for six rooms; the walls are nearly up; stone foundation of six feet at the highest point and about four feet at the lowest. the house will be stone & sun dried bricks, or Adobe. I cannot carry out my plan for the Agency, building fences stables, outhouses &c. with One thousand Dollars furnished and herewith enclose Estimate for five hundred dollars more, to complete it.

We are holding school in the house purchased for that purpose with money furnished — $500.00 — it is not complete, but can finish & furnish with benches &c. with the amount. Mr Rawlings teacher since the 1st of this month has fine success with the children he has seventeen (17) on the rolls besides giving from two to fifteen individual lessons daily. I have before, repeatedly, called the attention of the Department to the importance of granting more schools for these people. The school referred to above is in one of the villages, and there are seven villages. They want and need a mill & other improvement for which I have estimated for.

The season has been particularly favorable; heavy rains & rains — the Indians anticipate a large crop this year.

I have purchased another team for use at Agency. We are so isolated we are dependent upon ourselves. One team was not equal to the demand, not for them in drawing heavy timbers, and it was impossible to hire it done. I thought that when the business was so to dispose of them it could draw without loss. I would respectfully ask your approval of the purchase.

The health of my people is very good. I would respectfully call your attention again to the importance of more schools, and to my letter of late date on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant
W. S. Defrees
Moqui Ind. Agt

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