

Carls, Arizona, March 1st, 1909.

H. F. Robinson, Esq.

Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the different propositions as made to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. I believe that the proposition No. 2. is the one that should be tried. I will also add to the price so offered to the Commissioner fifteen % which will cover fully the higher price of feed and also of work under the government rules. Such as paying the same price for Ind. labor, cash payments, and doing all work to be performed that they can do, by Indians. In consideration of the Gov. doing this work I will turn over to the Gov. all my ditches, flumes and improvements on the ditch which runs to my farm. While here you were doubtful as to whether the Indians would use the water or not. I have faith in their doing it. Will also guarantee that the ditch will be cleaned to four miles from the reservoir by the Indians themselves and keep in condition to run water, except where flumes or headgates are destroyed by floods. In making this agreement with you, I consider that at the present time I have to do it to get the water to my place, and the keeping it in repair for two miles more will be only a very small expense to me in case the Indians fail to do it. The benefits accruing to this community, would more than offset the little expense that I would have. In other words I have perfect that the Indians in this community will use the water, and would not want Gov. help except in extraordinary cases of destruction by flood of flumes and headgates. Would prefer for the Gov. to put in the headgates and outlets, as you have at Ft. Defiance farmers who can do the work and are under regular employment.

Yours really,

J. L. Powell.

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