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Hon Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
Washington
D.C.

Sir:—

During the month of June the work outlined in last monthly report made very fair progress, all things considered. The delays in the arrival of timbers for the dam seriously hampered us and prevented us from making as good a showing as we otherwise would. The repairs to buildings were driven as rapidly as circumstances would permit but the work as far has done little more than reveal the deplorable condition of the buildings and the decay of all materials in

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The unlawful traders on the reservation to which reference was made in last monthly report were removed twice by me during June; first by order, the second time in person.
This was reported in letter of June 20th.

I also settled some trouble at Tamen's spring which was badly complicated at one time. The Indians have been removed from that vicinity and I am to have a talk with them and finally settle the matter on the 15th July. This was also reported in letter of June 20th.

My observations lead me to expect a good crop of corn this season. Everywhere I have been it looks well and with the

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near approach of the rainy season a general feeling of security and the growing crops seemed to prevail.

During the month the Farmer has been kept busy supervising the work on the dam and ditch, the making of adobes for school fence and the work of repairs to buildings during the temporary absences of the Agent in the field. The watchman and herder attended to the duties of their respective positions and the three irregular Indian employees were kept busy in Agency work care of stock &c.

We employed twenty Indian laborers on the dam and ditch on the first of June which force was afterward increased to

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thirty five, and a white man employed as foreman.

Eight Indians were also put at work under supervision of the Farmer, making adobes for school fence.

This work will be continued during July, modified as may be by circumstances.

Being without any data as to number of employés to be allowed for the fiscal year '84, I cannot outline the work for them for July. There is plenty to do.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
L. M. B. Riordan

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