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Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Under instructions contained in office letter dated May 12th 1901 Authy. 26617 I commenced work on the reservoir at the point indicated on plat made by Lieut J. M. Stotsenberg and after digging to a depth of 2½ feet the water supply failed or showed to be only a seepage and not springs. In order to secure a sufficient supply of water I was obliged to locate the reservoir about 200 feet north of the point selected by Lieut Stotsenberg and dig a ditch 1000 feet long and from 4½ to 6 feet deep and lay a rock drain as a feeder to the same. I have secured an abundance of water. The ditch from the reservoir to the agency is dug about two thirds of the distance and the pipe is laid about 1000 feet.

This additional labor has cost considerable

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and the six hundred dollars authorized to pay for the labor has been expended. It will require at least five hundred dollars ($500.00) more to complete the reservoir, ditch, and lay the pipe and I therefore ask authority to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred ($500) dollars in the employment of labor, at rates not exceeding those authorized in office letter of May 12th 1891. Circ. 26617. for the purpose of completing the water works system. It is important that this authority be granted at an early date as, since the dams were washed out, we are suffering considerable inconvenience from lack of water.

Very respectfully

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U. S. Indian Agent

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