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David L. Shipley, Esq;

U.S. Indian Agent, Navajo Agency,

Fort Defiance, Arizona Territory,

Via Gallup, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 13th, 1891, transmitting therewith one containing a proposition by Messrs. Jones and Bowman, members of the Aztec Cattle Company, Holbrook, Arizona, to establish a boundary line commencing at Sanders' store on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad and running nearly due west to the Little Colorado River, and about 15 miles north of the railroad, for grazing purposes, north of which line the Indians should be required to keep their stock, and south of which the whites should be permitted to graze unmolested by the Indians. Said parties request the approval of their proposition by this Office.

In reply I have to advise you that this Office has no such control over the public lands of the United States as would justify it in dividing the same into grazing districts in

the manner and for the purpose indicated and you will so

advise Messrs. Jones and Bowman.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) R. V. Belt.

Acting Commission