Navajo. N.M.

Fort Defiance Ariz Aug 26 1884

Hon. Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of your communication dated August 16th 1884 [To 14586 - 14572 and 15300.] I herewith submit an Estimate for the purchase of Stallions Marmo. Ewes, Material for doors, Casing's Windows &c, to help the Indians build houses For a supply of Sheep Shears, and Cook Stoves for the Indians. This estimate is based upon the presumption that the Annuity, Goods and Supplies purchased for the Navajos, for the fiscal Year Ending June 30th 1885, are paid from the appropriation x x x "To subsist, and "properly care for the Apache, and other Indians "in Arizona and New Mexico who have been "or may be collected on Reservations, in New Mexico or Arizona. Two hundred and Eighty thousand

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clothing x x x.

In opening Springs, and in the construction of Ditches, Reservoirs and I confined to the $40,000 — Appropriated for the Support & Civilization of the Navajoes? If not then the Navajoes are justly entitled to a larger portion of the $50,000 appropriated for x x x "Construction of irrigating ditches on Indian Reservations" x x x

I am of the opinion that at least $20,000 should be expended at once upon the Navajo Reservation, in developing water, as it is simply an arid waste supporting stumps to say 20,000 Indians with their stock, where a little number of White, could not possibly subsist even for a short time

Earnestly hoping this Estimate will receive your favorable consideration, or so much thereof as is consistent with the appropriations made and provided.

Very respectfully,

John H Bowman
U.S. Indian Agent

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