UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

NAVAJO Agency,

Fort Defiance, A.T.

May 31, 1893.

Major D.L. Shipley,

Yale, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—

In a letter to the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated December 19th, 1892, referring to the land near Red Lake, to be by the M.E. Missionary Society, you state that the consent of the Indians, for the use of the land and the erection of the necessary buildings, was obtained both verbally and in writing. The Indians living in the vicinity, including Chee, Pesh-la-kai, George and Gambler, state me that the consent of the Indians for the use of that particular ground was never given. I cannot find the paper, on which they gave their consent in writing, or any record of it and Mr. Diehl says he knows nothing of it. The Indians claim that the paper signed was for the use of land near Pueblo Colorado.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience what was done with the paper, referring to the land near Red Lake, if such was obtained.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E.H. Rummer,

1st Lieut. 10th Infantry,

Acting Agent.

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