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Moqui Indian Reservation
Keam's Canon P.O. Apache
County Arizona

Dated September 19th 1893.

John S. Mayhugh U.S.
Special Allotment Agent

Letter relating to the allotment work of Orabi Moqui people and asking instructions under existing circumstances

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN ~~SCHOOL~~ Land SERVICE,
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT~~, Allotment-Agent
Keams Canon P.O. Apache County
Arizona

Hon. D. M. Browning
Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sept 19th 1893.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Finch U.S. Deputy Surveyor Kendner have commenced the work of making the new surveys for the Orabi Band of Moquis. I accompany him for the purpose of making allotments as the work progresses and to see the surveys are made with dispatch and that the work is properly performed, also to select suitable land from the tracts heretofore recommended to your Hon. Office for survey which was in due time ordered to be surveyed thereby enabling the allotment work to be completed and giving the Orabis land they earnestly desired.

~~This work was commenced September 4th 1893. When I arrived at the Orabi Village I informed Chief Lo, Lo, Lo, me~~ that I came to make new surveys as Washington said there was not enough good land surveyed for all his people including those of Hay-be-mers band) in the vicinity of their Mesa and homes and that when the new surveys were finished I would allot all of the old surveyed land to them and I wanted him to furnish me a good Interpreter and other help that I should need in the work and that I further wanted

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his people to come down off their Mesa Village and show me the land they claimed so I could show them their boundaries as the new surveys progressed. He replied that some of his people had gone to hunt deer and could not be present for some time and that some of the old men and women were herding sheep and they could not be around but most of the men were in their corn fields watching and protecting them from the horses and Burro's that those in the corn fields would show me each his tract. I told Lo Lo Lo mi I would rather they all would be present in person as it might not be satisfactory to those away who were engaged in herding and hunting but he assured me it would be all right with his people and further all of his head men agreed that whatever Lo, Lo, Lo, mi said or done in the land matter would be satisfactory to them and to all his people that himself and his people wanted their lands - to prove his good faith Lo Lo Lo mi offered his services as Interpreter alternate days with another head man - Chief Lo-Lo-Lo-mi professes to know all of the tracts of land claimed by his people and the names of each owner also those of the hostiles. (Hay-be mers band) I believe he does as he is smart and intelligent

In making these new surveys we often have to pass through and around the cornfields bean and melon patches belonging to the objective party under Hay-be-mers leadership

My Interpreter gives me the names of the owners

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of the fields and shows me their extent. Some time the claimant (a hostile) is present but will not talk to me or the Interpreter when we pass through and around his field — We passed through Chief Hay-be-mers cornfield while he was at work and he made no objection. I stopped to talk with him about his land but he refused to talk about land ~~but asked me~~ for some matches and a drink of water which I gave him - he called for Tobacco for a smoke which the Surveyor furnished him he seemed a little sullen at first but shook hands when I left.

I thought it best to take the names of Hay-be mers people as I went along their cornfields and a description of the land with the legal subdivision where their tract was situated so the land could be given them in the future without further re-~~tracing or locating~~ of the same and as a matter of justice so they would really get the land they claim allthough they refuse allotments now. But this however is of not so great importance as would seem at first all of the land surveyed and being surveyed is of the same character and produces the same kind of crops - Corn - beans - melons & squashes

Now under this state of facts shall I proceed to allot first to Lo Lo Lo-mi and his people

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which number over 500 persons under the above stated conditions also to Hay be mer and his people the respective tracts they now occupy and claim through the medium of an Interpreter who knows their land and respective names I shall I allot to Lo-Lo-Lo-mi and his people as they now desire it allotted I shall I only complete the new surveys ordered by your Hon office-

Lo Lo Lo mi and his people proffess to be glad to take their land in the way above described and they constitute over two thirds of these Orabi Nogues. If permitted to give Lo Lo Lo mi and his people the land as they are now willing to take it, shall I out the tracts belonging to Hay be mer and his band as they often adjoin the tracts claimed by Lo-Lo Lo mi and his people, it sometimes occurs they are alternate claims in the order of surveying sometimes part of Hay be mers cornfields would be in the same 40 or so that Lo Lo-Lo mi peoples corn fields are situated, that is a part of the field All of the lands are held in common and so farmed and when I ask Hay-be mers people where their certain pieces of land are, with a general sweep of both hands they point to all the land around for miles and miles

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It seems that the chiefs and head men control the land and have heretofore and now parcel the land out and designate each season what land shall be cultivated - they rarely cultivate the same tract more than a year or more than a season or two letting it rest, then clear off another piece in any direction it suits their fancy - These Indians will get all the good land - all the water and this land being the same they have cultivated for generations and I think it will be more satisfactory for them to take the land the way Chief Lo Lo Lo mi suggests (of course giving each Indian an 40 or 80) as they will pay no attention to the surveyed lines and work their land as heretofore and Hay-be-mer and his people will continue to cultivate as heretofore and Lo Lo Lo mi does not object - and they get along peacably and harmonious in this way, time and education and further intercourse with the whites will eventually settle these people on their respective tracts - this seems to be the only solution of this question

The new surveys now being made cover their most choice pieces and Lo-Lo-Lo mi and his people seem glad to have these additional surveys and are doing their best to have Hay-be-mer and his band take their land also with them

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If allowed to proceed to complete the work of allotment under the existing conditions herein mentioned I see no reason why the whole work may not be fully completed by the middle of November

In view of these facts I most respectfully ask to be instructed at your earliest convenience as to how I shall proceed in this matter

Yours Very Respectfully
John S. Maybugh
U.S. Special Allotment Agent

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