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Perhaps it would be well to tell them about the 4 years clause in the Gen. Allot. act

Consider the whole question carefully

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Keams Canon P.O. Apache Co.
Arizona

Dated Feb 14th 1893

John S. Mayhugh U.S.
Special Allotment & Dsbg. Agt

Letter requesting additional surveys for the Orabi Indian and other matters relating thereto

Read carefully. It seems to me we ought not to send [illegible] we have [illegible] the Magnus, when an [illegible] as to whether they will take [illegible] allotments

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United States Indian Service,

Reams Canon P.O. Apache Co. ~~Agency~~, Arizona

February 14th, 1893.

Hon T. J. Morgan,
Comm'r Indian Affairs,
Washington D.C.,

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that the allotment work has progressed thus far very satisfactory and if the surveys called for in my letter of Oct 14th 1892 could be made soon I see no reason why the allotments to the Indians of the East and middle Mesas comprising six villages out of the seven and numbering over 1150 persons could not be fully completed by the 30th of June the present year or sooner. At present there is not sufficient 1st & 2nd rate corn-bean and melon land ~~for~~ surveyed. There is yet quite a lot of surveyed land unallotted for the reason that it is either 3rd rate land or is too great a distance from water and for these reasons the Indians will not accept it for allotments.

The Oraibis still refuse to take their land in severally. I have had several conferences

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or talks with them comprising the head men of both factions for the purpose of inducing them to accept their allotments but so far without avail. I have set forth the great advantage they would derive as a people by accepting their land in severalty pointing out the humane purposes of your Office on their behalf, but they have so far declined for various frivolous reasons Lo, Lo, Lo, mi the Chief of the Crabis has on three occasions agreed to take his land and when I was ready he would decline saying he was afraid the hostile faction under Hab-be-mer and others. However on the 1st of October he said he would take his land and influence his people to do the same so I hastened with my surveyor and Interpreter to commence the work of allotment but upon my arrival he wanted to talk and kill time but I remained over three days waiting on him finally he said he was afraid of Hab be mer's people some 300 out of the 800 Crabis commonly called here the hostiles - Lo Lo Lo mi said that the Hab be mer crowd would kill him - What truth there was in this assertion of Lo Lo Lo mi I do not know as

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I have found him unreliable and a very cunning old chief - I told him - you say you are a big Chief and why are you afraid to take your land - he made no reply - so I was obliged to return with the surveyor & supplies -

After Hab be men and other head men returned from Fort Wingate where they had been imprisoned ~~and~~ who are the leaders of the 300 hostile Orabis I concluded it would be in the interest of the allotment work to see him in person (as he had not been present to any of the former allotment councils) and fully explain to him the allotment law and the purposes of the Government in their behalf - I took an Interpreter and in company with Peter Hauffer the General Mechanic and Farmer here, who speaks the Moqui language went up to the Orabi Village and to the house of Hab, be, men on the 18th of January 1893 and had quite a long talk with him and a number of his people were present I fully explained to him the allotment law and my instructions and the benefit of same to him and his people - he replied in substance saying that all the land belonged to the Moqui tribe and that they wished to be let alone - that they were satisfied with

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their land as they now held it in common that they did not understand the Washington surveys or marking - that they did not want white people among them - that Washington and the white men lied to them - these objections with others equally as frivolous I answered to the best of my ability in harmony with my instructions and the allotment Act - finally after three hours talk back and forth he admitted it might be better to accept some of the white mans ways and that he and his people would talk the matter over and they might take their land next summer when they would be all at work watching their crops - we then bid each other good bye at the same time promising me on his part he would call and see me soon at my office and have another talk I am now of the opinion these people will finally take their allotments this coming summer but before the work of allotment shall have commenced some additional surveys must be made as I find in making the allotments for the adjoining Mesa (Sho-mo-po-vee) and consulting the Township plats on file in my office I find there is not over 28,000 to 29,000 acres available for allotment for the Orabis

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near water and in vicinity of the Mesa where their corn fields are of 1st + 2nd class land - The Orabi Villages contain 853 persons which will require about 68000 acres consequently it is necessary to survey at least 40000 acres more so as to give each Indian 80 acres.

~~In view of this~~ fact I most earnestly recommend that your Hon Office cause sufficient surveys to be made where the Indians wish their land. I further recommend to your Office that before the surveys are made that the Allotting Agent be directed to examine the land on the north and west side of the Orabi Village also Neb, be, ti, wash with a view of selecting lands for additional surveys that the water supply be kept in view as well as the grade and quality of land adjacent to the ~~Village~~ and other lands surveyed and make a sketch of same for your examination -

Most of the land above referred to as being unsurveyed is now being cultivated and claimed by the Orabis. If all the lands that have been surveyed had been 1st and 2nd class and not too far from water and in the vicinity of their ~~barrios~~ homes or Villages there would have been but very little additional surveys required to complete the entire allotments.

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All of which is respectfully submitted for your examination:

Very Respectfully.
John S. Mayhugh,
Special Allotment & Dsbg Agent.

~~Keams Canyon P.O.~~
Apache Co Arizona.