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Replies to Circular No. 30., cs. from Indian Office and transmits an Estimate for wells, wind mills, pumps & seed potatoes.

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United States Indian Service,
Moquis Pueblo Agency,
Fort Defiance, Ariz., August 28. 1879.

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

Sir:

Referring to that portion of Circular No. 30., current series, from your office, requesting information as to the requirements of the Moquis Pueblos, to enable them to increase their agricultural products, &c, I would respectfully state, that one of the principal difficulties encountered in this section of country is the want of water, not only for domestic use, but for the purposes of irrigation.

Owing to the scarcity of water during the past Summer, the inhabitants of the Pueblo of Oraibie have been compelled to wait at the Spring from 36 to 48 hours to obtain sufficient water for family use, each taking the water in rotation.

To facilitate and encourage the Moquis in their efforts to extend the area planted

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by them, I would recommend the sinking of not less than four wells, with pumps and wind mills attached, to enable them to obtain water at suitable localities near the grounds cultivated by them.

I would also suggest that about thirty (30) bushels of seed potatoes be furnished during the fall or early in the Spring.

I have been entirely successful in my experiments in the cultivation of potatoes and other vegetables in the Agency garden during the past dry season, and am confident that they will yield abundantly in many localities in this section of country - (if water can be obtained)

I inclose herewith an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvements and necessary seeds.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm R Mateer,
U.S. Indian Agent.

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