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JOHN H. BOWMAN

Sept 11 84 U. S. Indian Agent.

Respectfully requests that the two tribes of Indians (Navajos and Moquis) under his charge be favorable considered in the applications of various funds.

See letter to agent

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Respectfully referred to the Coms'r of Indian Affairs,

[signature]

Chief Clerk.

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United States Indian Service,

Navajo Agency, N.M.

September 11th, 1884

Hon. Secretary
of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I most respectfully request, that in the apportionment, and application, of the amount appropriated by Congress, at its last session, viz: "The sum of ($50,000)" "for the purpose, of constructing irri-" "gating ditches, on Indian Res-" "erv'ations, and instructing Ind-" "ians, in farming, in connection" "there-with", that you will consider the needs, of this tribe, the fact of their reserve being so extensive, so arid, and barren, as well, as the number, of these Indians, their good behavior,

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and the evident desire, which they evince, to help themselves.

Also, I wish to request, that these people, be allowed, a farmer, who shall be paid out of the fund provided, for that purpose, at the rate of $900.00 per annum.

You no doubt remember, that the ~~sum~~ of ($280,000) was appropriated, at the last session, of "Congress." To subsist, and proper-"ly care for, the Apaches, and "other Indians, who have, or "may be, collected, on Reservations" "in Arizona, and New Mexico", and that the Navajos, comprise, one-half of this whole number, for according, to the report of 1881.

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there was an aggregate only of 14,742 in the twenty other tribes who have Reservations in these two territories, and (1813) of these were Navajos, and who are now attached to this Agency, and under my charge. According to the same authority there were then 16,000 Navajos.

All their conditions, as regards treaties, advantages of Reservations and etc, are, I believe, about the same, but these Indians are certainly the most deserving, both on account of previous good behavior, as well as their recent efforts towards helping themselves and advancing in civilization. This tribe is now in the right mood and condition to make a long stride in the right

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direction. They are in earnest, and want to progress, and I think should be favorably considered by you in the application of this fund. "This field is large" and the opportunities for doing good are numerous.

It is now about three months since you honored me with this appointment, and during that time, I have been almost continuously traveling through this Reservation, and have tried to make myself familiar with these people, their needs, and prospects. I believe I have been moderately successful in carrying out your instructions and policy thus far, and that I shall

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be able to assist, to elevate, these people, as well, as to control, them, in all things, and to conduct their affairs, in a manner, that will be, highly satisfactory, to your self, as well, as those that are under you.

Hoping, that you, will give these requests, your favorable consideration, I am

Very respectfully

John H. Bauman

W. I. Indian Agent.

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