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NAVAJO AGENCY,
Fort Defiance, Arizona.

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Constant Williams,
Captain 7th Infantry,
Acting Agent.

SUBJECT:

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on his letter of February 3, 1895, rela-
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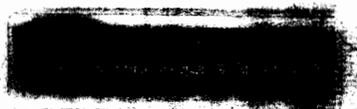
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in that country are very aggressive*

*See to Agent
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Department of the Interior,

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE,

Navajo Agency.

Fort Defiance, Arizona, May 11, 1895.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I respectfully ask what action has been taken on my letter of February 3, 1895, relative to the allotments of land to Indians on the Moen-copi Wash. The Mormon intruders in that country are now very aggressive and some time ago they obtained a decree from the courts in Coconino County giving to them the right, as original appropriators, to all the water of the Wash; this decree was made in an action against a white man, but it gives to the Mormons the right of water as against all other claimants.

It is of great importance to the Indians, the original settlers and farmers in that fertile spot, that their claims to the land and water should be established; and if you will see that their claims to the land are officially recognized I will, with your permission, see that the injunction of the court is dissolved, being in possession of sufficient evidence to show that they are the original appropriators of the water of the Moen-copi Wash.

Commissioner. 2.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient seryant,

Constant Williams,

Captain 7th Infantry,

Brevet Major U. S. Army,

Acting Agent.