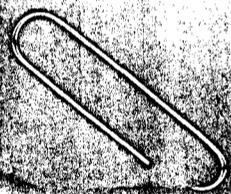


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U.S. Indian Service,

Tuba, Arizona, June 20, 1898.

Maj. Constant Williams,
Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith mail you copy of an Injunction the Mormons have out.

As to the dams in the Wash I suppose you are aware that there is only one, and that is at the lower end of the Moqui field where the water is taken out by the Mormons.

The Tugus Jay dam is on the Reservation, and has been in ever since I came here.

There is not one word of truth in the statements set forth, and they have all the water they ever had, but there is great greed to rob the poor Indian of his few mouthful of bread. What shall we do?

Nebecker had me arrested on the 10th inst., drug me down to Flagstaff on a charge of misdemeanor for going on the allotted lands and keeping the Mormons from beating the Indians off while they plant their corn.

He swears out a complaint about like this: On or about May 30 1898, one Elwin E. Rogers did enter upon the property of one Ashton Nebecker with about 300 Navajo Indians and by force and violence held the property then and there of Ashton Nebecker.

At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 18th inst., they took me before the Justice of the Peace (Milligan, by name). We adjourned until 2 P.M., thinking I might hear from some source what to do in the matter.

At 2 P.M. I asked time to get evidence and the Prosecuting Attorney informed me that the case was on trial and must proceed. The consequence was Nebecker had 5 Mormons to prove anything by, and found me guilty as charged.

I took an appeal to the District Court, which sets in August.

The secret of the whole thing is these people do not want a Govt. Representative here, and the District Attorney is just as much to blame as the Mormons for he puts this in their heads and urges them on.

Clark also wired the action to the Secretary of the Interior as soon as he heard of it.

He is trying to keep up all the stink he can, he also says that these people do not need a Govt. Representative and always

got along better without one; it interferes with their gambling, liquor business and horse stealing.

I desire to see a thorough investigation of these matters, and the Mormons meted out their just dues.

Please advise what to do in this case before the first of August.

Yours respectfully,
(signed) Elwin E. Rogers.