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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Mequi Training School,

Keam's Canon, Ariz.,

Dec. 10, 1902.

The Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$52.00 in the O.M.P. of 700 burlap sacks from Montgomery Ward and company of Chicago, freight prepaid to Helbræk, for the purpose of constructing a dam for the Indians of Mashongnavi and Shapelavi. These people have an ideal place for a dam and if they can get one to stand they can reclaim 40 or fifty acres of very valuable land and make it productive. They have built the dam up several times but so far it has gone out when the water comes.

By the use of these bags filled with sand I feel sure the dam will stand. Mr. Viets of the 2nd Mesa schools also thinks it will as the sand becomes impacted in a short time. I desire these sacks as seen as possible in order to have the dam fixed up now and become settled before the floods of the coming summer. The Indians have agreed to do all the work themselves.

Very respectfully,

Charles E. Purston
Supt. and Special Disb. Agent.

