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Moqui Training School,  
Kearns' Canon, Ariz.,  
Dec. 12, 1903.

Charles E. Burton,  
Supt. and Special Disb. Agent.

Respectfully requests that sev-  
eral authorities be modified for  
the development of water at Moqui

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Moqui Training School,

Heam's Canon, Ariz.,

Dec. 12, 1903.

The Honorable,

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

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that I have just had an extended visit from Mr. Ralph P. Collins who for years was Superintendent of this reservation. During Mr. Collins' superintendency he had a machine for boring for water and tested at very many places for water on the reservation and knows just where water may be obtained.

It will perhaps be remembered that I have authority to do some digging of wells already and the promise for more funds in case the preliminary operations are successful. Now Mr. Collins will agree to come here and put in about three or four months the coming spring and take this work in hand.

Therefore, I beg that the following authorities be so far modified as to allow of the employment of Mr. Collins at \$5.00 per day:

*{ Why not already used? }*  
Finance 44940 of July 22, 1903-----\$845.75  
Auth. 82966, Aug. 14, 1903----- 800.00  
Auth. 84004, Oct. 10, 1903----- 402.00  
\$2047.75

-and for the purpose of employing Indians at \$1.00 per day and to

purchase the supplies not exceeding \$252.00 called for by authority 84004, the employment of Mr. Collins not to exceed under this authority 100 days.

In this way I am sure I can accomplish much more than in the manner specified in the above authorities already granted. I have no one who is thoroughly acquainted with the water resources as is Mr. Collins and much time and labor will, no doubt, be lost in testing different places. Mr. Collins informs me that the water is not more than 40 feet deep and that he feels sure that he can produce a good supply of water at a small cost.

We have gone over the ground very carefully and it is my opinion that his employment will be the very best thing that can be done at the present time.

Very respectfully,

*Charles E. Burton*  
Supt. and Special Disb. Agent.