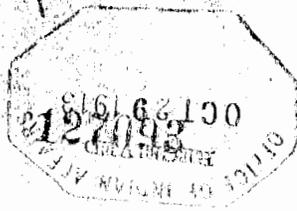


Sept. 16/13



Dear Mr. Crane;

Yours of the 12th inst., relative to Hodes-Chat-thli and his children is just at hand. His first statement is absolutely false. He was not compelled or forced to leave the reservation-- but went against the will and wishes of nearly all the Indians.

You may not remember this particular case, but when Mr. Maxwell was Superintendent, the wife of this man died. Mr. Maxwell gave him the children and had all the stock (sheep &c.), which was really the property of this mans wife given to Hodes-chat-thli and at the same time made a very distinct and positive agreement with this man that he would keep the children living near the Grand Mother of these children and also keep his stock for the benefit of his children.

Since I came here-- believing that Mr. Maxwell was right, I have endeavored to uphold this ruling as to children and also as to his property. Without saying a word to anyone he removed his flock and household and refuses positively to further carry out his agreement which he made with Mr. Maxwell and the Indians.

Shortly after I came here he married another Indian woman (a very good woman) and so abused her that the Indians in council advised a separation, on account of his brutality. He is of a violent and vicious temper and whipped his boy so unmercifully that the boy left him and went to live with his

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at a lately attended council this day, this matter was thorough-
Grand Mother and I could not prevail upon him to return to
his Father. I send you with this letter and that you detail one
of your Policemen, as some Indians believe, and Police
believe, is largely responsible for his attitude of this man.
Before your police came Nedee-chat-tah had agreed to bring
the children and stock over near Colchaco, but after the
Police talked and advised with him he positively refused to
carry out his agreementable solution of this matter.

It is a long story and I am afraid you will be tired of it
but if you knew the exact conditions relative to this man as
they are known here, I am sure that you will do nothing to
encourage this man in his rebellious and un subordinate course
which is subversive of all discipline and good Government.

If all Indians were as mean, vicious and bull headed as this
man is, neither you nor I would remain long in the service.

As these two children are enrolled here of course we want
them to be returned and all of the children should be returned
here, especially as they belong here, their relatives are here
and the Indians are very much interested in their return.

If this old man cares to remain under your jurisdiction,
it will be perfectly satisfactory to all concerned, but the
stock should be brought back according to his agreement with
Mr. Maxwell which he violated in every detail-- having repeat-
edly broken his word.