

Requests
instructions
regarding
plural mar-
riages, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Leupp Indian School & Agency,

Leupp, Arizona, Nov. 15, 1911.



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

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Sir:

I have to state that the two wives of Joe Williams made complaint some time since that he had separated from them and that he did not propose to return. The Judges and head men made some attempt to settle this trouble, but were not successful. At the request of the leading Indians, as well of the two wives of the said Williams, he was brought to the agency here, where he has been held since.

It appears that about three years ago Joe Williams took as his first wife a rather old woman who had been separated from her husband. He lived with her about one year, and then took as his second wife a daughter of his first wife. This second wife was a girl of about 13 years of age. Upon being brought before the Judges and the head men Williams stated that he was willing to live with the girl, his second wife, but was not willing to live with his first wife. Up to this time this Indian had borne a good reputation, being industrious and a willing worker. But the fact that he took the girl, a mere child, as his wife against the advise of the Indians, as well as my predecessor, has caused me to

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