UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

Navajo Agency, N.M.

November 5th, 1892.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I wish to bring to your knowledge the condition of some matters pertaining to the Indians and White settlers on the extreme western portion of the reservation, in and around Tuba City. No doubt petitions have been received by your office, setting forth the immediate necessity of establishing a Military Post in that section, and describing the peril to which both life and property are subjected.

There are but 10 families outside of the men named Kelly, Tanner and Thos. Brookbanker, who are largely interested in the stock business, and it is the boast of Kelly, that he only recently secured a number of names to a petition, and had forwarded the list, (to what office he did not state, but probably to the Indian Office,) and that he intended to keep this matter up until some action was taken in removing the Indians onto the reservation.

The citizens of Flagstaff, are a unit in trying to get a Military Post established in the vicinity above referred to; and as intimated by them, "It will be a sort of feeder for the

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tous." I am also aware as to the hostility existing between the two races, but I cannot see how the matter is to be remedied until some definite action is taken by the Government, and this in my opinion cannot be taken until the water is better developed in the reservation.

I am also informed that Spl. Agent Mayhew, who has been making allotments on the Moqui Reservation, the past summer, has made 550 locations for the Navajos, outside the reservation; this to me, does not seem the proper thing to do.

The best of feeling prevails between myself and the Spl. Agent, and my informant is Lieut. Gorvoits, who is in charge of one of the Surveying parties on the reservation, and gleaned the information while at Tuba City, and I report the matter to your Office. You can consider this letter --- Official or private just as you may deem proper.

Respectfully your obd't. servant,

Daniel L. Shipley

U. S. Indian Agent.

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