Navajo Agency Cañon Bonito
New Mexico
August the 2nd 1855

Sir

In making my Monthly report for July it gives me pleasure to state that about the middle of the month a Treaty of limits and friendship was made with the Navajo Tribe of Indians by Gov. D. Meriwether this Special Commissioner on the part of the U. S. and two thousand Chiefs & Warriors of the aforesaid Tribe.

The Country included in the boundary assigned them by the Commissioner is amply sufficient for their purposes of Stock raising and farming and is ~~[illegible]~~ larger than they anticipated which caused them to assume to them a more friendly treatment. They seemed very much delighted with the liberality in Territory and presents given them by the Commissioner.

They have since the treaty visited all of their principal planting grounds of Corn wheat and vegetables. They have a few potatoes in cultivation given them by Major W. T. Sundwick Commanding Fort Defiance and I am happy to say their Crops look fine and that they will have a bountiful harvest this year.

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The Navajos have recently been at war with the Pinched and Apaches but feel warranted in saying that the policy adopted by the Superintendent of Indian affairs in this Territory will speedily secure peace with all the Indians as well as with our Citizens

The Navajos are greatly in want of a few or at least two mills built after the Mexican fashion which would not cost including the transportation of the Mond from the Rio grande to this point more than one hundred and fifty dollars each

This would enable them to have flour and meat instead of using the grain in its entire state at present they grind a small portion by a very laborious process by hand

All of which is respectfully submitted

I have the Honor to be very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

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