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B. Maj. Kendrick
Com'd Post
to
Gov. Merriwether
Refers to Hoes & Spades
for the Maquies
& Tobacco for
Navajoes visiting
Ft. Defiance

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February 6th 1852

Sir

I have had the honor to receive, this day your letter of January 14th 1852. I am happy to state that the small Pox has disappeared from the Pueblos of Zuni & Moqui, altho' not until after doing much damage, particularly at the latter place.

The Navajoes & Moquis recently have been on unfriendly terms. The Moquis killing one Navajoe for theft, and Navajoes retaliating by killing five Moquis. The Navajoes express a willingness now to remain at peace with the Pueblos.

The Moquis are anxious for me to open a road to their Pueblos, in order that trading relations may be established with their people, expecting in this way to be able to cope with the Navajoes in their difficulties thereafter, and perhaps to derive protection from us. I propose visiting Moqui in the Spring or Summer, in order to see if those people can be induced to raise sufficient corn to make it an object for us to buy from them. They have expressed their anxiety to do so, but say they cultivate under great disadvantages for want of tools.

If it be possible for the Superintendency to give them, this Spring, thro' their Agents, some hoes and spades it would be of great service to them, and by example be of much benefit to the Navajoes. I trust that you will pardon me for bringing this subject prominently to your Notice at this time.

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I deem it so important that no effort should be spared to maintain our present friendly relations with the Navajoes until their fields are planted after which a disturbance is much less likely to occur - that I am willing to advance the money to purchase what tobacco I may want, as specified in my letter of December 15th 1853 perhaps some Sixty Dollars in amount upon condition of its being refunded to me by you when the Indian appropriation for this territory becomes available. Should you see no impropriety in this condition, I will thank you to communicate it to Mr Medderoy, to whom I will write by this mail upon this subject.

Very Respectfully &c

(Signed) H. L. Kendrick
Captain & Bvt Major &c
Comg Fort Defiance

Hon. D. Meriwether
Gov: of New Mexico
& Supt Ind: Affairs

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