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PUEBLO INDIAN AGENCY,

November 1st 1878

To Hon. C.
U. S. Indian Agent.

Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Acknowledges receipt of
Circular letter No. 23 Current
series from this Office. Stated
he has not transmitted estimate
for fencing and planting orchard
but is having heard from plans
and estimate for buildings required
at the Little Colorado River.
Submitted Sept 2nd 1878.

ACTION.

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OFFICE OF

Navajo Indian Agency,

ARIZONA TERRITORY,

P. O. ADDRESS,
Fort Defiance, Via Santa Fe, New Mexico.

November 1st 1878

Hon. E. A. Hayt,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge reception from your Office of Circular Letter No. 23 current series marked "Accounts 1878."

In reply I would state that under date of Sept. 2nd 1878, I transmitted to the Department plans and estimate of buildings required upon the Little Colorado River, having in view the contemplated removal of these Indians to that point, where, owing to the large quantity of land lying upon that stream which can be rendered productive by irrigation, these Indians might in a short time become entirely independent of Government support.

Crops can not be successfully cultivated at the present location of the Moquis due mainly to the want of water for irrigating purposes and also to the fact that all the valley lands in which crops can be

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Fort Defiance, Ariz. Ter.,

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product are unknown to cultivation by the Moquis and Navajos, hence the increased production of their crops is not thus practicable.

I have not transmitted an estimate for plowing and planting because I have not as yet been informed of the action taken by the Department upon the estimates referred to.

Some of the Moquis are at the present date planting wheat upon the Little Colorado with the Mormons who will not wait for the action of the Department in reference to the removal.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm R. McSteer,
U.S. Indian Agent.

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