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Indians young and old - earnestly talking about
their lands. They informed me that they were
the Snake family which consisted of about some
25 persons that they had cultivated and claimed
a certain piece of land marked out by boundaries for
[illegible]
as [illegible] around and according to their lines
I concluded it would be best to see how much
they claimed and how it was located so had it
claimed and is marked upon the Township plat
herewith enclosed as they claimed it - with this
they were all satisfied, next the Eagle's showed
me what they claimed - then the Antelopes
[illegible] and also claimed their out then
a controversy arose ~~among~~ about the next piece
adjoining which was claimed by the Corn people
During the progress of this work many more arrived
and several conferences were held which caused considerable
[illegible] thought best to [illegible] here until we

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got under headway and to ascertain how their land run As will be seen by the accompanying plat their lines is not in harmony with the Government surveys but I thought I could adjust it to the surveys afterwards" After running the lines claimed by them to enclose their land we then located the land by ascertaining the sections and part of sections finding the Government Corner stakes adjoining their chaining up to the corners marked for the Indians, all the land marked shows what is claimed by the different families - "Of course these people are all Moquis and belong to the same Mesa and Village (the Walpi) but are divided into numerous clans each having a representative name such as the Snakes, Eagle Antelope - Corn, squash, rain people, Coyote, &c The piece of land claimed by the snakes is cultivated jointly by them and the production thereof divided equally among them of that name the same with the Eagle family and so on"

In thinking the matter over it has occurred to me that it would be the best plan to give to each of the snakes as far as it would go 40 acres each so that each family would get a piece of the

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land that they are now cultivating and so on with all other Moqui families that claim land in that peculiar way but giving it to them in legal [illegible] divisions according to Government surveys [illegible]. I told them I would measure out each [illegible] many they wanted to work altogether so some were [illegible] and other [illegible] to work his piece separate and others had to herd the sheep for his share of the products of the land - but said I could put it in paper [illegible] I talked them about the balance they were [illegible] to elsewhere and they [illegible] be satisfied [illegible] their corn and melon fields [illegible] would lead to [illegible] among them and [illegible] feeling and retard the progress of my work among them so please leave it as described

If permitted by your Office to allot these lands [illegible] of the lines but taking legal subdivisions so as to conform to Gov. surveys [illegible]

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then consent the work can be accomplished with little or no bad feeling.

The Tewah Village people who are called Tobacco people are somewhat inclined to have their lands the [illegible] but as they only represent one [illegible] want it all in one tract and [illegible] and the several sections claimed by them marked out that is the outside boundaries it will easily divided into legal subdivisions among them that is as many will take it. I think a [illegible] will do so and if authorized can divide the [illegible] among them to the best of my ability [illegible] have equal advantages as to character [illegible] other privileges. They the Tewah Moquis want a piece of land selected at the foot of the Mesa where some are now building left unallotted so that it can be called Tewah Village. this can be done readily as a spring in the [illegible] they wish and may be called Tewah Spring No 1 in the Schedule - another Village

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villages wants the same way at least they have talked about it to me — I think the idea a good one for when they come off the mesa they will naturally have to cluster in groups where they can [illegible] water. These people are so ignorant and cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in their minds that I have to go very slow to accomplish much. Of course I find an occasional Indian who understands the land matter more clearly ready to take an allotment anyway — but it takes and cuts right into other Indians corn patches he having only an interest in some corn patch and if he can get a whole 80 no matter who claims it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but I think that enough. I had the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to your office under date of June 2nd 1892 a letter signed by Supt. McCollins & myself requesting authority to allot lands to Indians who after being notified refused to come out and show a tract they would like or claim — and to the old and feeble who are unable to attend.

An affirmative reply will enable me to accomplish

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this work between now and December

I therefore respectfully the above in connection with the letter above referred to

Yours Very Respectfully

John S. Marshall

[illegible] Chief Attorney [illegible]

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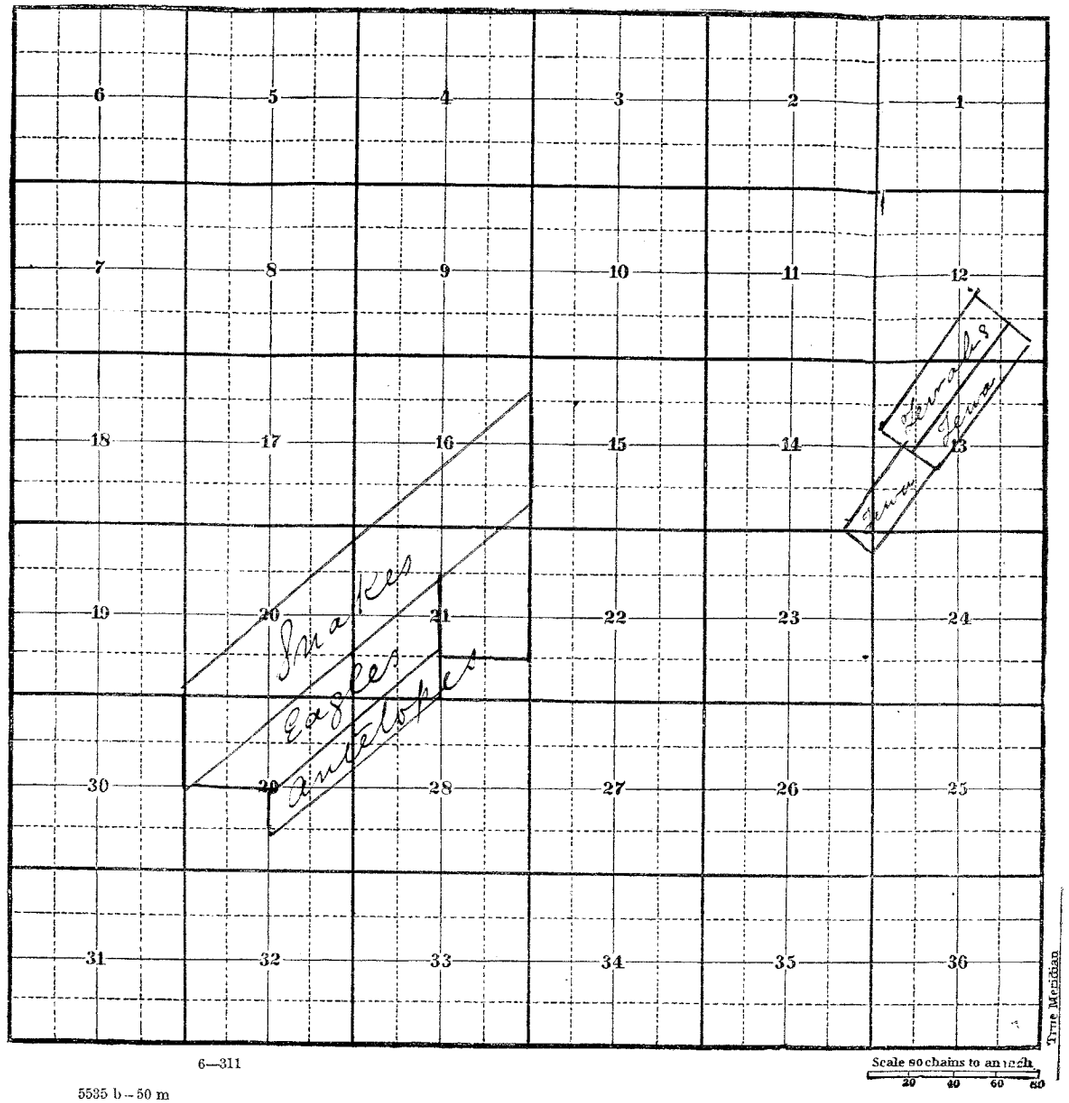

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