

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA Dec. 20, 1916.

Mr. John Summers

Bishop, California.

Dear Sir:-

Bridgeport Tom, an Indian living at Mono Lake has requested me to inquire of you if there is a brown mare weighing about 1,000 pounds with a colt at her side running with your herd of horses. The colt is not branded but the mare has a brand on one hip which looks like . While enroute from Mono Lake to Bishop last Harvest Festival time this mare became sick or tired out and was left by him in Long Valley not far from the Summers Ranch, since which time he has not seen anything of her or the colt.

He suggest that possibly they may have attached themselves to your bunch of horses.

If you can give me any information concerning these animals I shall greatly appreciate it.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA Jan. 10, 1917.

Brigadier Tom

Orater, California.

Dear Sir:-

Recently Johnny Lawrence called at my office and requested me to make inquiry for you, of Mr. Summers of this place relative to the possibility of a mare and colt belonging to you having gotten into Mr. Summers' bunch of horses. I therefore wrote a letter to Mr. Summers and today he called at my office to inform me that the mare and colt are with his bunch.

He said that he will permit them to remain with his horses until spring and then take them back to Long Valley with his bunch if you so desire, and, that in the meantime if you wish him to do so he will give the mare a little additional feed and care, provided you will be willing to pay for it. His reason for offering to do this is that having the colt running with her it would be much better for her if she could be fed and cared for a little better than the other horses.

Kindly let me hear from you relative to your wishes in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Bishop Indian School
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Mono Lake Calif

Dear Sir,

Jan 18, 1917

I got your kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear from you and to hear my horse had got as fit as the ~~new~~ ~~Summer's~~ bunch of horses I am very glad to hear it.

~~Well now~~ ~~Richard~~ I want my horse right way. If Mr. Summers gives Jeremiah Samson the horse, if he please, it would be much better for her, get me money to pay for it.

Spring, I want to use the horse, calling word, she is good horse.

And he can give me a daughter. See files the more please Mr. Head, kindly let me hear from you soon I'll come get the horse.

Very Truly Yours
Bradford

Bishop, California. Feb. 21, 1917

Mr. Bridgeport Tom

Mono Lake, Calif.

Dear Sir;-

Mack Tom and his mother left here Sunday. They were going home by way of Round Valley and I think they will spend a few days there, after which they will go on home, Old Sam was going to take them home in his wagon.

Mack seems well and if he is careful I am sure he will not have the same trouble again, but he should be very careful for some time and not catch cold or get his feet wet.

We would be glad to hear from you when they reach home as to how Mack stands the long ride.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
MONO NATIONAL FOREST

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FOREST SUPERVISOR
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GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA.
March 24, 1919.

Mr. Geo. A. Montrose,
Attorney at Law,
Gardnerville, Nevada.


Dear Mr. Montrose:

Your letter with enclosure of March 20 is received.

I understand that the Indian's name is Bridgeport Tom who has an allotment just west of Farringtons near Monolake.

This seems to be the lacking information which the Indian Agent desires.

Glad to know you are with us again after your severe experience and trust you will soon again be 100% yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Forest Supervisor.

GEO. A. MONTROSE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

March 26, 1919

Roy R. Parrett
Supt. Indian Service
Bishop, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

In reply of yours of Nov. 20, 1918 to Mr. John Ellissondoberry relating to the lease of Indian lands. The Flu has had both Mr. Ellissondoberry and myself in its clutches to such an extent that all the business has been delayed. I am enclosing a letter from the Forest Service here which shows the land in question to be that of Bridgeport Tom.

The land to be used for grazing purposes.

If you would prepare the lease and forward it to me the same will be signed at once and payment made.

Yours very truly

Bishop, California. April. 9. 1919.

Mrs. A. Farrington,
Farrington Ranch,
Mono Lake, California.

Dear Mrs. Farrington:-

I am advised that a man by the name of Mr. John Ellison Doberry of Reno, Nevada, wishes to enter into a lease with Bridgeport Tom for his place for the grazing of sheep.

Mr. Doberry has been leasing the land ~~taxing~~ in the past, paying the money direct to the Indian. He now wishes to enter into a lease for two or three years, and will pay \$65.00 per annum.

I would like you to please let me know if Bridgeport Tom wishes to enter into such a lease, say for three years, at \$65.00 per annum.

If he does, I will prepare the necessary papers and send them to him for his signature.

Very truly yours.

Superintendent.

Bishop, California. July 14. 1924.

Bridgeport Farm,
Mono Lake, California.

Dear Friend:

You are authorized and instructed to post these notices on any gates or passage-ways where people pass through your land without permission, and by so doing cause you trouble and inconvenience and lay your stock liable to the spread of hoof and mouth disease.

I feel that you should cooperate with Mr. Farrington of the Farrington Ranch regarding this matter. You cannot be too careful in preventing the spread of this disease which the people of California have been for months trying to stamp out.

Where you have your gate locked, you should post a Notice.

Very truly yours.

Ray R. Parrett.
Superintendent.

Bishop, California. Sept. 3. 1924.

Mrs. Ella N. Mattly,
Mono Lake, Mono Co.
California.

Dear Madam:

I am writing you in the interests of a definite right of way for a road across the Indian allotments of Mono County, known more particularly as the Bridgeport Tom and the George Sam allotments.

While the Indians have themselves made no individual complaint to me regarding the inconveniences from constant trespassing across their lands, but I know from investigation and information that many tourists and others go in and out across these lands enroute to Walker Lake and other points above their lands. The travel has become so extensive that I anticipate that some definite arrangements will necessarily have to be made in order to maintain a regular road. It is my understanding that you are the owner of 160 acres of land above these Indian places and that much of the travel is back and forth to your place.

There is at present, a right of way across the Farrington lands to the Indian lands for the use of the Indians having the allotments. While this right of way is not an open right of way for the public, still it cannot be closed to the use of the Indians. As for a right of way through the Indian lands for the general public, no franchise has ever been granted or permission given. The right to pass through can probably not be refused to you or others having land located above, but the right for others to pass through can be refused, and it appears that this restriction may have to be exercised in order that some provision for a regular road may be established.

Should it be your wishes or the petition of the general public that there be a definite roadway through the Indian allotments, I will be glad to consider any plan submitted for same and make my recommendations thereon.

Unless some action is taken along this line, it may be necessary to legally close the allotments in question to travel by the general public.

Very truly yours.

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Ray R. Parratt.

Bishop Indian School,
Bishop, California,

Sept. 30, 1925.

Mr. Mack Tom,
Mono Lake, Mono County, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your application to enter Sherman Institute at Riverside this year, the Superintendent advises me that that school is full and it will not be possible to take any more pupils this year. I am very sorry that you were too late with your application.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent.

Bishop Indian School,
Bishop, California.

Nov. 21, 1925.

Mr. W. W. Cunningham,
Tioga Lodge,
Mono Lake, Mono Co., Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the patent in fee for Bridgeport Tom with receipt in duplicate. Will you kindly have him to sign both copies of the receipt after which give him the patent in fee, and return the receipts to this office in the enclosed envelope.

I shall thank you if you will take this trouble for me, as it is so far up there it may be some time before I could deliver this patent in fee otherwise.

Respectfully,

Eng B. Barrett, Supt.

By

Fin-Clerk.