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ADDRESS ONLY THE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

Indians in Elko
County, Nevada.

APR -2 1912

Mr. Calvin H. Asbury,

Special Indian Agent.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith for your attention, an anonymous communication regarding the condition of Indians in Elko County, Nevada.

After you have made note of any points in the letter that may be of use in your work, it should be returned to this Office.

Respectfully,



Second Assistant Commissioner.

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31 Gazette Bldg., Reno, Nev.

Apr. 2, 1913.

Mr. Harry C. Johnnie,

Wells, Nev.

Dear Friend:-

I have your letter of March 17th and note that Mr. Van Buren has written you quite fully in answer thereto.

I did promise the Shoshone Indians that I would make a careful canvass of that locality, with a view to securing some land for them, if possible, and I still expect to make that trip just as soon as time can be found for it, which, I hope, will be within a few weeks. In the meantime, if you know of any vacant land that would be of use to you, I would suggest that you take up your home upon it and begin to improve it, as you will thereby prevent anyone else filing on it and your filing can be prepared at any time.

As to securing a large tract of land for a reservation for these Indians, it is extremely doubtful, as I explained to the Indians at Elko last December. There is no advantage in discussing what should have been done thirty or forty years ago, and as to whether the Duck Valley reservation was set aside for your people, or not. The fact is, there is very little good land left, and it is hard to get money appropriated for the purchase of such land.

Very respectfully,

Special Agent.

Reno, Nevada. April 9, 1912

Harry C. Johnnie,

Wells, Nevada.

Dear Sir;- I have the letter which you wrote to Senator Nixon on March 12. It was sent to him at Washington and he sent it here to me as he knew that I was attempting to look after the interest of scattering Indians in Nevada. It is not possible for the senator nor for the Land Office to send you all the maps showing vacant land as that would be a very big job, but if you can give the description of the land that you want showing the location by section etc. we will let you know all about it and the Land Office would do about the same.

Some one from Wells wrote to Washington on March 15 along the same line that you wrote to the Senator so it occurs to me that it might have been you, but no name was signed to the letter.

If it was not you perhaps you know who it is and will tell him that his letter has been sent to me for consideration as I have been assigned this work with your people who are not on any reservation, but I have work all over the state and part of California so can not get to all parts of the territory just now.

I now plan to come to Elko County within about a month or six weeks so that I can see the Indians before haying begins when they will be scattered on all the ranches. I have filed applications for land for some of your people down in Ruby Valley recently and hope to find good land for many more before long. Don't depend too much on this as good land is getting scarce now but there should be some to be found up there yet. I have references of what is said in the letter sent to Washington and will see what we can do for you when I come up there soon.

Very respectfully,

4-13-12.

Wells Nevada

Dear Sir:

I will asking you about
the Land. Certainly I do heard about Ft.
Halleck or old Camp Halleck military Reservoir
Some principal men given to Soldier Charley
Soldier Jim. Capt. Smith Military an officer
given to my father also Uncle Soldier Jim. I
I did not know anything about it. But today
Harry & Johnny was reported to me all about the
land at Ft Halleck Military Res. Yet my relative
are some still living at Star Valley, Wells an
Clover Valley. As about of my relative why I
wanted the military Res. land at Ft Halleck
During the haying time why we earned sufficient
money to buy over Bowen grub with during the
the winter I should think it will be proper
me raise any kind of food upon it. That is if
gave me the military Res. land at Ft Halleck.
I wanted you will be right for me at present
But all my all my great Grandfather was born
at Ft Halleck and also I was born same place
We are began realized managed the
farming and under standing my self.

4-13-1911

Wells Nevada

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Once great while one of the white's people was
told me about my father land at Ft Halleck.
I wished you would please will be right for
me this land matter at Ft Halleck soon you can
And fine the each corner stakes for me now
I will be able settle upon it quick's I can
(Yours)

Mr Harry C Johnson. Well I am so worry
about it today. According of my family might
say. I would like to have home stead. The
white's people what's here in Elko Nev. I can
not take up homestead account of no citizen
I heard. I want you fine out for me at Ft.
Halleck military Res. and also of T. Charley too
and will be right for us now. I want you
and see us about the land matter. I will hear
you about. you was special an Indian agent too
I will be able to go my evidence before you
I want you right for us today and also a
Ruby Valley an Indians land. Water matter
I did heard about the S. S. Wines claimed
all the Indians land at Ruby Valley. These
an Indians are so afraid S. S. Wines today
about their land and water besides.
S. S. Wines store should be upon the an
Indians Government land yet so far.

Wells Nevada

May 5th 1912

Mr Adbury & Co's
I am in receipt of your
letter of April 9th and
I am not so particular
about map subject
with to no have I got
a site to go on the
the showing reservation
and take up mineral
land please answer me
and inform me whether
I am entitled to
take up a couple of
acres of land on
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the reservation or not
resp Harry C Johnson
Wells Nevada

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811 S. Virginia St. Reno, Nevada.

May, 8, 1912

Mr. Harry C. Joannie,
Wells, Nevada.

Dear Sir;- I have your letter of the 5th inst in reference to your right to take up mineral land on the reservation.

You can not take mineral claims on any reservation for the same reason that no one else can take them, that is, it is not subject to mineral entry. As to your right to secure allotments on any reservation when such are allotted that will have to be taken up with the Superintendent on the reservation or with the special Agent who makes the allotments.

If you desire to enter mineral land off the reservation you have the same right that any one has and need only comply with the law as to location, location work, assessment work etc. and the Government will recognize such right and protect you in it.

As to taking land for farming purposes you, as an Indian, have some advantage in being exempt from certain fees paid by others, and if you know of any piece of good land not taken I advise you to move onto it at once and fix up your application as soon as convenient as no one else can get it after you move onto the land.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Wells June 9th 1912
Supt. Ashbery

Virginia St. River
Dear Sir Indians

Would like to know about
the game and Fish law it is a law
for us and we do not want to go to
the Penitentiary for killing deer and
fishery. Please send me a copy of
law as our people ^{are ignorant} of it and when we are
Hungry we fish and kill game
and some of the white people want to
send us to jail ~~you~~ Please let
know when you come to Wells or
Elko let me know by letter

My Harry C Johnnie Indian

Wells Nevada