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Manhattan New York  
Feb. 2-1913

Mr. G. H. Asbury  
Garrison, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Would you please write and let me know if an Indian takes up a home stead, if the Government pays for the surveying of it or not. The Forest Reserve man told me the Government would pay the surveyor. Thanking you in advance

I am Yours truly,

Tim Hooper

Reno, Nevada. Feb. 5, 1913

Tim Hooper,

Manhattan, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 2nd in reference to getting your land, or that on which you propose to file, surveyed.

As you have already made application for land I supposed that you knew about where the lines are in order that you could be sure as to having your filing cover the land wanted.

An Indian is supposed to have made some improvement or taken up his home on the land for which he applies and usually gets the necessary survey made at his own expense but it is possible that the Government would pay a reasonable sum for locating lines for an Indian.

Your application was sent to the Forestry Office some time ago and I advised Mr. Clar that you should take up your home on the land in order that they could approve the application, which I feared they could not do until you did.

I was informed that you were afraid to do so for fear some one would try to get it away from you, but there is no danger of that as your application would be in first and no other could take place over it. If you want to move onto the land and think it necessary to have some lines located get some one to do the work who will give you good service and send the bill to me, or if you have time to wait have some one, perhaps Mr. Clar, tell you what the case will be and write to me and I will tell you whether we can handle it.

Very respectfully,

Manhattan, Nev.

April 3, 1913.

C. H. Ashbury

Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

On March 29th. I had the land surveyed by one of the forest rangers and suppose the notes of same are in your possession by this time, if not please inform me immediately.

I request that you let me know how many months of each year and how many years, it will be necessary for me live upon this land, and also how much I must expend each year in improvements. My mind is not exactly clear on these points, and I do not wish to make a mistake. I will be ready to take up my residence there by the middle of May, and would do so sooner if it were not for my wife being very sick.

Thanking you in advance, and awaiting your reply, I am

Yours resp.

*Tim Hooper*  
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Apr. 8, 1913.

Mr. Tim Cooper,

Manhattan, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 3rd inst. in reference to the land for which you made application. I have not heard from the Forest Service lately, nor is it necessary that I should. If they have surveyed your land, they have probably forwarded your application to Washington. When it is approved there by the Agricultural Department, it will be returned to you with a letter instructing you to file it in the Land Office at Carson City. When that letter comes, if you will send the application back to me, I will attend to filing it, or you can mail it direct to the Land Office. It is probable that the Forest officials have approved your application, or they would have written to me about it.

There are no very specific requirements as to an Indian living on, or improving his land, but it is the intention that he shall make the land his home, and shall show good faith by cultivating and using it to the best advantage possible. If you want this land, I would advise you to make your home there as much of the time as possible, and to cultivate as much of it as you have water for.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

L. W. BAKESTRAW  
MANHATTAN, N. Y.

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Mr Walter S. Van Emou,  
Reno Nev.



Dear Sir:

We are still looking for Mr  
Osborn daily, and are at a loss  
to understand why he does not show  
up as you assured me he would  
be here on or about middle of Oct.

The Indians are getting  
anxious to know what time he is  
to come and also the location and  
allotments also what course we  
are to pursue to get possession  
of the land.

Will you be so kind to give  
this your immediate attention  
and oblige

Yours truly  
Tim Hooper

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Nov. 6, 1914.

Mr. Jim Hooper,  
Manhattan, Nev.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 1st, making inquiry as to when I can visit your locality in connection with Indian allotments. At the present time, I cannot give you any definite date. Mr. Van Rmon called my attention to your visit here and I hoped I might be able to get there this fall, but there have been so many trips to make on specific orders from Washington, that it is not possible for me to take the time and my work is laid out for every day from now to about the first of December; in fact, I should be at about three places at once to that time. I remember, that you made application for land some eight or ten miles from the land, that you now want, according to the map you had with you. I have not received any specific information regarding the action taken by the Forest officials on your former application, but will write them today for information. I am enclosing herewith two application forms, such as are used in applying for land outside of the National Forest, so that, if you know what land you want, you can doubtless get someone to assist you in preparing these applications for yourself and your wife. The <sup>officer</sup> ~~license~~ required may be taken before a notary public. In reference to the water right, I have no

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idea how much water there is available at the place you mention, but it appears, there is a ranch there that uses water out of the same creek. It is not probable, that you would be permitted to divert water above their land, except when there is a surplus, but you might be permitted to use water below their land, if there is water allowed to pass. If you make this application, I would be glad to have a more specific statement, as to the quantity of water and name of the creek and about the place you would want to divert it, in order that, we may application for the water right with the State Engineer.

I may be able to get over there sometime this winter, if the weather is such as to permit us to examine the land. Please write to me about the tenth of December, telling me how the weather is and what is the best way to get out on the land wanted by yourself and other Indians.

Should you prepare this application, I would suggest that you send it to me, instead of directly to the land office, in order that, I may examine it to be sure that it is alright, before sending it to the land office, which might prevent delay.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

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