

California 1859
J. P. & G. W. W. W.
Winn Lake & Co.
Dec 31. 59

Relative to the sale
of a portion of the
land owned by the
Winn Lake & Co.
Agents for his
individual property.

Recd Nov 16. '59
Ans^d Dec. 20. '59

16 Jan

Respectfully referred
to the Secy. of the
Interior for his
information.

W. J. Greenwood
Commr.

Off Indaffy
Nov. 17. 1859.

Recd & returned to Indian
Office - Nov 18/59.

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Recd 17 Nov '59
Mr. Bailey

Nome Lakee Reservation,
October 3rd 1859.

Hon. A. B. Greenwood,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have visited this Reservation for the purpose of assisting the Superintendent, Mr. McLeffie, in the performance of his official duties.

Since my arrival, I have been informed that a portion of the crop planted in the vicinity of the mill at government expense, and harvested with its teams and implements and by means of the labor and rations furnished by government, under the supervision of the Agent, has been sold for his individual benefit; and that a considerable quantity of grain now stored on the Reservation is also claimed

by him as his private property, on the ground that he purchased the land and is therefore entitled to the crop.

This reservation was surveyed in 1857, by Mr Gray, U.S. Deputy Surveyor, under instructions from the late Superintendent (Mr. Newley) to Mr. Geiger the Agent, who claims a piece of ground in connection with Mr. Titus the farmer, in the vicinity of the mill. Enclosed please find copies of letters from the Register of the Land Office and the Commissioner of the General Land Office on this subject.

I have also noticed that the acres belonging to the reservation are being used in hauling timber from the mountains to the present claim of Mr. Geiger.

A copy of this letter has been furnished by me to Mr. Geiger, to enable him to make

such explanations as he may deem proper.*

Very respectfully
Gm O. Sant,
J. Ross Brown

* The original letter which I designed to transmit to the Department has been lost or mislaid. I therefore recite it from recollection; but by reference to Alex. Leitch's explanation, dated Rome Lakes Oct^r 12/59 which will be transmitted by Mr. McDuffie, all the material points will be found to correspond with the above.

J. R. B.