

Ottawa, May 3, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing copy of a communication from Chief Johnny Rapheal, of Lytton, concerning the Department's proposal to take over a certain portion of Lytton Indian Reserve No. 21 for the use of the Indian residential school. I may inform you that the Department does not propose to expropriate, under the authority of the Indian Act, until every effort of arriving at an amicable arrangement with the Indian holders has been exhausted. At the present time, Mr. Indian Agent Graham, of Lytton, is empowered to offer these Indians assistance if they move to other property. If we expropriate, the Indians will receive fair compensation.

Relative to the penultimate paragraph of your letter, I may say that, on the 7th ultimo, the Department wrote to Johnny Rapheal, at Lytton, to the effect that we considered it unnecessary for him and those associated with him to employ a solicitor in connection with water records. It was stated that the officials of this Department, the Dominion Water Powers Branch and the Provincial Authorities are doing all that is possible in the matter.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*C. H. Pitts*  
C. H. Pitts, Esq.,  
Barrister,  
Ashcroft, B. C.

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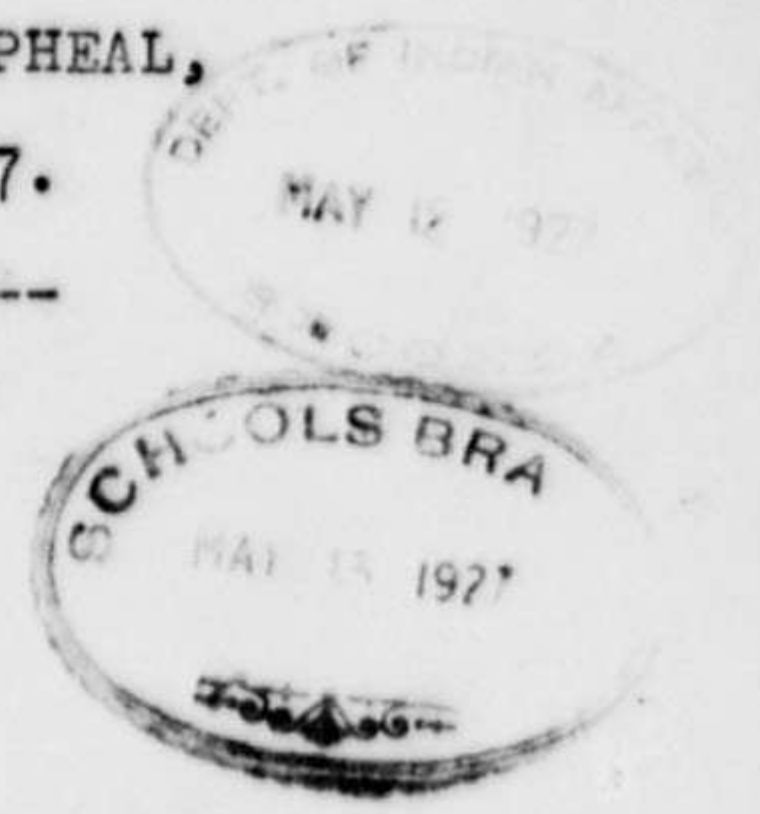
EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF CHIEF JOHNNY RAPHEAL,  
LYTTON, B.C., DATED APRIL 27, 1927.

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*Noted.*

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We want you to know about Charlie Cisco because he does not want to sell his land to the school. Mr. Lett would not pay him his share for working in the ditch and told him he was not to work his land and that he cannot have any water. Mr. Graham and Mr. Lett said that they have got a letter from Ottawa that they were to take Charlie Cisco's place and he was to have Alex Goerge's land and the Government are going to give him and his wife food from the store as long as they are living. If a man want to keep his place when he has made it a good place it is not right to take it from him without giving him another place just as good which he is willing to take for the other place.

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Ottawa, May 25, 1927.

Sir:

I am enclosing, for your attention and report, a letter from Mr. C. H. Pitts, Barrister, of Ashcroft. I should also like to have an answer to my letter of March 18th, last, in this connection.

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. McLean*  
J. D. McLean,  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*H. Graham*  
H. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Lytton, B. C.

*P. L. Tom*

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Ottawa, May 25, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to the complaint of Charlie Cisco against the Principal of the Lytton Indian Residential School. I am making enquiries regarding this matter.

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. McLean*  
J. D. McLean,  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*C. H. Pitts*  
C. H. Pitts, Esq.,  
Barrister,  
Ashcroft, B. C.

*P. H.*

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Lytton, B. C.



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 1-D-15  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

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May 30th, 1927.

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 25th, enclosing one from Mr. C. H. Pitts, Ashcroft solicitor, re coming to some amicable arrangement with Charlie Cisco over the Indian Reserve land owned by him, which Mr. Lett was anxious to obtain for the use of a road leading to the new school.

On receipt of your letter of March 18th, Mr. Lett and I got the Indians together and in fact have done so several times, with a view to trying to settle this question, but they absolutely refused to be moved in the matter.

I then applied to Mr. Inspector Pragnell and tried to get him down to assist us, but he has been unable to get away until this week. We visited the location on Thursday last, and Mr. Pragnell came to the conclusion that he would not try to force the Indians to vacate, but would point out to them that as the water record for this particular land should come from the upper ditch that they, the Ciscos, must either get their water from the proper source that the record called for, or else come to some arrangements with the Indians to get water from them through the lower ditch.

As you are aware the lower ditch is a joint one between the school and the Indians, and for the last few years trouble has arisen through the distribution, the Indians being the first ones on the ditch have just taken what they needed, with the result that very often they have allowed nothing to pass by for the use of the school. On several occasions this has happened and on one occasion only a small quantity was allowed to pass, and that was taken by the Ciscos, with the result that Mr. Lett went up and told the Indians he would have them arrested if they interfered with and took the school water.

I then applied to the Dominion Water Power Branch to send an engineer to put in weirs to distribute the water according to the acreage, so that every man got what he was entitled to. Before this was done the Indians said that they would let water go for the Ciscos' use, but now these weirs have been installed, and everyone is getting his proportion, they find that they have not got sufficient

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Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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not got sufficient

for their own use, and therefore refuse to allow any to pass onto the Ciscos. In fact some of the Indians, through having long ditches leading to their land, claim that their proportion is not reaching them. This goes to prove that the Indians have been in the habit of taking far more water than they were entitled to for their acreage at the expense of the school. The only solution that I can see now is for some of these long Indian ditches to be flumed in order to preserve their water, and I would like to have the Dominion Water Power Branch send a man to see what could be done in this respect, and also the cost of same.

In regard to Mr. Pitt's accusation that Mr. Lett, principal of the school, is endeavoring to repudiate the agreement entered into with Mr. Dawson, and the Indian, this is quite untrue. Mr. Lett has told them over and over again that all he wants is his share, which the Indians recognize and have signed up with him for, and that the Ciscos, if they can get water from the Indians, may have the use of the school ditch.

In regard to the statement that I have told the Indians and the Ciscos that I can do nothing to assist them, it is not true. What I have told them is that they have my wholehearted interest and sympathy, but I cannot get a further record for them, as the Provincial Government engineer will not grant one, and that if the other Indians are not willing to give the Ciscos water I can't make them, but have done all in my power to arrive at some solution.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*H. Graham*

(H. Graham)  
Indian Agent.

HG/MD

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June 1st., 1927.

Dear Mr. Cisco:-

Whilst in Lytton the other day, I went into the matter of possible exchange of land between yourself and Mr. Lett, and seeing that you did not wish to do so, although it looked to me the most sensible thing to do, I have therefore made the following ruling.

1. No attempt will be made to remove you from your land unless you desire to move yourself.
2. You must, however, not touch any of the water allowance which belongs to the Indian School when it is going down the ditch and being used by the School.
3. Your correct legal record only pertains to the upper ditch, and you are at liberty to build a ditch to this point from which to get your water.
4. If you find you cannot do this, and the Indians from the other Reserve like to let you have water from their own record from the School ditch, when not in use by the School, you can make your own arrangements with them, but I again warn you that the water belonging to the School record must not be touched.

I regret that you are having this trouble and I sympathize with the fact that you do not wish to move from land that you have used for a long time. However, you must understand that it is important that the School receives its correct share of water for irrigation, as the School is a large and important Institution, and it is absolutely necessary that they be able to grow agricultural produce for the benefit of the children at the School.

If you desire to write me upon the matter, you are perfectly at liberty to do so.

Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)  
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

Charlie Cisco,  
Indian Reserve,  
LYTTON, B.C.

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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ENCLOSURE



P.O. BOX 752  
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 1st., 1927.

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from an inspection trip in the Lytton Agency. Later on, I will forward you the usual report of my trip.

In the meanwhile I have to state that I went into the matter of the water supply of the Lytton Reserve and the Indian School from Britannia Lake, also the Cisco matter with reference to the land which Mr. Lett was desirous of changing with the Indians concerned. I might say that Senator Bostock interviewed me upon this matter, also that I have seen varied correspondence from a Mr. Pitts, who seems to be acting as Solicitor for the Indians in the case. There have also been numerous Indian letters. Taking it all round, there seems to be a great deal of talk going on about the whole thing. The claim of the Indians with reference to the water supply is very many sided and complicated, but the gist of the general complaint is that they are not receiving their correct amount, and that the School is stealing it from them. Doubtless you have correspondence upon the matter as Mr. Graham has shown me some that he received from you.

With reference to the Cisco case, the claim is as follows: Charlie Cisco has been using water out of the same ditch that goes to the School. As a matter of fact, he never had any legal right to use this water, as his piece of land belongs to the Upper Reserve and should be served by that record. However, it is quite a long way to carry the water from the existing upper ditch to Cisco's place. This has been pointed out to them, but apparently they cannot understand it, and the main thing that rests in their minds is that they think that Mr. Lett is trying to force them out and take their land away from them. In order to quieten things down, I had to make a final ruling whilst I was there, and I am sending you a copy of the letter addressed to Charlie Cisco. As you will see by the letter, I assure them that nobody is going to, or trying to force them off the land, merely that the exchange would be to the mutual benefit of themselves and the School. I have also stuck strictly to the letter of the law, and have informed them that they cannot take water for this land out of the school ditch, and they must either dig a ditch to the upper ditch and connect up with them, or possibly, the Indians from the Lower Reserve would allow them water from their share on days when the School was not using it. I hope this ruling is in order, but something had to be done about it immediately.

With reference to the remaining water question as to whether the various Reserves are getting their proper supply, I was of the opinion that the only way to settle the question was

The Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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The Deputy Superintendent General.

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June 1, 1927.

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to apply to the Provincial Government Water Board to have a bailiff put on there this summer. There is a possibility that more water than their records call for, is being used by some of the earlier record holders, also they have not yet complied with the regulations regarding measuring weirs and water boxes. However, despite all that, I am of the belief that the Indians have in the past actually received at their intakes, more water than that to which they are entitled, and the water bailiff would show whether this was right or not, but I think, at the same time, the Indians are losing a very considerable amount of water from seepage after it has reached their various ditches, and I think that a considerable amount of fluming will have to be done to rectify this wastage.

Taking everything into consideration, therefore, as I have said before, a water bailiff to divide the water properly, seemed to be the only solution, and I hope I am right in asking the Water Comptroller to have one put on. When he is actually regulating all the water, and nobody else is interfering with it, we shall then be able to know whether the quantity is being properly divided and whether there is sufficient for all.

Yours truly,

*G. S. Pragnell*

(Geo. S. Pragnell)

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

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Ottawa, June 14, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the first instant, with reference to the water supply for the various reserves and the Indian Residential School at Lytton. Relative to the difficulty between the Indian Charlie Cisco and our local representatives, I note that you have made a "final ruling." I wish to point out that it is the duty and province of Headquarters to make final decisions; and, as it may be necessary for the Department to take the land of this Indian for school purposes under Section 11A of the Indian Act, I have to request that you will write to him, referring to your letter of the first instant with a view to changing Ruling No. 1. You should inform Charlie Cisco that the Department requires his property for the use of the school; that we will make any reasonable exchange with re-establishment or compensation and that he would be well advised to make arrangements with Mr. Indian Agent Graham for his removal.

I should be glad to have a copy of your letter to Cisco, as he may again enlist the services of Mr. C. H. Pitts, Barrister, of Ashcroft, who is quite likely to quote from your earlier letter in this connection.

*Don't*  
*cc. 1. Jm.*  
*2. McC.*  
Your obedient servant,

*J. D. McLean*  
J. D. McLean,  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*Lt. Col. George S. Pragnell*  
Lt. Col. George S. Pragnell,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Box 752, Kamloops,  
B. C.

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Ottawa, June 14, 1927.

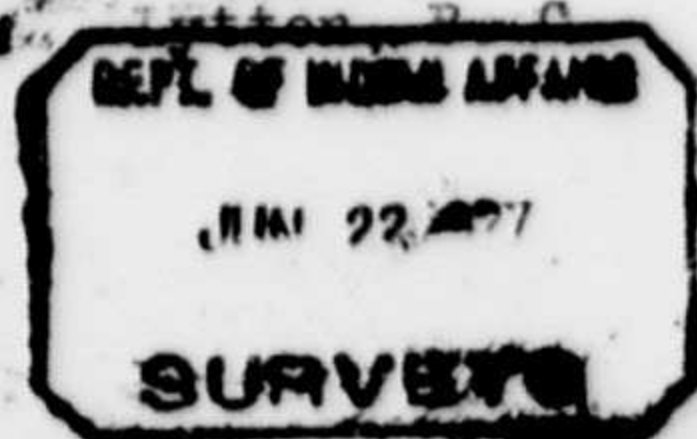
Sir:

I have your 1-D-15 of the 30th ultimo and I note you have had no success trying to move the Indian Charlie Cisco from land which is required for the purposes of the Indian Residential School at Lytton. Mr. Inspector Pragnell's report is to hand and I am today asking him to correspond again with Charlie Cisco to the effect that it will be necessary for him to move and that he had better accept any arrangement he can make with his Indian Agent. The Department will allow any reasonable exchange with re-establishment or compensation to the Indian or Indians in question. Please make the best arrangements you can. Charlie Cisco should be given to understand, however, that the Department is prepared to remove him, if necessary, under authority of Section 11A of the Indian Act.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean,  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

H. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,



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June 21st., 1927.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to my letter to you of the 1st., inst., I now beg to inform you that the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa have written me informing me that it is not within my power to make the ruling that I did in my letter to you, the said ruling of mine being:

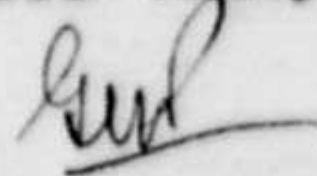
- "1. No attempt will be made to remove you from your land unless you desire to move yourself."

The above ruling must therefore be considered null and void. The Department states that "it may be necessary for the Department to take the land of this Indian for School purposes, under Section 11A of the Indian Act."

Further, their instructions to me state that I am to "inform Charlie Cisco that the Department requires his property for the use of the School"; and "that they will make reasonable exchange with re-establishment or compensation and that he would be well advised to make arrangements with Mr. Indian Agent Graham for his removal."

I regret that I have misled you in the matter, but I am, of course, subject to the orders of the Headquarters of the Department at Ottawa, and their ruling that I have not the power to rule as I did, must be correct and final.

Yours truly,



(Geo. S. Pragnell)  
Inspector of Indian Agencies

GSP/S.

Charlie Cisco,  
Lytton Indian Reserve,  
LYTTON, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. Box 752  
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 21st., 1927.

Dear Sirs:-

I am in receipt of your 165-0-9 of the 14th inst., and enclosed you will find a copy of a letter to Charlie Cisco, written by me in accordance with your instructions. I have made it, I hope, as explicit as possible.

I regret my error in this matter, and now understand that I am not empowered to make a definite ruling for the Indians or Agents on behalf of the Department, unless instructed previously by the Department Headquarters at Ottawa, or, I take it, by the Commissioner for B.C. I will therefore act accordingly in future.

In extenuation of my error, if there really is any excuse for me, I can only attribute it partly to my past training in life as a soldier, which emphasizes the fact that a subordinate must in cases of emergency, make a decision, notwithstanding any previous orders to the contrary, being expressly instructed to use his own initiative, informing his own headquarters as to what he has done with reasons, as soon as possible. My reasons for considering this a case of emergency were many, and hard to grasp, except to one on the spot. The main reason being that the School ditch lays at the mercy of the Indians, and interference with same was expected out of sympathy with Cisco, besides fostering a strong prejudice against the school and Principal, already much harped upon by the ignorant and agitators. I might also say that I did not make this ruling with consultation with Mr. Agent Graham and Rev. Mr. Lett, and I came to the conclusion that the longest way round was the safest and that, having in view the water situation at the Cisco place, that he would, before long, voluntarily offer to give the place up. I really thought the Department would expect me, as their representative, to make a decision.

As said before, I will not enlarge upon the matter of my reasons, but I hope you will accept my apology for this error, and attribute it to a mistaken idea as to my responsibilities and duty towards the Department, and a desire to prevent any regrettable incident due to hasty action on the part of the Indians.

Yours truly,

*G. S. Pragnell*

(Geo. S. Pragnell)  
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

June 28, 1927.

Memorandum:

*W.R.*  
SURVEYS.

*fourteen*  
*AB*  
I should be grateful if you would check the description of the ~~twelve~~ parcels of land that comprise the property of the Lytton Indian Residential School. This description is contained in a schedule attached to a lease which is turned out on ~~this~~ file. ~~Attached is the site file for the school with a blue print, on which the property is marked.~~

*Hereunder is*  
*AB*  
*Russell Davies*

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IN REPLY TO THE  
DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
OTTAWA



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 165-0-19

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT  
IN EACH LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA



Ottawa, 29th June 1927.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Ferrier

With reference to your memorandum of the 28th instant, I have looked over the schedule in description attached to lease of 1922 and which suggests that the first half of the first page be eliminated and the attached portion of the description substituted.

1. All that parcel or lot of land situate in the former District of Lytton in British Columbia now in Township Fifteen, Range Twenty-seven, West of the Sixth Meridian, said to contain One hundred and four acres more or less and numbered Lot Eleven, Group One on the Official plan of the said township approved and confirmed by E. Deville, Surveyor General, on the 21st day of June 1904.
2. All that parcel or lot of land situate in the former District of Lytton, now in Township Fifteen, Range Twenty-seven, West of the Sixth Meridian in British Columbia, said to contain Eighty-two acres more or less and numbered Lot Twelve, Group One on the official plan of the said Township approved and confirmed by E. Deville, Surveyor General on the 21st day of June 1904.
3. All that parcel or lot of land situate in Yale Division of Yale District said to contain One hundred and fifty acres more or less and more particularly described on the map or plan annexed to the Crown Grant dated 17th October 1901 and coloured red and numbered Lot Forty-seven, Group One on the official plan or survey of the said Yale Division of Yale District in the Province of British Columbia, now being in Township Fifteen, Range Twenty-six, West of the Sixth Meridian.

*W. H. H.*

*See proper  
Schedule -  
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Original on 165-0-5.

January 16, 1928.

Dear Mr. Lett:

With further reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to authorize you to expend the sum of \$1,200 in the preparation of a root and apple cellar. Competitive prices should be secured before purchasing materials and the accounts should be given to Mr. Indian Agent Graham for his certificate. You may also expend \$500 in connection with grading around the new building, planting shrubbery and fencing the playgrounds and vegetable garden.

I may say that it is possible the New England Company will have a representative at the official opening of the new building. I have informed them that, at the present time, June 15th appears to be a suitable date for the ceremony. I intend to place a brass tablet in the main entrance, for the purpose of recording the Company's interest in and connection with the institution.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. A. R. Lett,  
Principal,  
St. George's Indian Res. School,  
Lytton, B. C.

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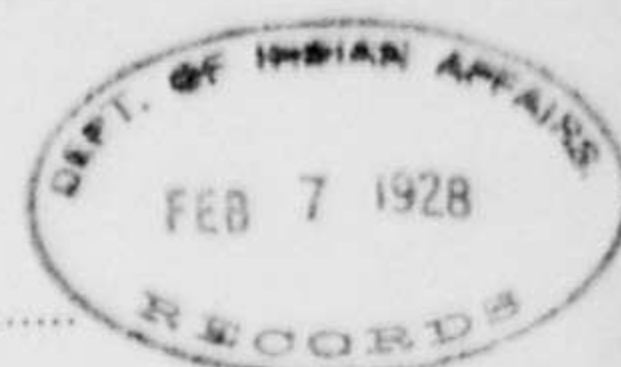
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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

.....Lytton, B.C.,.....



.....February 2nd, 1928.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 373-A-15/21  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Sir,—

Having further reference to departmental letter dated June 14th, 1927, re trying to get some amicable settlement with the family of Charles Cisco, over that portion of Inklukehchin, Lytton No. 21 Indian reserve, lying and being between Lots 11 and 12, which is required for school purposes in order to build a road into the new St. George's Residential School, I beg to state that I have made various attempts to try to get some settlement in this matter, but to no avail.

I have had three long meetings within the last ten days, at which the Rev. Mr. Lett was present, but I could make no progress. Both Mr. Lett and myself have suggested various exchanges, but they have turned a deaf ear to everyone of them. They harp back all the time to the old aboriginal title, etc., etc., but this I explained to them (and even the interpreter, who is a very levelheaded Indian, explained it to them very minutely,) the authority the Department had under Section 11A of the Indian Act, but nevertheless notwithstanding this they refused to be moved. I have been at it late the last two nights, and last night they asked permission to write to you direct themselves about it. I told them they could certainly do so if they wished to, but I thought they could save themselves the trouble, as the Department had made up its mind to reestablish them, or else buy them out.

*Total 704 acres  
4 1/2 m. S. of  
present location  
or  
2 1/2 South Lytton  
Close to Lytton R.R. Sta.*

As a last resort I suggested to them trying to make arrangements with the Diocese of Cariboo, through the Bishop Adams, for the purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Group 1, C.G., situated and being in the east half of Section 26, Township 14, Range 27, West of the 6th Meridian, as this same family is using certain land on the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way about half a mile from the proposed piece of land, and could work both to better advantage. At the present moment I am not in a position to say for sure whether or not the Diocese is prepared to sell, and if so, at what figure. The last time the Bishop was down he talked about selling, so the Rev. Mr. Lett wrote him last week, but up to the present we have had no reply, and I presume he is waiting until he comes down here next Saturday. I will advise the Department again as soon as I get something definite from him.

I may further state that I informed the Cisco family that this matter had to be settled before the spring, so as to have a chance to reestablish them, so that they may not lose crops through the matter being taken up too late. I might also add that this particular piece of land that they are making such a fuss about, has only been in their possession a few years, as they bought the improvements from another Indian family, so there can really be no sentimental attachment to it, as they are making capital of.

Asst. Deputy Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

HC/MD

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature: H. Graham]*  
(H. Graham) Ind. Agent.

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Ottawa, February 9, 1928.

Sir:

I have your 373-A-15/21 of the 2nd instant, with reference to land held by the Indian Charles Cisco, which is required for the use of the St. George's Indian Residential School. I note the effort you have made to arrange settlement in this matter. Please let me have a report as soon as you hear from Bishop Adams in connection with the proposed purchase of a parcel of land for this Indian. The Department wishes to secure the land lying between Lots 11 and 12 for the use of the school at an early date, so I should be pleased if you would keep me informed.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy Secretary.

*H. Graham*  
H. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Lytton, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT



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Lytton, B. C.,

Feb. 17, 1928.

*Immediate*  
*[Signature]*

Dear Sir:-



In reply to departmental letter dated February 9th, I now beg to enclose a copy of the Bishop of Cariboo's reply to my letter asking at what price they would dispose of Hautier's Ranch, that I had in view for purchase by the Department to give to the Cisco family in place of that particular piece held by them between Lots 11 and 12, which the Department wishes to obtain for the use of St. George's Residential School.

You will note that all that they are asking is \$550.00. This I consider very reasonable, but it will take another few hundred to fence it up, repair the flume, etc. Mr. Lett and I have gone into this and we think it will take about another \$500.00, but even at this expense, this would be in our estimation a cheap purchase, and I would like strongly to recommend that the Department give this favorable consideration, at the earliest possible date, so that if the Indian is to be re-established on this, it be done before the spring, so that they would suffer no loss.

*Copy of Bishop's  
Offer on Reserve file  
2/165-37*

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Signature: H. Graham]*

(H. Graham)  
Indian Agent.

Asst. Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

HG/MD

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

February 23, 1928.

Memorandum:

DR. SCOTT.

An Indian named Charles Cisco holds land on the Lytton No. 21 Indian Reserve, between Lots 11 and 12. His holding, which is approximately 16 acres, is so situate that it is necessary to acquire it for school purposes. Mr. Indian Agent Graham, the Rev. Principal and Inspector Pragnell have all failed in the effort to get this Indian to move to other land. It will likely be necessary to expropriate, under Section 11 A of the Indian Act. Mr. Graham is unable to find, on one of the nearby reserves, any parcel that he feels would be entirely suitable for this Indian, and he recommends that we purchase from the Diocese of Cariboo a parcel of approximately 70 acres,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to the south or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Lytton town. This parcel is known as Lots 7 and 8, Group 1, C. G., and is in the East half of Section 26, T. 14, R. 27, W. 6th. The Bishop of Cariboo has offered to sell to the Department for the sum of \$650. Mr. Lett and Mr. Graham estimate it would take another \$500 to re-establish Charles Cisco.

I recommend that action under Section 11 A be taken and that the Lands Branch make early arrangements for the purchase of the property mentioned as an Indian reserve. Funds are available in the Appropriation for Indian Education. I understand the authority of Council is required.

As soon as we have secured authority for the purchase, immediate arrangements should be made to have the Indian in question re-established before spring, so that he will suffer no loss.

Russell P. Turner  
Supt. of Indian Education.

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Ottawa, February 27, 1928.

Sir:

I have your 483-A-15/21 of the 17th instant, with reference to removing the Cisco family to a parcel of land which can be purchased from the Diocese of Cariboo for the sum of \$650. I have to inform you that the Deputy Superintendent General has approved of this scheme and the Department wishes to arrange for the purchase in the immediate future. I am today asking the Department of Justice to have their agent search title and, if found satisfactory, to prepare a conveyance of Lots 7 and 8, Group 1, C. G., of the East half of Sec. 26, T. 14, R. 27, W. 6th. to His Majesty as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. Before making the purchase, the authority of the Governor in Council for the transaction will be requested. It is necessary to also secure the authority of the Governor in Council if Charles Cisco has to be forcibly removed from that portion of the Indian reserve which is required for the use of the St. George's Indian Residential School. At an early date, you should personally take Cisco to the new property and inform him the Department is purchasing it as an Indian reserve for himself and family: that you have been authorized to expend the sum of \$500 in getting him re-established in his new home: and that, if necessary, the services of the police will be enlisted to effect his removal. If you exercise tact in this matter, I am very hopeful that it will not be necessary to use the authority that is given the Governor in Council by Section 11A of the Indian Act. You might let me have a special report concerning your efforts in this connection.

Please inform His Lordship the Bishop of Cariboo that the Department is making arrangements to accept his offer for the property in question.

Information on our files suggests that the parcel at present held by Charles Cisco, between Lots 11 and 12, and to the west of the Lytton-Lillooet wagon road, comprises approximately 15.7 acres. It also appears that Lots 7 and 8, which we are about to purchase, comprise approximately 70 acres. If these figures are not correct, please let me have a statement.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

H. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Lytton, B. C.

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We had two meeting with him, in which he showed us letter that came from your Department Our Representative; Regarding Mrs. Charley Cisco's Removal from this reserve Land.

as it was most essential thing to do and that a Re-Establishment in exchange be granted to Mrs Charley Cisco, Equal in Valuation or Compensation if desired.

The grounds mentioned by the Agent for Charley Cisco Re-Establishment in Exchange was unsatisfactory as stated

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2nd other with very little water not enough for the Irrigating season for one crop of hay only  
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Address  
Andrew Bob,  
Indian  
Lytham, B.C.

2 other petitions  
attached for info  
J. H. H.

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To Honourable  
Charles Stewart

Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs

Ottawa Ont.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

FEB 29 1928

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To The Department of  
Indian Affairs

Ottawa, Ont.

Referred to the Deputy  
Minister of *Indian Affairs*

FEB 29 1928

FOR ATTENTION  
DRAFT

PRIV. SECY.

Sir

We the Undersigned Indians and members of  
the Lytton Band of British Columbia  
Here with are transmitting our grievances, which  
our Indian Agent has put before us recently

1st. Regarding the Indian Reserve No. 21 of the  
Inklushkan of Lytton, which is improved and  
has been under cultivation, for good many years.  
The said Reserve, belonging to Mrs. Charley Cisco; an  
Indian of the Lytton Band.

Our Indian Agent's intentions is to remove  
Mrs. Charley Cisco from this reserve, and that  
the reserve to be given over to the St. Georges School  
for Road purposes only, as stated by him.

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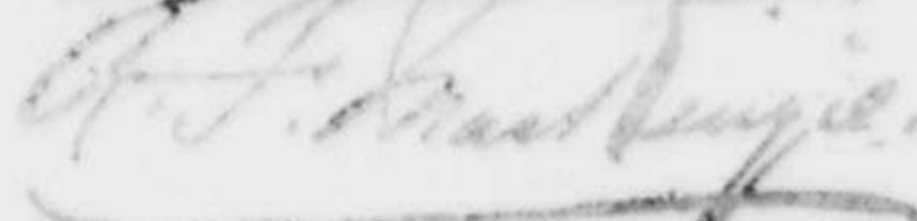
Ottawa, March 12, 1928.

Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge the letter, signed by Arthur Skakie and other Indians of the Lytton Band, which was addressed to the Honourable Charles Stewart. Concerning the property of Charlie Cisco, which is part of Indian Reserve No. 21, it is true that the Department intends to expropriate this, if necessary, for the use of the Indian residential school. You may rest assured that this Indian will be dealt with very fairly and will be re-established on suitable property. Mr. Indian Agent Graham of Lytton has already received instructions in this connection.

The other questions raised in your letter are receiving attention.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.



Mr. Andrew Bob,  
Indian,  
Lytton, B. C.

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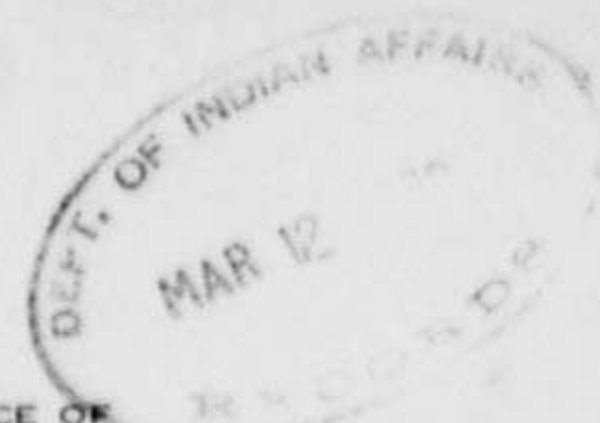
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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



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Lytton, B. C.,

March 6, 1928.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of departmental letter dated February 27th, in regard to the removal of the Cisco family to a parcel of land, which can be purchased from the Diocese of Cariboo.

Yesterday I went to interview this family and explained the letter to them. They told me that they were quite reconciled, and willing to make the transfer, but as they had written to the Department on February 24th, three days before your letter was written, they were waiting for a reply and asked me not to rush them, assuring me that everything would come all right, but preferred to have your answer first.

I explained to them that the Department has bought this as Indian Reserve for the benefit of Charles Cisco and his family, and that I was authorized to expend the sum of \$500.00 in re-establishing them. There were some suggestions made that I turn over this piece of land and the sum of \$500.00 to him, and let the family do all the work necessary in re-establishing themselves. I promised to write you and recommend that this be done, as I think they would be better satisfied. I would therefore like to suggest that you send me a cheque made out in favor of Charles Cisco, which I can deliver to him on him signing a paper that he relinquished all interest to that portion of Lytton I.R.No.21, situated between Lots 11 and 12, the property of the Department, now held by St. George's Residential School, comprising approximately 15.7 acres. You also ask for the acreage of Lots 7 and 8. This is as you state just about 70 acres.

The Asst. Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

*H. Graham*

(H. Graham) Indian Agent

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*To be capable  
of administering  
fund in  
the future*

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Department of Indian Affairs

To H. Graham, in trust.

Indian Agent,

Lytton, B. C.

DATE	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
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Mar. 16	To Compensation for Charles Cisco . . . . .	\$500.00
<p>NOTE:</p> <p>Charles Cisco was the recognized Indian holder of some 15.7 acres of the Lytton Indian Reserve No. 21 - which holding is situated between two lots belonging to the Crown and used by the St. George's Indian Residential School, Lytton, B. C. Cisco's holding is contiguous to the new main building of the institution and is absolutely necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the school. The Department is purchasing another property for Charles Cisco and we have agreed on compensation to the above amount for his removal expenses and his re-establishment. Mr. Indian Agent Graham will administer the amount of compensation in the best interests of the Indian.</p> <p>Certified Correct <i>Russell T. Ferrier</i> Russell T. Ferrier, Supt. of Indian Education, 16/3/28.</p> <p><i>Request to send with letter. Please hand to me A.B.</i></p> <p><i>6421</i></p> <p>TOTAL, \$500.00</p>		

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

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Ottawa, March 17, 1928.

WITH CHEQUE

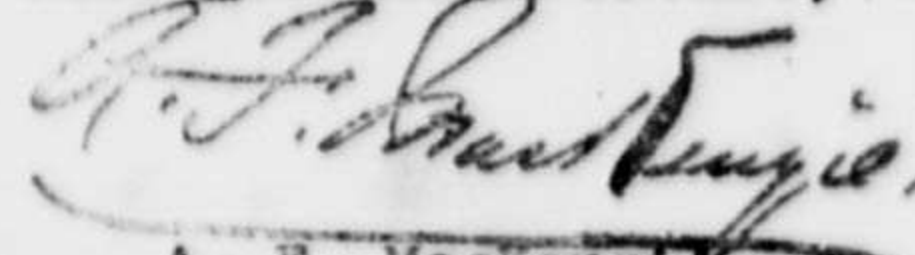
Sir:

I have your <sup>A</sup>639-15/21 of the 6th instant, with reference to the removal of the Cisco family from Lytton Indian Reserve No. 21.

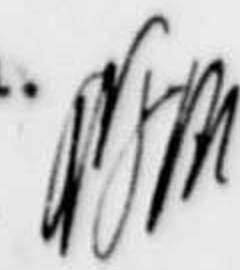
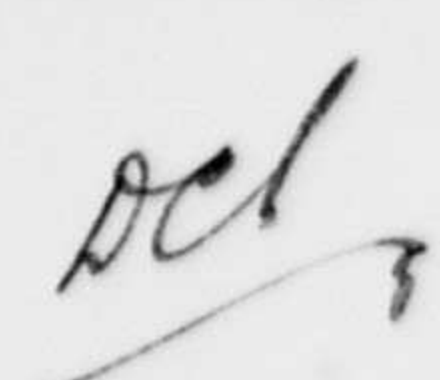
I am enclosing Quit Claim forms, which you should have properly filled in and executed, in duplicate, before a subscribing witness, who should take the affidavit. One copy of this should be returned to the Department for our file. You should fill in a description of the property that Cisco is relinquishing.

There is also enclosed a cheque in your favour, for \$500. I note your suggestion that the amount of compensation be handed to the Indian, but I am doubtful of his ability to administer the money in his own best interests. I believe you should explain to him, before an interpreter, that he favours, that you have the \$500 and that you and he, together, are going to expend the major portion of it in re-establishing him and his family on the property which is being purchased from the Bishop of Cariboo. The balance you may give to Cisco in cash, if you consider he would make proper use of it. You should take receipts, showing how the \$500 was expended, and forward these to the Department at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Encl.  

H. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Lytton, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Lytton, B. C.,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 797-A-15721  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

165-0-9

March 26th, 1928.

*mediate*  
*[Signature]*  
Sir,—

I have departmental letter dated March 17, together with cheque for \$500.00, and quit claim forms for me to fill in and have executed by Charlie Cisco, for the relinquishment of certain piece of land owned by him on the Inkluckcheen, Lytton I.R.No.21.

I have had Charlie Cisco in, and other Indians with a good interpreter twice, and I regret to state, that I am absolutely no farther ahead. Charlie Cisco absolutely refuses the piece of land that we proposed buying from the Bishop of Cariboo, that we wish to re-establish him on, claiming it is no good.

Under these circumstances, if the Department has not gone ahead with this matter, I would like to recommend that it be left in abeyance.

Charlie Cisco says, if the Department wants his piece of land, he is quite willing to relinquish it, but wants compensation. When asked how much, he replied, "\$4000.00." I told him straight that that was quite out of the question, and that the Department would not consider this for one moment, as you considered that he was being well dealt with, in giving him \$500.00 to reestablish him. As an alternative Cisco says he'd accept \$20.00 a month recompense.

I explained your former letter, that if it was necessary, the police would be brought in to expel them, and also read Section 11 of the Indian Act to them, and explained it to them carefully, showing them that as we could not come to an amicable arrangement the Superintendent General had agreed what compensation was coming to them, which was the exchange of land and \$500.00 to reestablish them.

I have informed them that the school intends to start building the road through this property immediately, and if they wish to keep haggling, and putting the matter off, that they are doing it at their own risk, that is, of being late with their crops this spring.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Signature: H. Graham]*

(H. Graham)  
Indian Agent.

Assist. Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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*On file  
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HMP*

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Ottawa, April 3, 1928.

Sir:

I have to inform you that, for some time, the Department has been in correspondence with Mr. Indian Agent Graham, in connection with the removal of the Indian Charlie Cisco from his holding on Lytton Indian Reserve No. 21 - which property is required for the purposes of the St. George's Indian Residential School. The Department has offered to purchase a property of 70 acres, at a cost of \$650, for an Indian reserve and to place Cisco thereon, and in addition, to allow \$500 for his re-establishment. Mr. Graham reported on the 6th ultimo that Cisco appeared reconciled to the proposal, which the Department considers a fair one, and it was hoped that it would not be necessary to remove him under authority of Section 11 A of the Indian Act.

As you are to be in Lytton in the early future, I should be pleased if you would see the correspondence on Mr. Graham's file A-15/21 and let me have a recommendation as to what course to pursue. It is possible that Cisco would agree to the arrangement if the offer was repeated by yourself. In the interim, I am not completing arrangements for the purchase of the property south of Lytton town, to which we were prepared to move the Indian in question.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. Mackenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Box 666, Victoria,  
B. C.

*His answer placed  
on 2716537*

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