

Office Superintendent Indian Affairs  
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Dear Sir

Under a sense of public duty, I have been compelled  
to perform a most unpleasant task by suspending the purchase  
of seed to be culled as genuine agave. The reason for this  
action is the information that I had been engaged in dealing  
with the Indians located on the table Rock Reserve

in such a manner as to permit there to be received  
a sum of nearly two thousand dollars in a large  
transaction and for your information, I will  
give briefly the substance of the charge - it is

that he purchased from some of the Indians on the 250-  
reserve, the privilege of cutting their hay, for which he was to pay  
some twenty cents to be cut and haled to Fort Lane  
~~probably intended to it for feeding~~ that during the time of

cutting he sold this privilege to one Bruce, for the sum  
of about \$100, reserving the right to cut what he might need  
that Bruce cut about 100 tons, fifty of which he sold  
and ~~delivered~~ ~~at~~ ~~fort~~ ~~lane~~ ~~and~~ ~~del~~ ~~for~~ ~~which~~ ~~he~~ ~~35¢~~  
per ton.

The Indians then peremptorily have from cutting  
more taking more allegedly it was taking the  
seed which was mixed with the hay for  
which they relied for food

that during the process of cutting the Indians complained much  
as they were told they had been cheated in the contract  
made with them by whom, that much of the  
excitement existing among the Indians grew out of  
this very transaction. As in it the agent sent  
among them to watch over protect and encourage  
them had himself taken the advantage of them  
and they were cheated out of a large amount.

Many other points of complaints were made but  
suffice it to say I have so much confidence  
in the statements made that, I have felt it my duty  
to suspend him till the will of the President be known.  
I regret this step exceedingly, but I must either  
act in the premises, or <sup>on not under the impetuosity of</sup> belong a party to the  
transaction. I am sure he has had many difficulties  
to contend against, but this does not justify him

in allowing these people whom it is his duty to protect  
to be thus cheated out of their rights. He may have  
intended the hay which he caused to be cut, for  
the government horses used by him and for the stock  
belonging to the tribe. but can he offer an answer  
for permitting others to come and carry off hay  
under such an arrangement?