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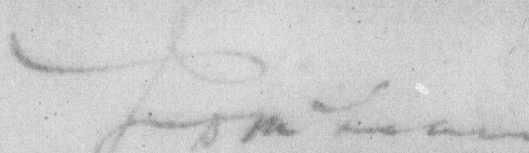
Sir,-

With further reference to your letter of the 25th. ultimo, regarding the fisheries at Pemberton Meadows, I beg to say that you should report fully the extent of the work which would be necessary should it be decided to construct the ditches you mention. You should make a careful estimate of the cost involved, and also advise the Department whether the Indians are capable of performing the work, or whether it would be necessary to employ an engineer or some competent man. The Department does not understand the necessity of flood-gates, and would be glad to receive your explanation. You might also make an estimate of the cost of removing the log-jam, in case the work of removing it fell upon the Department.

With regard to the request of the Indians to be furnished with a pure-bred Durham bull, I shall be glad to know what cattle the Indians have, and also what you could purchase such a bull for locally.

The Department will be glad to meet the reasonable requirements of the Pemberton Indians, but you should bear in mind that the expenditure must be kept as low as possible. Will you be kind enough to give these matters your early attention, and let me have as full a report as possible.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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