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GRIFFIN, MONTGOMERY & SMITH.

Barristers, Solicitors,

August 30, 1927.

Messrs. Ellis & Brown,
Barristers, etc.,
Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

re Chilco Ranch.

We remind you that an interview has been suggested between us and Mr. Ditchburn with a view to deciding as to proceeding with the work recommended in the joint survey recently made, and that we have not heard from you as to what will be an appropriate time.

We feel that we cannot allow matters to stand indefinitely. We are advised by Mr. Spencer that he is not really getting the benefit which the agreement was intended to assure him in regard to Indians in particular, for example, they break the locks on the gates, block the ditches, and in fact do anything they like. Mr. Spencer appeals to Mr. McLeod and is ignored and the whole condition of affairs in the Indian territory is bad. The way it looks to us and the way we present it to you is that the agreement was intended as a protection to Mr. Spencer from Indian neglect and aggression and that the Department were undoubtedly intended to take over the actual duty of supervising the Indians and making them do the right thing whereas, on the contrary, the way it is being handled, you are simply throwing the Indians on Mr. Spencer's hands, which is not in accordance with the spirit of the agreement and in fact is unfair. Moreover Mr. Spencer cannot get cheques out of the Department for up-keep costs from time to time. These amounts are not large but if the agreement is to be carried out in the proper spirit the cheques should come back promptly because repair work is quite a different thing from anything else.

Yours truly,

GRIFFIN, MONTGOMERY & SMITH,

Per W.M.G.

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