

explained to them that they should not have undertaken this work until their resolution was concurred in by the Department.

It appears difficult to make them understand why payment for work which is so useful to them and might be classed as a permanent improvement on their Reserve should not be looked upon favorably by the Department. I may say that the Indians of the Pasqua Reserve have been very reasonable and have shown a desire to carry out instructions during the past three years. They have not been agitators, and, in view of their being so unanimously in favor of having this work done and also that it is going to prove of real benefit to them, I would respectfully suggest that the Department consider their request favorably. Although I knew this work was going on, I was not aware that authority had not been granted as I had not been consulted in any way regarding it either by the Agent or by the Department.

The total expenditure, I understand, amounts to \$760.30.

Your obedient servant,



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