

Applications for additional land,  
assistance &c.

The representatives of the band  
made the following statement

" We have not sufficient good land for expansion and therefore we are not encouraged to go in strongly for farming. If all the good land we now have was under cultivation, and we were depending altogether on farming it would only suffice for a very few of us. We ~~would like~~ <sup>desire</sup> additional good land somewhere so we ~~could~~ <sup>may</sup> have a chance to expand, and will be certain our needs for the future <sup>are</sup> ~~will be~~ assured. No vacant land can now be got for us near by as all the land near our reserve is settled by Whites. Judge O'Reilly was the Commissioner who visited us and agreed to give us our present reserve. The Indians desired to make this head quarters where we are now because it was an ancient settlement of the tribe and a good location for fishing and clam digging. Mr. O'Reilly pointed out where the boundaries of the reserve would be, and told us the reserve would include all the foreshore to low water mark. The Indians were very particular on this point as the foreshore was very valuable to them for fishing, clam digging &c. The beach here is very shallow and the tide runs out about one mile. The Indians dig shell fish here in plenty. O'Reilly stated emphatically that the foreshore would be reserve as well as the dry land. Since that time ~~the~~ Whites have several times spoken of having us shifted to other places and have suggested Grass Prairie, Mud Bay and other places as suitable for us. We have however up to the present insisted on staying where we are. All the good lands of our old tribal territories around Mud Bay and elsewhere have been taken up by Whites. If no additional land can be got for us adjoining our present reserve, some of the young people who have no room on our present reserve, would agree to go on government land on Bear Creek. This land is timbered but some of it would be good when cleared, and there is fishing there which would help us. We therefore ask to have a reserve there. We would then be satisfied as to sufficiency of lands. We ask for assistance in clearing our lands. This clearing is very hard for the Indians as it is all heavy stumps. We have no adequate tools, and as we have to work out for a living until

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