

property and not to be interfered
with by other Indians would
give them a deeper sense
of proprietorship, and would
doubtless render them more
anxious to improve their
lands and to build proper
houses upon them.

You should explain this
fully to the Indians and
inform them that the Depart-
ment has only their interest
at heart, and that there is
no intention whatever of
diminishing the Reserves in
any respect.

It may not be necessary
to have a regular subdivision
Survey made of the Reserves.
As indeed in some of them
the natural features of the
land, ^{country} may render it
inadvisable to allot locations
to the Indians in accordance
with regular lines of Survey,
that is to say where there
is