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The Superintendent General

Indian Affairs

Sir, Moses Lapine wishes me to write the Department for information concerning a lot of land he leased last June from an Indian Woman known as Maryanne Beasouppie Lot 25 Road Range. He states that the agreement was for twenty years renewable but the lease he received from James Martin Indian Agent was for ten years and that he would have to give up the lot buildings and improvements at the expiration of the ten years without any remuneration. He wanted Mr Martin to return his money or change the lease as per agreement Mr Martin would not return the money but said he thought the Department would make it all right. He states there is no buildings or improvements on the lot and the wood is all cut long prior. The land is only fit for pasture. He wishes to know if the Department will make the lease renewable if not he will give up the lot

Your obedient servant
W. J. McCaffrey
Indian Agent