

File No. 63598-2

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

19th June, 1919.

Dear Mr. McKenzie,

re Whyccomagh Indian Reserve Trespass.  
The King vs. Alex. McLean et al.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, with reference to the above matter, and note your suggestion that the Department make a counter proposition to be submitted to your clients, expressing the view that it is the duty of the Government to make a fair proposition of settlement with these men as has already been done with others similarly placed.

In reply I beg to say that the improvements of all the Whyccomagh trespassers were valued by the same officer of the Department, and so far as the Department is aware the McLean Brothers received the same consideration as the other trespassers who were willing to accept, and did accept, the offer that was made. From the amount which was offered to each of the McLeans, namely, \$45.00 in full, it is presumed that they had little or no improvements on this property. The land in question is hay land bordering on the river and was likely in about the same condition when the McLeans began to take the hay from it as it is now. They have had the use of this land for many years for nothing and it is thought that that should be ample compensation for any work done on the property.

The Department regrets having had to take these proceedings but there was no alternative in view of the attitude which the McLean Brothers have taken in the matter in not accepting the valuation placed upon their improvements as was done

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