

consequently on applying to the Department of Indian affairs to grant us a Reserve here at Manawan we get the reply that the Reserve at the Desert is for us to settle on as well as other Indians. Now if we had no right to this Reserve or any claim to it I don't think that the Department would refer us to the Desert Reserve.

It is very plain that there are no Indians of any Tribe whatever who can live ~~by~~ nothing but farming as they cannot settle altogether to the life of farming as do the whites. and altho the Desert Reserve has been long cultivated the Indians there only work on their farms during Summer in winter time they are all up in the Bush hunting. if the Indians from here were to go to the Desert to settle there would be not enough lands for them to hunt on during the Winter seasons & if they went on the lands of other Indians there would be trouble in a very short time.

If we have no claim to the ~~Manawan~~ Reserve at the Desert. then of course we must apply to the Department for a portion of land as a Reserve for us here. because we are unable to go to any other Reserve on account of our hunting grounds. we like other Indians cannot live without hunting during the Winter seasons