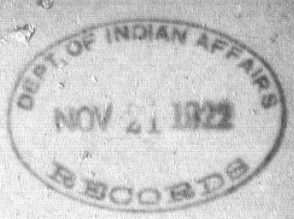


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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Lynton, B. C.

November 16, 1922

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 1-2-16
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,

On July 17th I wrote the Department in connection with the ownership of buildings erected by the Seabird Shingle Company, operating on Seabird Island Indian Reserve, and the Department replied by departmental letter number 30165-5 dated July 24th, stating that the buildings erected by the licensee were their property, provided the lumber they were built with did not come off the reserve.

I took this matter up with the company and they advised me that they had brought in thirty-three carloads of lumber in order to build these buildings, and that if the Indians did not feel enclined to purchase they would remove them. The company has now supplied me with a list of the buildings and the estimated quantity of lumber in each, which they have offered to sell as they stand for \$600.00.



I took this matter up with the Indians at the meeting this week and they stated that they were always under the impression that any buildings erected on the reserve could not be removed, and that these buildings in this case, should revert to the Indians, so as matters stand now we are at a deadlock, but the company has decided to let them remain until a decision one way or the other is reached.

Trusting that the Department will give this matter their earliest attention,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

H. Graham
(H. Graham)
Indian Agent.

Assist. Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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