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JICARILLA APACHE AND UTE INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Petition of citizens of Colfax County, New Mexico, for removal of Jicarilla Apache and Ute Indians to their reservation, to be considered in connection with the treaty, or "agreement," with said Indians presented to Congress, with letter to the Speaker of the House, February 3, 1874.*

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JANUARY 27, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 11, 1875.*

SIR: Referring to a communication addressed, by this Department, under date of February 3, 1874, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, inclosing, for the action of Congress, an agreement concluded December 10, 1873, with the Jicarilla Apache and certain Ute Indians, in New Mexico, &c., together with copy of letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of 2d instant, and report of Agent Thomas A. Dolan, upon the same subject, I now have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated 8th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with a petition from the citizens of Colfax County, New Mexico, referred to the Indian Office by Hon. S. P. Elkins, Delegate, requesting the removal of certain Indians, therein mentioned, from said county to their reservation west of the Rio Grande.

The subject is respectfully presented for the consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., January 8, 1875.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, inclosed, a petition received by reference from Hon. S. P. Elkins, signed by citizens of Colfax County,

Territory of New Mexico, asking, for reasons therein stated, that certain Indians may be removed west of the Rio Grande to their reservation.

I respectfully call your attention to a letter from this Office, dated February 2, 1874, submitting an agreement concluded with the Jicarilla Apache and certain Ute Indians of said Territory, dated December 10, 1873, providing for the location of said Indians upon the reservation therein described, and the relinquishment of their claims to all other lands heretofore claimed by them. This agreement was made subject to ratification by Congress, and this Office in the letter referred to recommended that the same be forwarded to that body for its action. Final action not having been taken at the last session of Congress upon the matter, I respectfully recommend that the inclosed petition may be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to be considered in connection with the agreement referred to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

*To the honorable Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C. :*

The undersigned, citizens of the county of Colfax, Territory of New Mexico, beg leave to represent :

That the tribes of Indians known as the Jicarilla Apaches and the Mounache Utes, which are, and for a long time have been, located in said county, have become the source of serious inconvenience and annoyance to the people thereof; that their conduct, instead of improving, has been growing worse, and, during the past year, has been such as to almost amount to open hostility. They have invaded cultivated fields, and turned their horses upon the crops, causing great damage to the owners thereof, and when, in accordance with the local law, their animals have been seized and held to satisfy the damages, the Indians have taken them from the authorities by force; they have, in numerous cases, killed large numbers of sheep and cattle belonging to citizens of the county; they have broken into dwelling-houses, intimidating and threatening the inmates, and compelling them to give up supplies of food, and have even gone so far as to fire upon men who resisted their killing of sheep and cattle. These are not isolated cases, but are of constant occurrence, and, if much longer continued, will inevitably lead to a collision between the whites and Indians, productive of disastrous results.

In view of these facts, we respectfully ask that the aforesaid tribes of Indians be removed to their proper reservations with as little delay as may be.

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Robt. Johnson.  
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Allen H. Carey.  
John Miller.  
B. Chandler.  
John Lee.  
H. T. Hoddins.  
J. Clutton.  
Robert Grigsley,  
Robert Adams.

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Hermann Heller  
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H. Jick.  
John Walters.  
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W. H. Trywill.  
Wm. Wooden.  
John Watts.  
J. M. Cunningham.  
John Stanford.  
James Harris.  
Geo. G. Brown.  
C. G. Burbank.  
M. Heck.  
John Reynolds.  
G. Morrison.  
Thomas Martin.  
Tony Meloche.  
D. W. Stevens.  
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Will. D. Damon.  
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Martin Guancy.  
G. W. Smith.  
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John Greeley.  
Michael Regan.  
G. R. Peter.  
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Henry Duncan.  
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 John E. Codlen.  
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 W. Moore.  
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 T. S. Clay.  
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 David R. Braden.  
 Wm. H. Hall.  
 J. T. Clark.  
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 M. Trause.  
 David Haynes.  
 E. H. Warner.  
 Jas. Holbrook.  
 C. R. Ottawa.  
 G. A. Bushnell.  
 J. L. Woodward.  
 Barton C. Keep.  
 Robt. Barnes.  
 H. Schwenk.  
 Schwenk & Will.  
 George Hunter.  
 Robert Allen.  
 W. H. Sadworth.  
 P. M. Davenport.  
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 Robert P. Jones.  
 Wm. E. Jones.  
 Robt. E. Gray.  
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 G. J. Howard.  
 N. Mitchell.  
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 H. Harruse.  
 Jos. E. Lumes.  
 Emil Gruner.  
 Albert Tison.  
 William Roison.  
 S. E. Welding.  
 Jas. A. Bennett.  
 J. E. Temple.

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 James Henderson.  
 S. M. Lowell.  
 John Henry.  
 J. H. Thorp.  
 P. Burleson.  
 Mat. Bumgarner.  
 Wm. Smith.  
 Geo. H. Buck.  
 Robert Richards.  
 John P. Ryan.  
 Fird Davis.  
 J. S. Conels.  
 Wm. Brothers.  
 John Granger.  
 A. J. Wood.  
 Joseph W. Kelly.  
 Pat Lyons.  
 John Reed.  
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 R. A. Butler.  
 Henry Butler.  
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 C. R. Reed.  
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 J. W. Hamlet.  
 C. F. Smith.  
 C. D. Thompson.  
 Wilson Huigins.  
 George Wilson.  
 James W. Kelly.  
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 A. C. Wright.  
 Rob Atkinson.  
 A. J. Howell.  
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 Robert Davis.  
 Joseph Raines.  
 Henry M. Porter.

CIMARRON, N. MEX., December 22, 1874.

Forwarded at the request of the signers, and would respectfully recommend the removal.

ALEXR. G. IRVINE.

Hon. S. B. ELKINS,  
*Delegate in Congress, Washington, D. C.*

I most earnestly join in the prayer of the within-named petitioners, and hope the Indians may be removed west of the Rio Grande. I know, of my own personal knowledge, many of the facts are true as stated.

Respectfully,

S. B. ELKINS.

DECEMBER 31, 1874.