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CAS. NO. 31

Frank. D. Lewis

Los Angeles Cal  
Sept 2/92

States that he has  
secured deed to farm

Jno. N. Parsons -

Willwood Murray &

Eliz. E. Murray.

In deers copy of  
deed of H. S. Court -

consulting abs' record  
to Chatham Nelson &

line.

See 4070-1898.

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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 16th, I have the honor to state that I have secured the deed and abstract required from Thos. N. Parsons, Wellwood Murray and Eliz E. Murray for the north half (N.1/2) of Township Three (3) South, Range One (1) East, less ten (10) acres in the north-west corner; but that as the taxes for the current year have not been levied--though due on the first Monday in March--I have been unable to secure the proper certificate as to payment of taxes. This matter cannot be attended to for some days yet, and I will hold the deed and abstract until the levy has been made and amount due on this property ascertained. Mr. Murray has signified his willingness to deposit the amount as soon as this information can be obtained.

I enclose herewith a certified copy of decree of U. S. Circuit Court for Ninth Judicial Circuit, So. District of California, cancelling the abstract issued to Chatham Helm on the 10th day of April, 1882. Helm has not displayed any willingness to accept a peaceable settlement of what claims he has, and as he has absolutely no title to the land, I do not consider that it is necessary that the United States should be put to any expense to extinguish

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any claim which he might have for improvements, other than the necessary expense of prosecuting an action of ejection against him, which, under the circumstances, must be merely nominal.

I shall be glad to receive any further instructions relative to this matter that the Commissioner may see fit to give.

Very respectfully,

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for Mission Indians.