

I send you letter to the Secy
Dept. with a story on enclosure
as I am sure of it.

Jan 10th 80

Res J. H. Donaldson
Fort Defiance
Arizona.

My dear Sir.

I have long entertained
a desire to have the Navajos
from a part of my charge, and
last fall when going west for
a new lot urged the Dept. in
favor of a good representation
from them. My appeals were
strongly seconded by Col Lockwood
the Chief Clerk of the Int. Dept. who
was with the Navajos at one
time and has the kindest
interest in their welfare. But

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light of the world and whosoever will may have
 have his heart lightened by Him, is our principle.
 I am a Presbyterian. My other military assistant
 an Episcopalian. My Principal over the Educational
 work is a Methodist. I have three Quaker assistants,
 a Dutchman, two Congregational, and other Episcopalian.
 The various ministers of the village give us the benefit
 of their teachings weekly. I am thus particular in
 replying to your inquiries, knowing you will be glad
 to know a better feeling is growing up for the Ind.
 I have met some of the Navajos in my military
 experience. Major Price in the winter of 74-75 had
 some as Scouts. I then admired their self assertion.
 I should be glad to have 50 or a hundred here
 where we have room for 250 more and expect
 to get that many in the Spring or Summer. The Red
 Cloud and Spotted Tail Sioux who are now so

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The policy was to reach those
 who were prospectively the most
 troublesome, with additions
 from some of their most civilized
 neighbors. We have eleven
 tribes represented here, among
 our 154 students. 92 are
 Sioux. The expenses are
 all borne by the Gov. We
 give the broadest liberty to
 religious influence. Our students
 attend every Sunday school
 and Church in town except
 the Catholics, being parcelled
 out by delegations, and the
 attendance supervised and
 constant. In the school we
 use the orthodox form of books,
 and the Moody and Sankey 123,
 hymn books. That God is the



Again, I have asked for fifty Navajo boys

largely represented ask to increase their number to 500 of both sexes. I send you a few photographs. We have the sons ^{and daughters} of many chiefs whose names are familiar to the country. Spotted Tail has 4 sons and a daughter and two more daughters come in the Spring. American Horse two sons, White Thunder a son, Little Raven of the Arapahoes a daughter. Labanawica of the Comanches a daughter. I had some of my old Kiowa Chiefs Arapahoe boys last evening of your letter, and they all said "that's good" "All Indians have the good road together and be good friends". Any authority to bring Navajos here should come from the Dept. at Washington and I have no doubt if the Govt and their friends press it, it can be brought about. Major Thomas wants to send some Pueblos and no doubt a good strong delegation can be brought from your section. Hampton Inst. Va. is also in the work under Govt. pay.

Cordially Yours R.H. Keith

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