

Walker River Indian Reserve
June, 18 1866

Dear Sister

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter dated Nov. 1st containing the cheerful intelligence that all is well.

It makes me laugh when I think that you and Nate and no telling how many more that were school children of the same time, have own got children, while I am yet unmarried and without any prospect of being so. The fact is I never think of matrimony only when I receive a letter from home.

Having absolved myself from female society so long I don't suppose, if I should again enter the arena that it would take much wire pulling to trap me.

Please write in your next what has become of R. Russel, Joe, Allen, Charlie Taylor and other boys, also some of the Union school girls. Please write what has become of those honest and good old horses I feel ashamed of myself when I think how I used to abuse them. If I was worth a fortune I should turn the old fellows out and allow them an ample pension of oats. Does that branch of the Campbell Family, that when last heard of inhabited the plains of Kansas still exist?

What has become of Grand Mother's farm? Curiosity and not interest prompts me to inquire. You say that Grand mother Campbell is well I am glad to hear it. I feel ashamed of myself that I have not been able to send her any relief. It is very hard that a person of her age should be in destitute circumstances.

Since my advent in this territory my services have been given the U.S. In return I received but small wages. In fact for the last year I have not received a cent half the time. There has not been a regular commissioner agent in the state. I have subsisted myself and kept up a show of Indian business out of the natural products of the Reservation.

Thank you for (letter piece missing)state of affairs are at a.....my last birthday Ipermission from the secretary..... appointing me U.S. Indian Agent.....Indians within the state of Nevada....was not got for me for any.....I have but but becauseone Honest US Senator.
....feel an honest pride in.....news; but how much greater it would be if our dear mother was only living. The importance of the position is luck I have to give Bonds to the amt. of \$15000.00 and I am please to say to get bondsmen was the least of my troubles. My Salary is \$1500 per annum. I hope to get it increased.

Give my love to all relatives and kind regards to maidens, war widows etc.

Yours as ever
Franklin Campbell
US Indian Agent