

William H. Taft.  
Cincinnati  
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Mar. 9, 1909  
Arlee,  
Mont.

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My Friend.  
Did you received my letter.  
to day, I am dropping you a few lines. It  
was nearly two years ago when Johnnie Mat  
and Angus McDonald. to work for our Res-  
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cause it was our Mayor that caught our  
chiefs. When they had a treaty for our  
Reservation. And all our chiefs said it  
was all right. When they started to  
surveyed our Reservation. They told  
our chiefs that if they would have a  
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to Dixon. Three men that are trying  
hard to throw the reservation over  
our Mayor, and Father and Dixon.  
today we find out you law and  
we are following the law. And our  
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It shows plenty that when they have  
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was is arfield, he said that our Res-  
ervation was to be ours for ever. There  
are 217 people in my petition you saw  
it already. There are eight chiefs in  
the petition. I'll want to know  
how you are thinking of my letter.  
Please return by mail right away.  
Your sincerely  
Good bye,  
Sam Resurrection,  
Arlee D.C.,  
Mont.

Letter to William H. Taft, Cincinnati, Ohio, from Sam Resurrection, Arlee, Montana, March 9, 1909, 3 pages, Central Classified Files 1907-1939 Flathead Agency 054 Record Group 75 - Box 09, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. (below and available through the Natives of Montana Project, Montana Memory Project, <https://mtmemory.org/digital/collection/p15018coll44/id/99605>)

Transcript of Sam Resurrection's letter to President William H. Taft, March 9, 1909 (original can be found on the Montana Memory Project, <https://mtmemory.org/digital/collection/p15018coll44/id/99605/rec/4>)

William H. Taft

Cincinnati Ohio

March 9, 1909

Arlee

Mont.

My Friend,

Did you receive my letter. Today, I am dropping you a few lines. It was nearly two years ago when Johnnie Mat and Angus McDonald to work for our reservation. It wasn't us that want them, because it was our Major that caught [?] our Chiefs. When they had a treaty for our Reservation. And all our Chiefs said it was alright. When they started to survey our Reservation. They told our Chiefs that if they would have a Indian Reservation it would be for us. From Washington the man that came to make a treaty with them was Mr. Stevens. And all our Chiefs made a petition because they made a Indian Reservation. It is what we are thinking of. Since 56 years ago, that's what we are all talking. And I am telling you that we never spoke to Dixon. Three men that are trying hard to throw the reservation open: Our Major and Father and Dixon.

Today we find out your law and we are following the laws. And our Chiefs, I have asked them when did they talk to Dixon and they say the never talked with him no place. It shows plenty that when they have a treaty for anything. You see that time when our Chiefs had a treaty wit Mr. Stevens. We remember it yet. And there was another man which was Garfield, he said that our Reservation was to be ours forever. There are 217 people in my petition you saw already. There are eight Chiefs in the petition. Well I want to know how you are thinking of my letter. Please return by mail right away.

Yours sincerely Yours

Good bye,

Sam Reslection [Resurrection]

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Letter to Sam Reslection, Arlee, Montana, from R. G. Valentine, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, March 3, 1920, <https://mtmemory.org/digital/collection/p15018coll44/id/99604/rec/2>

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tlement of lands  
on Flathead Reservation.

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Sam Reslection,  
Arlee, Montana.

My Friend:

The Office has received your letter of March 9, 1909, addressed to the President, complaining about the opening to settlement of the surplus lands on the Flathead Reservation.

In its letters of December 31, 1907, February 7, 1908 and June 15, 1908, in response to previous complaints from you, the Office explained the situation very fully and cited the Acts of Congress directing that the surplus lands be thrown open to settlement.

The Office suggests that the loss, if any, to the Flathead tribe of Indians by reason of having their Reservation thrown open to settlement, is more than fully compensated by the inestimable benefits derived from the effect of civilization and contact with white settlers.

You should look upon this as a distinct gain to the individual members of your tribe rather than a loss.

Very respectfully,

*R. G. Valentine*  
Acting Commissioner.

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