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acknowledgment

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-
ervation. It was sent us that want them, be-
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
survey our Reservation. They told
our chiefs that if they would have a
Indian Reservation it would be three
for free from Washington the man
that came to make a treaty with
them was Mr. Stevens. And all our

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Chiefs made a petition because they
made a Indian Reservation. It is what
we are thinking of. Since 54 years ago,
that is what we are all taking. And I
am telling you that we never spoke
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
Chiefs, I have asked them when did
they talked to Dixon and they say
they never talked with him no place.
It shows plenty that when they have
a treaty for any thing. You see that
time when our Chiefs had a treaty

with Mr. Stevens. We remember it
is yet. And there was another man which
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>)

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Relative to set-
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 21, 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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