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About

Native American Reservations, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Identified Persons

Frank La Flesche; J. Owen Dorsey; R.V. Belt; Ta-tun-ga-nuz-ze-a

Identified Places

Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe, and Oakland Agency

Recipient

unknown

Ta-tun-ga-nuz-ge
of Ponca Tribe Ind
Firmly

This Indian called on this
day with Mr Dorsey & in
addition to his paper made
many statements (interrupted
by Frank La Folke) of his
attention to the wants &
needs of the Poncas by their
agent & said a delegation
of two of their number was
ready to come on here at the
expense of the tribe to lay their
matters before the Department
& wanted permission for them
to come to be telegraphed out to the
agent.

He was informed that his del-
egation could only do what
he was doing in person & that
it would be necessary for the De-
partment to send an Inspector

or Spl agent to investigate
the matters of complaint
when made that they could
as well make their com-
plaints to such Inspector or
Spl agent cover the cost of
trip to this city. To this he re-
plied that Spl agents & In-
spectors have come to their
residence here before but
they have kept with the agent
& have not come away at
Indians bringing about
any matter, & their investi-
gations have not been of
any benefit to the Indians
directly. He was told that
this complaint would receive
attention & that the Depart^t
would be requested to send an

Inspector with specific
missions to go among the
Indians & listen to their com-
plaints & make reports thereon.
He then requested that this
Inspector be not sent
until he reaches the
reservation so that he
could meet him & with
other prominent Indians
have the benefit of a
personal conference
with him, all of
which he was promised
would be recommended
to the Dept & that the question
of a delegation of the tribe
coming to this city would not
be further considered until
after the report of the In-

Spector shall have been
received. He said that
he would not likely get to
his home before about
last of July or first of
August & would like to
have the Inspector come
then about that time.

Let these papers be
submitted to the Secretary
with request that an In-
spector visit the business
in the Indian Territory about
middle of July or 1st of August
hear the complaints & views.
Furnish report thereon to the
Department.

W. Beech
Acting Commissioner
Indian Affairs

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