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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of July 3rd in which you inclose papers regarding the litigation over the waters of Deer Creek which pass over your land. I observe that this case has been in court and the final decree was entered in the case in May, 1916; and the papers which you sent me indicate that ~~they were~~ ^{are} part of the transcript on appeal to the Supreme Court. I do not know that the case was heard on appeal to the Supreme Court. You do not say anything about this in your letter. It would seem to me, however, that you will have to abide by the decision of the Court in this case. It is very hard for you to lose the water, but the fact is that in Utah one who owns the land over which a stream flows does not own the water. This seems to be the cause of the trouble. This is not the law in most States, but in Utah where water must be taken out for irrigation, the man who makes the first use of it gets the right to take it away from the land over which it may naturally flow.

I do not know that I can do anything here to change the case. I will keep your papers however until I hear from you, and if you desire me to return them I will do so.

I regret that it is not convenient for me to secure the relief which you desire in this case. If there was anything I could do I would gladly try and help you, but I cannot see that anything can be done to change the decision of the court.

I shall be glad to hear from you if you have anything further to suggest. With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

William H. King

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