

Phoenix, Arizona,

September 28th, 1923.

Hon. Stephen T. Mather,
Director, National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mather:

I met Mr. W. W. Bass on the street yesterday and learned from him that he contemplates moving from the Grand Canyon to Wickenburg where he has a small farm. Mr. Bass said that he felt he would be compelled to make this change owing to poor health and that his physician advised him the altitude at the Canyon was bad for him.

He asked me whether it would be possible for him to dispose of his trail and other property within the Grand Canyon National Park to the Government. I told him that Congress was appropriating money to build trails and other improvements within the Park and that it might be possible for him to be compensated for the work he has done there. He is an old man. The greater part of his life has been identified with the Canyon, and whatever money he could obtain from the sale of his interested within the Park would keep him for the rest of his life.

I told him that I would write to you, and that

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I was sure you would give consideration to his offer to sell out and leave the Canyon. I shall be greatly obliged if you will write me advising whether there are any funds available which could be used for this purpose.

Yours very sincerely,

M. C. Arizona.

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