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SAN FRANCISCO, *January 15, 1852.*

SIR: Referring to my respects of 29th ultimo, advising of my arrival from the northern part of the State, and acknowledging receipt of your letters of 23d August and 11th September, I have now the honor to enclose the following original treaties made with the Indians of California; the two first executed on behalf of the United States by Messrs. Barbour, Wozencraft, and myself, and the last five by myself alone.

1. Treaty of Camp Fremont, 19th March, 1851.
2. Treaty of Camp Barbour, 29th April, 1851.
3. Treaty of Lu-pi-yu-ma, 20th August, 1851.
4. Treaty of Fernando Felix, 22d August, 1851.
5. Treaty of Klamath, 6th October, 1851.
6. Treaty of Coratem, (supplemental to the same,) 12th October, 1851.
7. Treaty of Scott's valley, 4th November, 1851.

The numbers estimated as interested in the two first treaties have, I presume, been furnished by either one or other of my late colleagues. Since the first of May, I have not been in that district. The numbers of each sex, &c., among the tribes I have treated with since that date, have not yet been fully ascertained or reported to me, but I expect information in a few days upon which estimates for clothing, &c., may be based.

There are many things connected with the clothing, habits, &c., of the Indians I have treated with, which I have not attempted to explain in my letters, deeming it probable that you would, in accordance with my suggestions, order me to Washington, to make the explanations in person. I await your instructions on that subject with some anxiety, both with reference to the public interests and my own arrangements for the removal of my family to this State. The next mail will, I hope, bring me letters from your department. In the mean time I shall probably have to visit the Indians on Russian river and Clear lake, and ex-

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plain to them the reason of their not receiving the flour promised them for the year 1851. During my absence north, the house with whom I had arranged for a supply suddenly closed up their business, and failed to meet the arrangement upon which I had relied. Our funds being again exhausted, I will be compelled to ask the Indians for a postponement, unless I can obtain the flour from the army department at Benicia.

Since my return to this city, I have heard a public rumor of there being a large amount of bills in the market, drawn by Adam Johnston, esq., sub-agent for the San Joaquin, or one of the commissioners, for supplies of beef cattle for the Indians in that quarter, and at very high rates per pound. What the facts are, I am not apprized; but if such drafts should be presented, I would suggest inquiry into the whole matter before payment is promised. A large amount of money may be saved to the government in carrying out the treaty stipulations with these California Indians, by inviting offers *publicly*, and passing the whole business through the hands of *one agent* or disbursing officer of the Indian department.

I remain, very respectfully, yours, &c.,

REDICK McKEE.

Hon. LUKE LEA,

*Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington City.*

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