

INDENTURING INDIANS - A NICE SYSTEM OF SLAVERY.

RED BLUFF, JANUARY 30, 1861.

ERRORS UNION: As the meaning and intent, as well as the constitutionality of the Act passed last Winter in regard to indenturing Indians without their consent, or even apprising them of the fact, but by simply calling on the County or District Judge, with a list, and having him sign it officially—has been doubted by many, I send you a copy of an indenture, now on file in the Clerk's office in Tehama county. The Indians named therein are not prisoners of war, or vagrant Indians, but belong to the Nome Lackee tribe, that have been taught to work, at a cost to Government of about three hundred thousand dollars. And the persons to whom they are indentured have been receiving as salaries from Government, four hundred and seventy-five dollars per month, for nearly four years past.

It may be true that they were in their possession at that date, as they claimed to be in possession of the Reserve. They were most of them on the Reservation, and not ten per cent. of them have ever seen their humane (?) guardian that, "at the instance and request" of Titus and Geiger, made them slaves, without the semblance of a bond to clothe, feed and protect them.

I hope our representatives from this county will attend to this law, and have it either explained or repealed.

"This indenture, made this 29th day of December, 1860, witnesseth: that I, Newell Hall, Judge of the county of Tehama, State of California, under and by virtue of the provisions of the laws of the State of California conferring such power, have this day, on application of F. J. Titus and V. E. Geiger, partners in ranching in the county and State aforesaid, and who now have charge of and who are in possession of certain Indians hereinafter named, and at their request and instance do hereby, by virtue of the authority in me vested as said County Judge, bind and apprentice to them the following named and described Indians, to wit:

Name.	Age.	Till	When Bound.
Simon	17	30	years of age.
Blg Jack	20	30	do do
Jackasi	20	30	do do
Jack White	16	30	do do
Joe	15	30	do do
Ehjah	15	30	do do
Judas	13	30	do do
Ben	17	30	do do
Tebalth	19	30	do do
Doc	18	30	do do
Peter	19	30	do do
Blg Sam	14	30	do do
Number Two	17	30	do do
Blg Abo	19	30	do do
Darly	13	30	do do
Tony	18	30	do do
Ambrose	16	30	do do
Bob	13	30	do do
Bony	15	30	do do
Henry	17	30	do do
Jordan	13	30	do do
Prince	15	30	do do
Yolo Bley	15	30	do do

as	Tony	18	30	do	do
ch	Ambrose	16	30	do	do
in	Bob	19	30	do	do
ly	Hony	15	30	do	do
	Henry	17	30	do	do
	Jordan	18	30	do	do
of	Prince	16	30	do	do
in	Yolo Baley	15	30	do	do
ly	Little Sam	12	25	do	do
	Job	12	25	do	do
	Billy	12	25	do	do
	Nancy--(she)	15	30	do	do
	Susan	15	30	do	do
	Mary	18	30	do	do
	Laura	10	25	do	do
	Betsy	15	30	do	do
	Julia	17	30	do	do
	Myra	14	30	do	do
	Maggie	14	30	do	do
	Poly	15	30	do	do
	Venus	16	30	do	do
	Sally	17	30	do	do
	Long Betsy	15	30	do	do
	Dido	15	30	do	do
of	Big Sally	15	30	do	do
	Mary Ann	15	30	do	do
	Fanny	12	25	do	do
	Eliza	15	30	do	do
	Adele	12	25	do	do
	Apple	15	30	do	do
	Rose	17	30	do	do
	Bill	15	30	do	do
	Van's Billy	17	30	do	do
	Andrew	12	25	do	do
	Trowbridge	12	25	do	do
	Cooney	19	30	do	do
	George	18	30	do	do

"The conditions of this indenture are, that the said F. J. Titus and V. E. Geiger shall clothe, feed, care for and protect each of the said Indians hereinbefore mentioned, and shall do all and everything prescribed by law in regard to the Indians so apprenticed under the laws of the State. And in consideration, they shall be and are hereby entitled to the care, control, custody and earnings of said Indians, for and during the term for which each is respectively so bound, under the provisions of said law. The intent and meaning of this indenture is this: The said Newel Hall, Judge of the County of Tehama, State of California, acting for and in behalf of the Indians under the authority of the laws of said State, has so apprenticed the above named Indians to said Titus and Geiger, to be used in ranching, farming and housework.

NEWEL HALL,
Judge of the County of Tehama, State of California.

"Copy. F. J. Titus,
"V. E. GEIGER."

The following are indentured to V. E. Geiger in like manner, on the same day as the above, most of whom have been taken below by him:

- Breckinridge, aged twelve, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Jeff Henley, aged twelve, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Roye Pinchy, aged eighteen, bound till thirty years of age.
- Tom Ledon, aged twelve, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Geo. Bulger, aged twelve, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Luke, aged twenty-five, bound till thirty-five years of age.
- Nicholas, aged twenty-five, bound till thirty-five years of age.
- Fanny (she), aged twelve, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Peggy (she), aged eight, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Mary Pike (she), aged seventeen, bound till thirty years of age.
- Lucy (she), aged eighteen, bound till thirty years of age.

Also the following to J. W. Titus, on the same day as above:

- Tony, aged seventeen, bound till thirty years of age.
- Henry, aged eighteen, bound till thirty years of age.
- San Wan, aged ten, bound till twenty-five years of age.
- Charley, aged eleven, bound till twenty-five years of age.

Also the following to J. W. Titus, on the same
day as above :

Tony, aged seventeen, bound till thirty years of age.
Henry, aged eighteen, bound till thirty years of age.
San Wan, aged ten, bound till twenty-five years of
age.
Charley, aged eleven, bound till twenty-five years of
age.
Julia (she) aged fifteen, bound till thirty years of age.
Isabella (she), aged ten, bound till twenty-five years
of age.
Lilly (she), aged eight, bound till twenty-five years of
age.
Duke (he), aged four, bound till twenty-five years of
age.
Jupiter, aged ten, bound till twenty-five years of age.

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SACRAMENTO DAILY UNION

DOUBLE SHEET.

SACRAMENTO, MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1861.

such a bed for a single mo-
additional torture of being
nes the cord with a loop at
ranean passage, leading to a deep abyss. Pris-
oners of rank who were doomed to death by
the Senate, were forced into her embraces—
still hanging to the windlass, upon which the
limbs of victims were wrenched from their sock-
ets; the stocks in the sides of the berths where
their legs and thumbs were fastened, and the