

SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.—It appears to be a settled point that Col. Henley, Superintendent of Indian Affairs will be removed. Mr. Nugent, who has been spoken of as his successor, may yet fail in receiving the appointment. The Washington correspondent of the *S. F. Bulletin* writes as follows concerning the matter:

Two days ago, it was confidently asserted by the friends of Mr. Nugent, that he would surely get the appointment as Henley's successor in the California Indian Superintendency; but now, it is announced that he will not accept the place, because it has recently been stripped of a great share of its patronage. This, doubtless, is significant of the fact that Mr. Buchanan is not prepared to give him the appointment in face of Senator Gwin's earnest protest, and his promise to labor earnestly for its defeat in the Senate. I think you will find eventually that I spoke by the card when I predicted some time ago, that some one would get the place whose name has not yet been mentioned in connection with it. There is a rumor afloat, also, that Mr. Nugent may return to California, to become the Douglas candidate for Governor of the State—a fact not calculated to strengthen him at the White House.

On the other hand, I am assured that Nugent's appointment has actually been made out by order of the President. I don't know how to account for these inconsistent statements, except upon the hypothesis that Mr. Buchanan, for the purpose of saving the feelings of his protegee, gives him the appointment nominally, with the distinct understanding that he is not to accept it!

