

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
February 13, 1852.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and subsequent communication of 8th January, 1852, in which I am informed of the non-arrival of returns and estimates, made by me up to 30th September, 1851. This I have to regret very much, as I was anxious that they should be included in your

estimates for the present year. They were made up to the 30th September, and forwarded on the 11th October.

I have spoken to Mr. Moore, (postmaster) and he informs me that the mail was brought *back* from Panama, but was again *sent on*.

I presume they have come to hand ere this, and am in hopes will prove satisfactory. Being too late for your estimates, I am in hopes that you will have the following amounts placed in a *deficiency bill*.

The following amounts are required to meet *present* liabilities, and contracts for present year, made by me, and based on the presumed concurrent action of the *present Congress*, viz:

For beef, to be delivered in conformity with treaty stipulations, made when acting conjointly, and by Col. Barbour, when acting separately, <i>one hundred and forty-two thousand five hundred dollars</i> -----	\$142,500
In my communication of 1st December, mention was made of the existing necessity of furnishing the above, and of the fact that I had contracted for and ordered the delivery of the same. This is near the <i>full</i> amount due them.	
For beef, in fulfilment of treaty stipulations, made by me with those Indians in the southern part of the State, <i>one hundred and fifty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars</i> -----	156,250
For beef, in fulfilment of treaty stipulations, for the six treaties made by me within my district, <i>ninety-five thousand dollars</i> ,	95,000
I find that I cannot well delay longer meeting and treating with those Indians up in the <i>Sacramento</i> , of whom mention was made in my communication of October 14. They, it would appear, are getting impatient, having commenced again their depredations on the stock of the adjacent ranche. This will require an additional amount. I have ordered some more beef to be delivered in two of the reservations, (Cosumae and Yuba,) which is not only due them, but there is an urgent necessity for it at this time, the whites having entire <i>possession</i> of these reservations: and the consequence is, the Indians have no privilege or means of getting a subsistence. The additional amount that will be required, may be set down at <i>seventy-five thousand dollars</i> -----	75,000
	468,750

Though it may be as well to ask for *five hundred thousand* in all, as there are outstanding accounts increased since May last, up to date, and those persons who have furnished the Indians with *seeds* and agricultural implements will expect their money in the present year. This will not amount to much, however: and yet it has been the means of doing an immense amount of good.

I am well satisfied, by the experiment so far made, that, with sufficient *soil and protection*, the Indians will be able to support themselves, and will do it, by the expiration of the two years.

It would appear from the *complexion* of affairs in the present legislature, that the necessity of moving those Indians who are in, and adjacent to, those reservations crowded by the whites, may occur, as mentioned in my communication of 14th October, which I would respectfully refer you to,

(No. 75, pages 248 and 249,) as they are about forcing it on us; if so, it would be of paramount importance that those Indians on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada be treated with soon, as before mentioned.

I know of no other place where they can be moved to, and think it very doubtful if they can be taken there *at present*; they certainly cannot, *without we show them evidence of good faith for promises already made.*

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

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