
SAN FRANCISCO, *March 13, 1852.*

SIR: My last despatch was dated 1st instant, and accompanied a sealed package of vocabularies, prepared by Mr. George Gibbs. I have deposited in the post office, to go with this letter, Mr. Gibbs's map of my route through northern California, and his manuscript journal of the expedition. This journal, the map, and the sketches forwarded by last steamer to Mr. Schoolcraft, will, I hope, be *neatly and carefully*

published. They will throw some additional light upon a part of this State, not previously explored. On this subject, I enclose letters from Mr. Gibbs to the honorable Senators Hamilton Fish and Truman Smith, and to H. R. Schoolcraft, esq., which you will please read, and then deliver.

I also send, in a separate envelope, a copy of the daily notes or minutes kept by my secretary up to the dissolution of our party, in Scott's valley, with some additional memorandums of my subsequent movements.

I regret that it is not yet in my power to send you estimates of the amount of funds which will be required in carrying out the treaties made, and yet to be made, in northern California. The reports which I expected would have reached me here, as to the number of Indians on Russian and Eel rivers, have not been received. If by an early mail I shall not receive orders to visit Washington, I will send you the best rough estimates I can make.

I have received reports from my secretary and special agent, in Scott's valley, to the 18th ultimo. Some two or three cases of difficulty and disturbance have occurred since I left, resulting in the death of two Indians, and threatening much trouble; but through his exertions and those of a few friends, they were amicably arranged, and all is again quiet.

It is matter of the highest gratification to myself, and indeed to all the friends of the red man in California, that not a single outbreak or serious disturbance has occurred among the tribes with whom we have treated. The accounts you occasionally see in the papers, of Indian murders, robberies, &c., are *all, without an exception*, in parts of the country which we have not been able to visit; and this fact, I submit, speaks volumes as to the general character and policy of our treaty arrangements.

I have made two journeys recently to Sacramento city, to meet committees of the legislature, in reference to the continued opposition of some of the would-be leaders to the ratification of our treaties. Since I last wrote, the attacks upon us and our policy, in the Assembly, have been quite *savage*; but I hope to show the public, in a few days, that they are as unjust and unfounded as furious. The late sudden overflow in the Sacramento having deluged the city again, led to an adjournment till next Monday, and rendered my last visit unavailing. I expect to return again next week, to have a public interview with **ALL THE SACHEMS OF STATE.** The enclosed slip, from the "Herald" of this city, will give you some idea of the present posture of affairs. There are some men in the Assembly too fully committed to recede, and they will leave no effort untried to induce the legislature to send instructions to Senators Gwin and Weller. The note was written in haste, and is perhaps, as the editor says, "a sharp letter," but, considering the provocation, none too much so. The palates of some of these political epicures can be excited by nothing less pungent than cayenne or camphor. There is some danger from partisan organization; still, I do not believe the present legislature will place the State in a position antagonistic to the general government.

I will thank you to send me half a dozen copies of your last report,

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and a like number of the last edition of the Laws and Regulations of
the Indian department.

I am, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

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HON. LUKE LEA,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City.
