

### **A Note from the Indian Superintendent.**

We received the following note from Mr. Wiley too late for publication last week:

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 10, 1865. }

FRIEND GORDON: I have received numerous petitions from citizens of Trinity county in favor of returning the Hay Fork Indians to their old homes. As I have no time to answer them all, will you do me the favor to state in your paper that I deem such a step impracticable, and one that would not be sanctioned by the Department even if I deemed it advisable. I will do the best I can to provide for the Indians taken from your county, but under no consideration can they be permitted to return to their former homes.

Yours respectfully,

AUSTIN WILEY,  
Superintendent Indian Affairs, California.

We hope this will set the Indian matter at rest. In one way or another the aborigines have been a constant pest and curse to this State since its settlement by the whites. They have been removed from this county, and there is reason to believe that the most strenuous efforts will be put forth to keep them on the Reservation. If allowed to return to one portion of the county, how long will it be before other sections will be sending similar petitions. Trinity has suffered enough, both socially and financially, through the agency of the red skins. Keep them away for a year, at least, and see if their most earnest sympathizers do not acknowledge that the county and our people have been benefitted by their absence. The experiment will cost nothing.

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