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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 13, 1853.

SIR: The act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, approved 3d March, 1853, contains

a clause in the following words: "That the President of the United States, if upon examination he shall approve of the plan hereinafter provided for the protection of the Indians, be, and he is hereby, authorized to make five military reservations from the public domain in the State of California, or the Territories of Utah and New Mexico, bordering on said State, for Indian purposes: *Provided*, That such reservations shall not contain more than twenty-five thousand acres in each: *And provided further*, That said reservations shall not be made upon any lands inhabited by citizens of California; and the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of subsisting the Indians in California and removing them to said reservations for protection: *Provided further*, If the foregoing plan shall be adopted by the President, the three Indian agencies in California shall be thereupon abolished."

The President of the United States has examined and approved the plan provided for in said act, and directs that you be charged with the duty of carrying it into effect. For this purpose you will repair to California without delay, and by the most expeditious route. The selections of the military reservations are to be made by you in conjunction with the military commandant in California, or such officer as may be detailed for that purpose, in which case they must be sanctioned by the commandant. It is likewise the President's desire that, in all other matters connected with the execution of this "plan," you will, as far as may be practicable, act in concert with the commanding officer of that military department.

The \$250,000 appropriated by the act of 3d March, 1853, is to be devoted exclusively to the removal and subsistence of the Indians, and not applied to any other purpose whatsoever.

The expenses of your journey to California, (which will be limited to the sum of two thousand dollars,) and those incidental to the selection of the military reservations, will be defrayed out of the appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, made by the same act, "for general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the State of California."

You are authorized to draw upon the collector at San Francisco, from time to time, as funds may be required to meet the expenses incident to the duties with which you are charged; but as twenty thousand dollars is deemed a sufficient sum to have on hand at any one time, your drafts should only be for such sum as, with the balance on hand, will make that amount.

For all moneys advanced to you detailed accounts should be rendered to this department quarterly.

In your journey to California, and other movements connected with the execution of the plan adopted in relation to the Indians in California, their security, subsistence, and protection should constitute your sole object, and no other subject must be permitted to engage your time or attention.

You will take care that your expenditures or liabilities do not exceed the sum appropriated by Congress; and as soon as practicable, after the reservations shall have been made, you will forward to the de-

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partment plats and surveys thereof, with a full report of all your proceedings.

You will lose no time, after your arrival in California, or before, if you deem it advisable, in notifying the agents in that State of the fact of their agencies having been abolished; and you will, at the same time, require them to turn over to you all public property and money in their possession, or under their control, and to settle their accounts without delay.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary.*

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