

## Indian Superintendency for California.

Editors of the Evening Pleayune:

I observe in the papers various announcements in relation to the appointment of the above-named officer. Your correspondent, under date of New York, 9th March, writes that he hopes "the Executive will take care to fill this important office judiciously." Of course, he was not aware of any appointment up to that time. The *Sacramento Union*, of yesterday, has a letter from its correspondent at Washington, of March 5th, in which he states that either Major P. B. Reading or Senator Tingley will receive the appointment. The *Herald's* correspondent favors the appointment of Lieutenant Beale, and the *Alta*, of this morning "is informed, on the authority of private letters, that the bill has passed, and Lieutenant Edward F. Beale has been appointed to fill that responsible station." Now, Messrs. Editors, I think these rumors all premature. No appropriation has yet been made for the expenses of the Indian Department in California for the present year, and there is consequently no necessity for immediate action on the part of the President. The appointment of Mr. Beale is, I think, quite improbable, as he is said to be a Democrat in politics—at least one of the *Alta* school—and possesses no peculiar fitness for the place. A man may be a very good mountaineer or woodsman, and well acquainted with Indian character, and yet a very indifferent negotiator of treaties. He may be an excellent express rider, or bearer of dispatches, and yet might make a very poor Postmaster General. Or to carry the figure a little nearer home, a man may be a very indefatigable news collector or news carrier, and wholly unfit to be a successful editor. Do you take? Another thing—will not the President be likely to look at the eminent services rendered by at least one of the present Indian Agents, and promote him to the office? Is it not the general opinion of our people, of all political parties, that Colonel McKee's acquaintance with Indian matters in California is superior to that of any other man in the State, and his ability and integrity unquestioned? Why, then, should this vastly important business be entrusted to inexperienced hands? I understand the strongest letters have been prepared and sent forward, by many of the political men of both parties, and a long list of our first merchants and banking houses, urging the appointment of Col. McKee. For one I hope they will not arrive too late.

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