

**Mattole Valley Reservation Swindle Exposed.**

In another column of our paper to day will be found a letter from Gen. Denver, in regard to the extension of the Mendocino Reservation. It turns out just as we expected. We have always believed, and repeatedly stated that the land at present claimed and occupied in Mattole Valley, as a portion of the Mendocino Reserve, was held by the ex-Superintendent without the shadow of authority from the Interior Department, and the letter of Gen. Denver fully justifies the position we assumed, and brings to light the double-dealing of the ex-Superintendent in the premises. In order to show our readers in general, and the citizens of Mattole in particular what ground we have for making this assertion at present, as well as to justify previous charges made by us in relation to this matter, we quote from two letters of Col. Henley, one to the Indian Department at Washington, and the other to the Special Agent, Cunningham, the present representative of the Federal interest in Mattole Valley. On the 19th of September, 1857, Col. Henley wrote as follows to the Department:

There is an evident misunderstanding in regard to my intentions in reference to the boundaries of the Mendocino Reserve. There is no intention whatever of going further north than the Mattole River, and no idea is entertained of occupying the valley of either the Mattole or Bear River.

This no doubt sounded well to the Department at Washington, but when we come to consider that at the very time this letter was dated, a valuable tract of farming land, extending four miles north of the Mattole, was actually held as a reserve, with a post established, and special agent Cunningham in charge, it is evident that he intended the people to believe one thing, and his Government another. He had no intention of going further north than the Mattole on the 19th

charge, it is evident that he intended the people to believe one thing, and his Government another. He had no intention of going further north than the Mattole on the 19th of September 1857, when it is a well known fact that every stroke which has been made before and since, and every dollar which has been expended there has been on the north side of the river.

But to show more conclusively that there was "something rotten in Denmark," we quote from his letter to Mr. Cunningham, which is as follows:

OFFICE Supt. INDIAN AFFAIRS.  
San Francisco, June 10th 1858.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM, ESQ. SIR: The land included in the Mendocino Reservation extends four miles North of the Mattole River, including a width of three miles from the coast.

If persons should settle within the limits above mentioned, they cannot receive, under any circumstances, any compensation for their claims. The Reservation has been established according to law.

Very respectfully,  
Your Ob't Servant,  
THOS. J. HENLEY, Supt. Ind. Aff's.

We have no further comments to make in regard to this matter, the two letters speak for themselves; we would not refer to it in the light we do, had not certain parties condemned our course in relation to this Reservation, and accused us of making charges against Col. Henly which could not be substantiated. We also desire Gen. Denver to understand that our fears were not predicated upon a misapprehension of the facts in the case, but were predicated upon just such facts as were represented in the memorial, and we have repeatedly stated in this paper. Col. Henley has now resigned his office, and we disclaim any intent to parade his acts in an unfavorable light, any farther than justice to ourself demands. We have nothing more to do with him as Indian Superintendent, but may possibly have a worse man to deal with in the person of his successor.

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Here then is an end to this matter, and settlers in the valley can go about their business, without the fear of having their lands and homes confiscated for the ostensible benefit of the diggers.

But, before leaving this subject, we desire to call the attention of Gen. Denver to one more fact, and solicit still further action in behalf of the citizens in Mattole, that is that the post on the North side of the River is still occupied, and four miles of the valley North of the River claimed as a Reserve.

