

California Indian Reservations.

HOOPA VALLEY, June 5th, 1865.

EDITOR TRINITY JOURNAL:—In your paper of May 20th I notice an extract copied from the *Bulletin* in regard to the Reservations of California, and to Hoopa Valley in particular. As the extract might have a tendency to lead persons not acquainted with the Reservations of California to think that the establishment of a Reservation in this valley was useless, I thought a few lines on the subject might not be amiss. The writer says, "If I mistake not there are four already in that part of the State, viz: Mendocino, Smith River, Round Valley and Nome Lakee." Now the facts, as regards the Reservations named are these: The first named has been discontinued as a Reservation, although the Government property has never been disposed of. The next, Smith River, is on land that has been surveyed and sold by Government to individuals, and has been rented by Government every year at an expense of from two to three thousand dollars. It never can become a Reservation without some special provision is made for that particular locality, as the present law only contemplates the establishment of Reservations on Government lands.—Round Valley has been occupied as a Reservation for some five years, and is a Reservation by proclamation. But the settlers have never been bought off; they have been notified not to make any further improvements on the Valley, which is all that has been done. The Indians were moved to the Valley, among the settlers, and have remained there to the great dissatisfaction of the latter, whose lands have never as yet even been appraised. The last named, Nome Lakee, was abandoned when Round Valley was taken, and the Indians and Government property was all moved to that place. Thus you see that Round Valley and Hoopa are the only places where there is a probability of being permanent Reservations. With this explanation I hope those who have made up their minds that the establishment of Hoopa Valley Reservation was a useless outlay of money, or a speculation, will "give the devil his due."

Hoping these explanations will be received as kindly as they are sent,
I am, yours,
-HOOPA.

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