

... LO! THE POOR INDIAN.—The San Francisco *Call*, addresses itself to our old friend Hanson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern District, in no very complimentary terms, touching the management of his Department. The *Call* boldly asserts that he has a list of mendicant diggers prowling about the streets of San Francisco, begging for "cast off garments," and intimates that Hanson intends to set up a second hand clothing store in that city with the proceeds of the diggers' begging.—Among other things the *Call* says:
This disreputable act of the Indian Su-

Superintendent of the Northern District in
encouraging his Indians to beg, thus encour-
aging them in thriftless and idle habits,
contrary to the policy of the Government
which has furnished him with ample
means to provide for the red men under
his care, has again awakened attention to
the way the Indian affairs of this State
are managed, and especially in the North-
ern District. According to the best evi-
dence before us, the management of the
present Superintendent has failed utter-
ly to give satisfaction to any one but him-
self. He does not appear to exert himself
in the least to keep the Indians on the
Reservations, nor to prevent them from
annoying the whites. Almost his first
official act was to kick up a row with the
settlers of Round Valley, and to make
such misrepresentations to Gen. Wright
as to induce that officer to declare mar-
tial law over a portion of Mendocino
county, which, however, was never en-
forced, for careful inquiry and examina-
tion of evidence convinced the General
of the utter unreliability of the Superin-
tendent's representations. After failing
in this attempt to create strife, bloodshed
and ill feeling, the Superintendent next
turned his attention to other matters,
and deserted his office and its duties, pro-
ceeded to Washington and there log-roll-
ed and worked for increased pay and ap-
propriations, the latter of which were
granted, notwithstanding the fact that
his mismanagement of affairs in his de-
partment previously should have forever
condemned him officially. Notwithstand-
ing all the complaints made against for-
mer Superintendents, it is notorious that
there have been more Indian troubles
under the present management than ever
before; and these troubles are princi-
pally chargeable either to the unfitness
of the present Superintendent for his po-
sition, or his willful mismanagement of
the affairs entrusted to his charge. His
Indian begging enterprise, by which the
Indians are encouraged to believe that
the Government fails to provide for them
according to promise, and by which they
are taught to believe that they must de-
pend for subsistence on a life of mendici-
ty and predatory vagrancy, is of a piece
with all his management, and by it we
can understand why of late so many cases
of plundering by Indians occur in the
Indian Districts. If the Indian Superin-
tendent encourages the Indians to beg,
it is but natural that they should go one
step further, and steal all they can lay
their hands on. The Superintendent
whose treatment of the Indians naturally
encourages such conduct, is unfit to fill
the position, and, for the credit of the
Government, as well as for the safety of
citizens residing in the Indian country,
he should be removed.

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