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OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, NORTHERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA,
San Francisco, June 17, 1863.

SIR: Your letters of the 25th ultimo, acknowledging the receipt of my accounts for second quarter of 1862, (former returns lost with Golden Gate,) also your letter of same date acknowledging receipt of mine of 25th April, in regard to the difficulties existing in Round valley, have been received; in which letter you say, "*it is very difficult for this office to give you any definite instructions as to the best course to be pursued,*" &c., "*and hence it will be necessary to depend much upon your own judgment.*"

The idea suggested in my letter of 25th April, of renting the improvements and paying for the planted crops of the settlers in said valley, I submitted to them in a *public address*, calling all the settlers together in the valley for that and other purposes, at the time of my late visit there. I took that occasion to express my astonishment and unqualified disapprobation of the wanton, unprovoked, and premeditated massacre of the 23 or 24 Wylackies, that had doubtless come to the reservation to find protection against white men who had been pursuing them in the mountains, otherwise to labor through the harvest for a subsistence; and especially did I condemn every *employé* who had a knowledge of the intended massacre, and either winked at the same or clandestinely aided in its consummation. (The guilty will all be discharged as soon as I can supply their places.)

Some of them viewed my proposition for renting and paying them for their planted crops very favorably; others did not.

The *Hat Creek* and *Con-Cow* tribes, numbering now only some 350, who had left the Round Valley reservation last October, and whom I had placed under the care of an *employé* on the Sacramento river, on the lands of Major J. Bidwell, are still at that point, and have been provided for through the winter, incurring a debt of less than two thousand dollars. This was done by allowing the Indians to work on farms and public roads for a remuneration when opportunities of such kinds offered, thereby economizing all they possibly could. If I can make no purchase of crops in Round valley for these tribes, they must remain for a time, as the Indians who raise new crops in the valley would see the injustice at once of the *Hat Creeks* and *Con-Cows* returning and devouring the substance of their hard labor.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

G. M. HANSON.

Hon. WILLIAM P. DOLE, *Commissioner, &c.*