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OFFICE INDIAN AGENT,  
*Sebastian Military Reserve, July—, 1856.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit the annual report of this agency, accompanied by the usual statistical tables, &c., as per appendices.

The number of Indians at present connected with this agency, and deriving their sustenance therefrom, will be seen by reference to Appendix "A." The numbers, in some instances, may not be entirely accurate, as they are by approximation, actual enumeration being impracticable.

They exhibit entire contentment with their condition and treatment, and a ready compliance with any regulation or requirement, and a laudable desire for improvement in agriculture and the various sources of comfort.

Their expressed and ardent desire for the enlightenment of the rising generation, and for their acquisition of a knowledge of written language, induces me to suggest to you the propriety and necessity of procuring the services of competent missionaries or teachers for their instruction and enlightenment, and to solicit most earnestly your hearty co-operation in securing them this boon.

The almost constant accessions to the numbers already dependent upon this agency for support, requires untiring diligence to supply their necessities, in which, thus far, we have been successful; and feel confident, with the approving smiles of Providence, to be enabled, the coming season, to assist double, or even triple, the present number.

From the drought of the past season, the crops have not been as plentiful as under more favorable circumstances we should have had reason to expect. The grains have suffered most from this cause. Although the quantity is somewhat deficient, the quality is most excellent. See Appendix "C."

The amount of disease existing among the Indians, and their suffer-

ings—the result of ordinary casualties—have prompted me to secure the services of a competent physician, which I have accordingly done.

I deem it my duty to call your attention to a certain treaty made by Commissioner Barbour with the different tribes of Tejon Indians, securing to them the right and title to certain land, in consideration of their relinquishing claim to certain other land before claimed by them.

I do this with no desire to discuss the competency of the traitor to act in the matter, but with the desire that the attention of the department may be called to this subject at the earliest possible period, and the rights of the parties respected. The great injustice and disrespect of rights practised by the Mexican government toward the aborigines, has produced a lack of confidence in the integrity of the whites, and seriously impedes necessary intercourse. I sincerely trust that this confidence may be restored by a prompt and thorough compliance with treaty stipulations on the part of the government.

During the past season about two hundred and twenty adults and ninety minors have been instructed and employed in agriculture with flattering success. Their great aversion to mechanical pursuits has heretofore foiled all efforts at their employment in that department.

The number of persons employed on the reserve, their duties, time employed, and their compensation, will be indicated by "muster-roll" of this agency.

On assuming the duties of this agency, I have found the "bolting apparatus" to the flouring-mill entirely demolished. The great necessity of a new one will be quite apparent.

The pressing necessity for a saw-mill prompts me to speak of it here. There has been for a long time a saw and the necessary irons for the same, save the carriage gearing, which is yet lacking.

The water-wheel supplies a sufficiency of power to propel the machinery of a saw-mill, in addition to the grist-mill.

I would most respectfully recommend the purchase from claimants of the land included in this reserve. You will see, from the reading of the treaty, that the Indians have a right to expect it. This step would give a permanency to the institution, and warrant certain necessary permanent improvements, which would greatly diminish the current expenses of the reserve.

Should the same liberal policy which has heretofore been pursued toward this reserve be continued, by proper management it will soon become an almost self-sustaining institution; which course I most heartily recommend.

The plat or map required by the regulations to accompany this report it is found impossible to prepare, from lack of the requisite platting instruments, as none have as yet been purchased for this reserve. I shall endeavor to avoid a delinquency in this respect for the future.

I would recommend that four hundred head of cows be purchased, as well as fifty head of brood mares, for this reserve; and at the end of two years there would be no necessity for purchase of stock, as the increase would abundantly supply all the wants, if a proper course of management be pursued.

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Should this course be pursued, there would, at the end of two years, be no necessity of appropriations further than to purchase some clothing, pay agent, physician, and clerk, and one or two mechanics.

I am informed by persons conversant with the matter, that there is soil here well adapted to the cultivation of sugar-cane and cotton. Should experiment prove this to be the case, we may hope, at no distant period, to produce those two very important articles.

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APPENDIX A.

*Numeration of Indians on Tejon Reserve, California, July, 1856.*

Names of the chiefs of the several rancherias.	MALES.				FEMALES.			
	Number employed in the chase and herding stock.	Number engaged in agriculture.	Number of minors.	Number of adults.	Number engaged in domestic affairs.	Number who assisted in agriculture.	Number of minors.	Number of adults.
1. Phillippi .....	6	26	12	22	5	14	7	12
2. Vicenta .....	4	20	9	17	5	17	7	15
3. Mattaria .....	3	27	14	33	12	25	11	27
4. Pacifico .....	10	26	18	41	14	11	25	28
5. Pedro .....	8	14	15	31	8	12	14	21
6. Checo .....	4	10	16	21	10	12	8	17
7. Zapataso .....	6	30	18	29	12	19	12	24
8. Hosa .....	2	18	7	16	7	6	9	12
9. Stanislon .....	1	19	9	17	8	10	6	13
10. Antonio .....	4	20	15	28	15	16	14	22
Total .....	48	210	133	256	96	142	113	191

Whole number of males..... 389  
 Whole number of females..... 304  
 Grand total..... 693

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APPENDIX C.

*Amount of grains, &c , raised on Tejon Reserve, A. D. 1856, ending June 30.*

	Wheat.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Corn.	Vineyard.	Peas.	Beans.	Melons.	Onions.	Pea nuts.	Tomatoes.	Cabbage.	Fruit trees.	General garden.
Acres.....	475	200	6	156	1	2	4½	21	½	½	½	½	600	3

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