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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office Indian Affairs, July 30, 1860.*

SIR: Congress at its last session passed an act "making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1861;" wherein it is provided, "That the Secre-

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\* As an agent has been appointed, it is proposed, with your approbation, after he shall have been legally qualified, to give him the necessary instructions to consummate the agreement.

tary of the Interior may divide the State of California into two Indian districts, and that the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a superintending agent for each district, at a salary of \$3,600 per annum, who, upon executing a bond upon such terms and in such sum and security as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, shall have under his control and management, as the Secretary may prescribe, the Indians and reservations in their separate respective districts. Each superintendent may appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of the Interior, a supervisor for each reservation in his respective district, to instruct the Indians in husbandry, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum; and also appoint not exceeding four laborers to aid such supervisor, at a compensation not to exceed fifty dollars per month."

The Secretary of the Interior, in the exercise of the discretion vested in him by the provisions of the act aforesaid, has decided to divide the State into two districts, to be designated, respectively, "the Northern Indian District" and "the Southern Indian District" of California; the northern district to include all that portion of California north of the southern boundary of the counties of Maria, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento, and El Dorado, to the eastern boundary of the State; the southern district to include the remaining portion of the State south of the boundary above designated. Reposing confidence in you, the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, has appointed you superintending agent for the *northern* Indian district of California; and, immediately after the reception of your commission and general instructions, you will visit each of the Indian reserves within your district, and when you shall have ascertained the true condition of affairs thereon, you will require the respective agents to make careful inventory of all the government property which may be in their possession or under their control, and specify therein each item, with the estimated value thereof, belonging to each separate reservation, and, if correct, you will certify the same, and you will require the agents and employes to turn the same over to your charge, and they will be instructed accordingly. You will also require them, with the least possible delay, to make out their respective accounts against this department of the government, which you will examine with care, and, if found correct, certify the same to this office, and promptly notify the agents and employes on each reservation that, by reason of the repeal of the laws under which they were appointed, their services are no longer required, and are therefore discontinued from the date of such notice. As soon as you shall have become familiar with the condition of Indian affairs within the reserves in your district, you will appoint *one* supervisor for each reservation therein, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of the Interior, to instruct the Indians in husbandry, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum; and when you shall have become familiar with the real wants of the Indians, you will report such number of laborers for employment upon the reserves as in your judgment may be absolutely necessary to aid each supervisor.

With a view to economize the expenses of the Indian service in California, it is deemed advisable, so far as practicable, to make suitable arrangements with the farmers and tradesmen in Northern California, by

which to procure situations for those Indians who do not live upon the reserves, where they will be treated with kindness and humanity, and be comfortably supported, free of all expense to the government. You will also pursue the same course with the Indians living upon the reservations. If you cannot procure situations for all of said Indians, you will collect such as may not get employment in this way upon the reservations, and impress upon their minds that they must cultivate the soil and work for a livelihood, with a view to imitate the example of industrious white men.

It is confidently expected by the department that the aggregate expenses of the Indian service in the northern district of California will, in no event, exceed the amount of the salaries and compensations of the officers and employes of said service; and in order to accomplish this desirable object the Indians must engage in daily labor, with a view to support themselves, and thereby curtail the expenses of the service as much as possible, otherwise the government may be compelled to abandon the system of managing the Indians of California, and leave them to the control of the State, or subject to the mercy or charity of the white citizens. As your general duties of superintending agent will require the consumption of nearly all your time in traveling through the reservations, you will strive in every proper manner to cultivate a spirit of industry and economy among the Indians of your charge, and it is expected that you will keep this office advised of your action, and that of the supervisors, in regard to the management of Indian affairs in the northern district of California.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. B. GREENWOOD,  
*Commissioner.*

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Copy of the above to J. Y. McDuffie, Esq., superintending agent for southern Indian district, San Francisco, California. (Substituting the word "southern" for "northern.")