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OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
San Francisco, California, August 4, 1863.

SIR: On July 25, I was telegraphed to by one of my employes at Chico, about 250 miles north of this place, also by Major Bidwell, (special agent for that county,) that "*two children in that neighborhood had been killed by Indians, and that my immediate presence was important.*"

I set out, and by steamer, railroad and stage, I arrived at Chico about 10 p. m. the following day, and on my way found posters like the one enclosed at almost every house on the way.

I attended the meeting in company with Major Bidwell and others, and on our arrival at Pence's ranch found about 300 of the most infuriated men I ever met. They organized a meeting, and introduced and soon passed a resolution that the superintending agent should be requested to remove every Indian in the county of Butte within 30 days, to the reservation, and any left after that time should be killed. I was called upon the stand to respond. I did so, by urging them not to act so rashly, or be inconsiderate, and tried to convince them that the murder of those children could be traced to an outrage committed upon

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that same tribe of Indians a few days previously, wherein some bad white men had hanged five of their tribe to a tree without any proof whatever against them. The men had lost some horses, and hanged the first Indians they met with.

I told them I would endeavor to remove the tribe whose Indians had committed the offences, if they could be got from the mountains, but to remove all the valley Indians, and provide for them on the reservations, without more means than I had at my command, was out of the question. The valley Indians on the Sacramento and Feather rivers, and in that vicinity, will number from one to two thousand; many of them are laboring for farmers, and in that way are far better provided for than those I have on the reservation. True, the most of them are a nuisance in the country; but they are very inoffensive creatures, and if let alone will harm none; but I found the enraged citizens of Butte were determined to carry into execution their threats,

Just before my arrival they tied two up to a tree, and shot and scalped them; no proof against them whatever. Since I left there, I received from my employe the enclosed letter, giving another horrid account.

General Wright, in answer to a telegraphic despatch from me at Chico, sent a detachment of cavalry to aid me in protecting those Indians, and in collecting and removing others to the reservation. Those I will have to remove to Smith River valley for safety, as many of them have been to Round valley, and returned to their old haunts. I shall inform you further on this subject.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

G. M. HANSON,
Superintending Agent.

Hon. WILLIAM P. DOLE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEAR SIR: Five of our Indians were killed and robbed in Missouri Bend, about eight miles from here, under the following circumstances.

I had three boys of the Con-Cow tribe, named Dick, Pike and Charley, with one squaw and a little girl about ten years of age, at Mr. Isaac Allen's, our former senator in the legislature; the boys working at a threshing machine, receiving a dollar per day. Last Saturday I sent for them to come in that evening; but they were delayed, and did not start until Monday morning.

I sent them a passport, and they were furnished with others by Mr. Allen. They were seen on the road with their passports in their hat-bands. Not coming here, I supposed they had gone to Heefers', but last night learned that five Indians were killed on a slough, and their bodies were in an old cabin. I went to Mr. Allen's this morning, and found a note from him stating that he had been to the cabin, and identified the bodies as those of the Indians that worked for him.

They were turned off from the road down the slough, and there captured and killed.

Two of the boys have been with me all winter; the others came in about a month ago. More harmless persons do not exist, and a more cowardly murder was never perpetrated. I shall use all means to ascertain the parties, but their arrest would require a strong military force, as that is the most inflammatory district we have.

Sixty Indians have been brought to me to-day from Con-Cow valley by Mr. Wells.

I think it advisable that you return here before the expiration of thirty days, but will write you as occasion demands.

Yours, truly,

J. F. EDDY.

G. M. HANSON, Esq.

P. S.—Should any emergency arise, I will telegraph you.

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P. S.—Mr. Eddy is the man I have had in charge of the Indians, who left Round valley last fall, and has done a good part by them near Chico ever since. I will remove them soon.

GEO. M. HANSON,
Superintending Agent.

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ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION,
California, August 21, 1863.

SIR: On the 13th instant I date my arrival at this reservation, since which time I have been employed issuing the Indian goods sent from New York, and purchasing some hogs, cattle, wheat, potatoes, &c., for some 600 additional Indians which I am compelled to remove from Butte county to this place, by the copy of a letter which I enclose herewith from Captain Starr, in charge of a detachment of cavalry which I requested General Wright to order to Chico, in Butte county, from Sacramento city, for the purpose of protecting the Indians I had collected at that point, and also to aid in collecting others who were charged as guilty of outrages on white settlers.

You will see at once the urgent necessity of their immediate removal, and consequently the importance of providing at this time for their subsistence through the approaching winter. Should I not remove those Indians immediately, there can be no doubt but an effort to carry out the resolutions so unanimously adopted at the large meeting held at "Pierce's ranch," a copy of the notice of which I enclose you, will be made, and the consequences would be a bloody affair.

Two hundred and twenty head of the cattle which I purchased of Hamblin as per sealed proposals which I enclose you, have arrived at this place. I regret exceedingly the instructions to purchase in this way, for it cannot be doubted, from former purchases I have made *privately*, when compared, but the latter plan is far preferable to the former, and I would most respectfully suggest that in future the superintending agent be allowed the privilege of purchasing all supplies for the service in the northern district on the best terms he can make, whether private or by sealed proposals.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

GEORGE M. HANSON,
Superintending Agent Northern District California.

HON. WILLIAM P. DOLE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

CHICO, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
August 10, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3d instant. Have just returned from an expedition out on the Humboldt road. Found a few friendly Indians, whom we brought in, but no hostile ones.

Have between five and six hundred Indians here now. The citizens of Butte county are very bitter against the Indians. Enclosed find resolutions passed at a mass meeting. Wish for instructions as to what course I shall take if the Indians are not removed within the specified time, provided they should attempt to carry out their resolutions. The Indians that committed the depredations are