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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

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what is called the Mill Creek tribe; they are supposed to be on Deer creek now, where I propose going in a few days.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

AUGUSTUS W. STARR,
*Captain Commanding Company F, 2d Cavalry,
California Volunteers.*

Col. R. C. DRUM,
Assistant Adjutant General, San Francisco.
