
**DISBURSING AGENCY INDIAN DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA,
San Francisco, August 31, 1852.**

SIR: My last despatch, dated July 30, covered copies of letters to and from General Hitchcock, in reference to the reports he had previously forwarded to the War Department, touching imaginary abuses in the management of Indian affairs in my district. I supposed the subject had been exhausted, and that it would not again be necessary to refer to it. But in this I was mistaken. On the 18th instant I received, through the post office, a letter from General H., bearing date the 29th instant, a copy of which I enclose, marked A, and on the 19th addressed him a note in reply, a copy of which I also send you, marked B. Whether the worthy old gentleman shall make any further attempts to extricate himself from the dilemma in which he is involved, touching the matter of our correspondence, remains to be seen. Up to this present writing I submit that he has signally failed to make out the slightest justification for his original impertinent interference, or insinuations of impropriety on my part, or that of any of my employés. I have written you by almost every mail except the last, but am without any of your favors since that of the 17th May. As a general thing the Indians on the frontiers are quiet and peaceable, waiting with anxiety for the supplies, &c., promised them in our treaties. I am awaiting with solicitude to learn the action of the President and Senate upon that subject, as well as on that of the superintendency for this State.

Many months since I requested you to send me a few copies of the laws, regulations, &c., of the Indian department. A single copy would be very acceptable. The one I brought out with me was destroyed by the water in swimming a river in the northern part of the State last fall.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

REDICK McKEE.

Hon. LUKE LEA,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington City.