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CAMP UNION, HUMBOLDT BAY,  
*September 18, 1851.*

GENTLEMEN: Finding it impossible, in the absence of interpreters, to communicate with the Indians on Eel river and this bay, and that in consequence no formal treaty can be made with them at this time, I have nevertheless, in view of their destitute condition, concluded to set apart for their use a small district of country between the mouth of Eel river and Cape Mendocino, and make some little temporary provision for their support and improvement. A plat of the reservation I left with Mr. Samuel Kelsey; and I have left with Mr. Charles A. Robeson, of Eel river, as the property of the United States, in trust for the use of the Indians who may settle upon the reservation, besides some beef and hard bread, three pairs of fine large American oxen, and *one hundred and forty dollars* in money, to pay for three ox-yokes, three log-chains, and a large prairie plough, now building in this town. I have also ordered from Messrs. Delong and McNeil, San Francisco, to care of E. H. Howard, for C. A. Robeson, as above, half a dozen chopping-axes, and half a dozen corn-hoes. Mr. Robeson engages to fence in, break up, and plant in potatoes, during this fall and winter, five or six acres of land in the reservation, and, with the assistance of the Indians, make as large a crop as possible; all which is to be for the use of the Indians who may be on the reserve, or who may agree to remove to it.

I have entire confidence in Mr. Robeson doing all he has engaged to do; but as the whole community is interested in the object, I beg you to advise with him, and render him any assistance in your power.

Should any accident happen to him, rendering it impossible for Mr. R. to fulfil his engagement, prior to the arrival of a regularly appointed agent of the government to superintend Indian affairs in this neighborhood, I hereby authorize you to take possession of the government property, and preserve it until called for. In the mean time, it is understood that Mr. Robeson is to have the use of the cattle, &c., for his own benefit, after the above work shall be done for the Indians.

I am, with respect, your friend and obedient servant,

REDICK MCKEE,

*U. S. Indian Agent for California.*

Messrs. E. H. HOWARD,  
KINNERLY DOBBINS,  
N. A. DUPERN,  
*Humboldt Bay.*

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Received, Eel river, (12 miles S. E. from Humboldt bay,) September 15, 1851, of Redick McKee, one hundred and forty dollars in money, to pay for one large prairie plough, (\$100,) three ox-yokes, with rings, staples, &c., (\$15,) three log-chains, (\$25;) also, three pairs or yokes of American oxen. All which, together with half a dozen wood-axes and half a dozen corn-hoes, ordered from San Francisco, are to be held in trust for the United States Indian department, and subject to the order of its agent, for the use and benefit of the Indians on Eel river and Humboldt bay. And in consideration of the said advance of money, and the use of the said cattle, &c., I hereby engage and bind myself to fence in at least five or six acres of the land set apart for an Indian reservation on the south side of Eel river, plough and plant the same with potatoes, the whole product or crop to be distributed among the Indians on said reservation, or who may agree ultimately to remove thereto.

\$140.

CHARLES A. ROBESON.

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