

The Hoopa Valley Indians.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15, 1858.

EDITOR HERALD:—I observe in your paper of the 12th instant, an article from the *Humboldt Times*, of the 6th instant, which seems to be intended to connect my name with at least an implied censure of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in reference to the Indians at Hoopa Valley. I, therefore, take the occasion to state that the editor of the *Times* had no authority to use my name in any such connection.

The Superintendent has visited the Valley, and is probably as well aware of the fact that Indians are there as the editor of the *Times*. The object of my visit here was to give the Indians brought with me an opportunity to see the people and the country, that they could form some idea of our resources and population, and also, to see and counsel with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs and the Governor of the State, both of whom I have every reason to believe will render every aid in their power to preserve the peace of the country and promote the welfare of the Indians. No application from the people of Hoopa Valley has been hitherto made for the removal of those Indians to the Reservation, and it is no portion of my purpose to censure in any manner the Agents of the Indian Department. DAVID H. SNYDER.

The above communication is from the San Francisco *Herald*, of the 16th inst. Capt. Snyder was very accommodating in allowing his name to be signed to this article, as it is a tacit admission that the people of Klamath and Hoopa Valley are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the Superintendent of Indian Affairs has managed matters in that section. It is true, Capt. Snyder did not authorize us to use his name in any such connection, but he took the pains to call and inform us of the object of his trip, and there is no man in this section from whom we have heard more censure of the conduct of the Indian Department than himself. But if the people whom he pretends to represent are satisfied with the course of the Indian Superintendent towards the Klamath and Hoopa Indians, we have no further complaints to make. Let us hear from you, gentlemen.

The Indian Bureau has no official intelligence whatever by the last California mail, concerning our Indian relations on the Pacific, an omission on the part of the agents which occasions much disappointment, and for which the Commissioner cannot account.

