
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT INDIAN AFFAIRS,
San Francisco, October 29, 1852.

SIR: I have the honor to report my return to this place from an official tour among the tribes of Russian river and near Clear lake. I find the Indians quiet, and disposed, from all indications, to remain so, if left unmolested by our white population.

The necessity of a speedy and permanent arrangement for this un-

*The sales of public property, credited in my account, \$1,537 12, being outside of the appropriations, will add a trifle to your contingent fund. R. McK.

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happy race is more apparent every day, as our people are fast filling every habitable foot of ground in the entire State, to the exclusion of the original occupants.

This subject, rendered so difficult to handle since the rejection of the treaties, and so open to objection from the ignorant or malicious, has occupied my mind constantly since my arrival, and, delicate as it is, I confidently hope that I have in process of maturity a plan recommended alike by its practicability, humanity, and economy.

I am now about to visit the southern portion of the State, with a view to prosecute my inquiries there in relation to this delicate matter, and before the adjournment of the next session of Congress, will have it in my power to lay before the department the result of my labors, and to point out to it the policy which, in my judgment, will at once and forever terminate all our Indian difficulties in this State.

I am happy to state that in several interviews with that distinguished officer, General Hitchcock, of whose experience in Indian affairs I have greatly profited, and whose assistance and advice are ever cheerfully afforded, I have received his hearty approval of the plan I have to propose.

Should my opinion of the policy referred to not be impaired by my present projected visit to the south, I will soon be prepared to develop my plan for future operations in full.

In the mean time I will briefly state the basis of that policy, which at a future time will be in a more detailed manner laid before the department for its consideration.

In the first place, I propose a system of "military posts" to be established on reservations, for the convenience and protection of the Indians; these reservations to be regarded as military reservations or government reservations. The Indians to be invited to assemble within these reserves.

A system of discipline and instruction to be adopted by the agent who is to live at the post.

Each reservation to contain a military establishment, the number of troops being in proportion to the population of the tribes there assembled.

The expenses of the troops to be borne by the surplus produce of Indian labor.

The reservations to be made with a view to a change in location, when increase of white population may make it necessary.

A change of present Indian laws to be made, so as to suit the condition of this State and the proposed policy.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. F. BEALE,

Superintendent Indian Affairs.

Hon. L. LEA,

Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.