
SAN FRANCISCO, *November 10, 1852.*

SIR: I am duly in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 8th instant, enclosing a copy of your last official despatch to the honorable Luke Lea, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

It is with much pleasure that I observed the course you recommended to be adopted towards the various Indian tribes of this State, viz: that of establishing military posts on such reservations as may

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be made hereafter, for the protection and improvement of the Indians. Such a system, if properly carried out in detail, will do much to ameliorate the condition of these unfortunate people, and at the same time prevent their further deprivations and incursions on the whites.

I therefore feel gratified in having an opportunity of offering you my entire concurrence of the system which you propose.

I am, most respectfully, your obedient servant,
P. B. READING,
Special Indian Agent.

Hon. E. F. BEALE,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs for California.

I certify on honor that the above is a correct copy of the original in my possession.

E. F. BEALE,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.
