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SAN FRANCISCO, *November 11, 1852.*

SIR: In reply to your communication bearing the same date as this—after examining the invoice of Indian goods sent you by the government for presents to the Indians in California—first, the greatest part of the goods are entirely useless, such as the Indians do not use, consequently not worth moving from San Francisco.

The cloths, prints, and shawls, though not the kind of goods wanted, still may answer some purpose. I must say that, in my opinion, the purchase was a bad one.

What our Indians want is something to eat. Clothing, with Indians of this country, is a secondary matter; but food they must have, if we

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expect to keep them from committing depredations upon our settlements.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

**B. D. WILSON,**  
*Indian Agent.*

**E. F. BEALE,**  
*Superintendent Indian Affairs.*

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

**E. F. BEALE,**  
*Superintendent Indian Affairs.*

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