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FRESNO RIVER, *December 23, 1852.*

SIR: In writing my last letter, hurriedly, and under circumstances of great personal discomfort, I neglected, in speaking of the proposed reservation, to suggest that it should be made within the bounds named, *exclusive* of the claim of Captain Haler, who is the only settler within the proposed limits, and who has been at some trouble in building a house upon his location. He is the only person with whom the reservation would interfere, and I therefore make the above suggestion. I have also learned, since my last, that the width of the reservation (if it is made out) will be but twelve, instead of sixteen miles, at its widest part, becoming much narrower towards its southern boundary. I have this from one of the United States surveyors.

It gives me pleasure to state, that I am daily receiving most satis-

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factory evidence from the Indians of perfect willingness, and even anxiety, to come into the proposed system of farming and colonization.

The winter here is at present uncommonly severe, but I am sure the measures I am adopting will prevent the necessity of their stealing, and consequently of any outbreak, always providing the Indians are left undisturbed by the whites.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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

**HON. LUKE LEA,**  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

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