
Contents: General information relative to the survey about this location selected by Capt. Steele and the Indians.

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Respectfully submit for the information of the Secretary:

W. H. Hackett
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Copy to Mr. Chapin.

J. D. Washburn, Clerk.
Defoe Military Reserve, February 22, 1854.

Sir,

I arrived at this place, on the 16th of this month, eight days from San Francisco. I had the pleasure of meeting Lieut. Beale, at Los Angeles, on his way to the latitude 40° N. to explore the country and ascertain the condition of the Indians in that section. He visits each country to this place before the middle of July, I was most gratifyingly surprised to see what improvement has been made at this place in this short time. It has been overplanted. There are now over 2,500 acres of excellent land covered with wheat, and all well ditches and built a stream of water running through the ditch for a distance of six miles, and by which the whole field can be irrigated.

There are at present some forty ploughs turning daily; sowing oats, barley, feeding grass, and corn, vegetables. There are now 250 Indians on the Reserve. The young men and boys of which do the outdoor work, some engaged in ploughing and sowing, others ditching, and others acting as wagons, and such other outdoor occupations as are agreed upon. About 400 persons. There is one very ingenious fellow learning the blacksmith's trade, and another the carpenter. In fact, it is most astonishing what facility and readiness they perform the duties assigned them. They have already planted several acres of potatoes, and are to plant rice and several acres of corn, and the various vegetables in their proper season.

Connected with the farm is one of the most ef-
collect our gardens in California, in which is planted a
large quantity of grapes, some together with some of the berries
the same fruits adapted to this climate such as orange, peach
apple, currants, pear, pomegranate, etc.

The Indians apply to be very happy and
contented. The old people do the household work while the
boys and young women are employed cooking, clearing
for themselves and men. They are being a very day
called by the young men (the very old are left in the
place of old age) to a woman making a shirt, and
although the style of the cutting may be as fashionable
as some of our streets it could operate, that I will
deny any of them to wear.

The plan adopted by Lucy Bigs for the
comfort and sustenance of the Indians is in my opin
ion most admirably conceived and well carried out. They are made capable with good sad wholesome food
and plenty of it. They are made of cloth of cotton from
the present box of which are Good and the remaining box
of which is clothed, and the remaining box
of which is clothed, also a large number of cheap
and clothed, so that
after the first year or two, they will be able to earn
everything necessary for their own maintenance, and
finally, they find in the mountains a large amount of greenery which
the mission would have to be paid for Indian even Indian
dependencies, etc.

The Indians are daily coming in from all
parties from the mountains. I have no doubt on honest
time, they will be able to own land at this place that an

more here. However, this will be sufficient, and
planned this year to supply all the Indians of
Sacramento River.

Cattle Billy Howard had a Trip talk with the
chiefs of the Lenni, Missouri, Kansas River and East Ohio
Indians on his way up. Some of them are to the place
and offered themselves highly gratified with the arrangement.
They are now collecting their people to come as
soon as they are permitted to do so. But I believe it is a
beast wish, for them to remain where they are, until the
harvest is ready for their own advantage. Cattle Howard has
considerable influence with the above tribes and his state-
ments can be acted upon.

Dr. Bean has expressed good judgment in the
selection of this place for a mission. It is large enough and distant from any Indian settlement
of white will very likely in the future River. It is surrounded
the mountain by the San Mateo and Cardinal Mountain,
and the plains in front, or to the North West, being entirely
suitable for agricultural purposes.

I have asked in a day or two in company with
my friend Howard to examine the different holes leading
is and diving from that to a mountain which appears
the most of our attention, in order the more fully to carry out
our official duties and your instructions.

[Signature]

Franklin P. Edwall Conner