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Sebastian Mil<sup>o</sup> Reservo  
Sejro Valley June 20. '54

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Reports amount of wheat  
and barley harvest upon  
the Reserre. - Request Com<sup>r</sup>  
to visit the State during Re-  
cess of Congress. - Sugges-  
tions respecting breeding  
stock, houses, schools &c

Read & see me.

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Rec<sup>d</sup> July 24. '54  
Ans<sup>d</sup> July 28. '54. See letter also  
to Supt Herley -

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Sir,

I have the honor to report to you the conclusion of our wheat, and barley harvest at this place, the result of which is 42,000 bushels of wheat, and 10,000 of barley. I do not hesitate to say that with our ordinary season our crop would have been nearly doubled, nevertheless, we have, allowing 5 bushels, or three hundred pounds to the barrel, over eight thousand bbls of flour; and as coarse flour is as good for Indian purposes, as superfine, nearly double that amount. - Of barley we have more than enough to feed full rations to every horse, and mule upon the reserve. - These amounts will be taken up upon my Property Return to the credit of the Government, and I have now to request your instructions, as to the disposition I shall make of the surplus, for according to my ideas on the subject we should not give food to any Indians excepting those upon the reserve, as it would discourage those who have worked hard to raise it, to see it go into the hands of other Indians who have given no assistance. - Another reason is that I make great calculations on the example this place will set in inducing other tribes to come in, for whilst every one here will have as much as they can consume, those who do not come to the reserve will be starving, & after a while when they find they are not to be fed outside of the reserve, will be glad to come in, and be part of my people here.

The Wheat,

and barley, is by no means all I have raised, but I prefer giving you the result of the various crops, as they are gathered, so that the whole actual result, may be seen independent of vague, and uncertain speculation.

At the end of the season I shall in my general report, give you an account of the entire crop gathered - including - wheat, barley, corn, potatoes, beans, pumpkins, and melons, turnips &c; it is enough for the present to say that the other matters, are in proportion with the wheat, and barley.

I beg leave to reiterate my request that you will, if possible, visit this state, during the congressional recess of the <sup>coming</sup> present fall -  
+ It is utterly impossible to appreciate affairs here until you do so, and it would relieve me of a vast responsibility, to have your views on Indian matters, after you have seen the state of affairs out here, and formed your judgement on the ground as to what should, or should not be done.

I had the honor to transmit by the mail of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, my 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. 1858. In relation to them, as well as to those which may follow, I desire to state that if the charges for articles of consumption here, are considered high, the character of our location must <sup>also</sup> be considered. We are accessible it is true by two roads; but Stockton which is one of them is 400 miles off, and the other is unquestionably the worst I have ever seen travelled by wagons - one place I have seen 24 mules attached to a block, and tackle, and six Indians at the wheel, for a whole day drawing up the mountain, one of

my wagons, with a load of only two thousand pounds in it, and this operation has to be gone through, with every wagon I send to Los Angeles. I mention this as one of the places, but it is by no means the only one. - This will give you but a faint of the difficulties, I have undergone in establishing of this place. - I am pleased to say however that we have for the future no necessity for the purchase of any article of food, as this reserve, excepting that we require breeding stock, is now self subsistent.

I cannot express the gratification I receive in - seeing the rapid progress the people collected here, are making, and the perfect good feeling and contentment they display. - Still many things are necessary to their comfort. - Houses should be built for them of a more substantial character than those they now occupy, a granary to preserve their grain, store houses and sheds. - A Hospital for the sick. - a Surgeon and many other matters should be their reward for the vigor with which they have entered into the views of the Government. - During the coming year I shall also propose the establishment of schools amongst them, not such as we have at present in some parts of the country, but schools where the attendance of the younger portion shall be compelled. instead of being left to the wishes of the parents. - In my fields here for instance, if I were to allow them to work when they pleased, but little would be done, for the industrious would be discouraged by the indolent; but as it is the indolent are punished and compelled to labor; and so it should be with the children when schools, are established

You would be surprised, I think however, to see how much a regular course of discipline, and system obviates the necessity of corporeal punishment. It is true I sometimes resort to it, but considering the great number of hands at work, and the immense amount of labor performed, surprisingly seldom, for each has his allotted task and time to do it, and all are made to do it at the same time.

Part of my wagons, are now engaged in removing the Indians, nearest us, and my influence is extending so rapidly in this vicinity that I do so at less expense than at first I thought possible. It is true a large sum has been spent, but our wheat, and barley, alone would nearly equal the whole sum appropriated, & at the prices of provisions in the mines, more than covers it, and this you must take into consideration is the result of only eight months labor, and a most unfavorable season.

Yours  
E. F.

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Very Respectly  
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