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Thos. J. Rowley
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There is great necessity for
a physician at Lyons Reservation.

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of the Interior, with
the suggestion, if it meet with
his approval, that the recom-
mendation of the Supt. be adop-
ted.

of: Ind. Aff. } Charles Eschscholtz,
Sept. 30. 57 } Acting Comm.

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And 2^d Oct 3^d 1857.

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Office Supt. Indian Affairs
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Geo. W. Marrypenney Esq.
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington City
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Sir:

There is great ne-
cessity for a Physician at the Tejon
Reservation. Venereal diseases prevail a-
mong the Indians and deaths are
of frequent occurrence from that cause.

Should the Small-Pox or any
other contagious disease make its ap-
pearance at the Reservation the mortality,
in consequence of their mode of treating
the sick, sweating in a hot furnace or oven
& plunging into cold water, could not fail
to be very great. I can think of nothing
more important than employing a
Physician to reside permanently on the
reservation, and devoting his time and
attention to the amelioration of the con-
dition of these people. The expense would
be but little. One could be employed
almost as cheaply as a laboring hand.

Having some doubt as to my author-
ity to employ a Physician I have con-
cluded to submit the question for your
consideration and decision.

Yours truly
J. S. Hopley,
Supt.