

The Tejon Reservation.

Through the polite attention of a friend we have been furnished with information from the Indian Reservation at the Tejon, from which it would appear that through the efficient management of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs—Col. Henley—everything presents a flourishing appearance in that quarter. The Indians appear to be contented, and well pleased with their new mode of life and living. Peace and plenty abound, and all things go on smoothly with them. And yet, with it all, a system of rigid but not niggardly economy is practised by the veteran Superintendent. While husbanding in the most praiseworthy manner the means at his command, expenditures for and issues made to the Indians are so ordered as to leave them entirely satisfied.

The attempt to civilize the red man is no longer problematical. Already has he learned the art of managing the plough and using the hoe, and is now delighted in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labors. Daily accessions are being made to their numbers from the wilder mountain tribes, and everything seems full of promise for the future. The report which recently crept into the public prints that the Indians who had spent the past summer on the Reserve, were dissatisfied and leaving in great numbers, is without the least shadow of foundation.

It is to be hoped that the meritorious conduct of Colonel Henley in the management of Indian affairs in that region will be duly appreciated at head-quarters in Washington, and that it will be made manifest by a more liberal appropriation by the ensuing Congress.

California BHP
S. P. Brown
San Francisco Dec 1854

Report upon the number
& conditions of Indians on
the Yume & Co. Reserva-
tion. - Some measures
will be taken to open an ad-
ditional reservation for the
Coast Indians. - Will re-
port on a paper by E. J. Peale
at the earliest practicable
date. - Enc. mentions
slip rel. to the condition of
things on the Co. Reserva-
tion.

Rec'd. by S. P. Brown
Dec 11 1854
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San Francisco, Cal. Dec 1st 1857

Hon. G. W. Manypenny,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have just returned from the Northern Indian Reservation of Nome Suckee, and take great pleasure in stating that the Indians are doing better than the most sanguine friends of the system could have anticipated. Of upwards of eight hundred Indians brought together there by the Superintendent, I saw but few who were not at work preparing for the winter rains. They are all well provided with comfortable houses and wigwams, and their prospects are most encouraging. Many of the boys and young men evince a readiness in learning the rudiments of agriculture that would do credit to any race; and I am well convinced that there could not be a better system devised for the improvement and civilization of the Indians on this Coast.

It is to be hoped that measures will be speedily taken to open another additional reservation for the Coast Indians.

I have not yet had time to prepare a report in relation to the accounts of Mr. Dealy, but will do so at the earliest practicable date.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. O. S. S. S.
J. Ross Brown

California B475.
S. Pops Browne.
San Francisco Dec. 1. '54

Simplest
One. article from the
Transcripts Dec. to the con-
dition by Indians on the
reserves. - Will make
full report per next steamer

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San Francisco, Cal. Dec 1st 1854

Hon G. W. Manypenny,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Sir:

I have taken the liberty to give some verbal information to the editor of the Times & Transcript in relation to the Indian Reservations, which I have just visited, and beg leave to enclose an article on the subject. The views set forth in this article are substantially the same as I have expressed to you in my brief report of yesterday. I shall be enabled to comply with your instructions in full by next mail.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt,
J. Ross Browne