

✓ Mr. J. Henley.
San Francisco.

California 25 Sept 1859

States that he has visited every part of the State & informed himself of the condition of the Indian. Has been much embarrassed from want of funds & requests that a Requisition may be forwarded to him by return mail.

✓ Respy up to the Commr of Indian Affairs with the request that the subject may receive his presents. Advise Mr Henley's Office with the Com's reply may be returned to him.

28 Oct 1859
Rec'd Mr D. C. H. 31
Ans'd 31
2. Answer

Report to Secy of the Interior Jan 2 - 1860

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San Francisco Cal
Sept 25th 1854.

Hon. R. W. McLelland
Washington City
D. C.

Sir:

I beg leave to request of you the perusal of my official letter of this date to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Since my arrival here from Washington I have travelled several thousand miles - have visited every portion of the State and have seen and learned the condition of all the Indians within the settlements. There was no money or but a very small sum (\$1260.) turned over to me by my predecessor. I have exhausted my own means in paying expenses. The men in my employ have received nothing since I came into office. I have established a new Reservation at the North, which was absolutely necessary to save several hundred Indians from absolute starvation. All this I had done after hearing of the passage of the appropriation, expecting the last mail to bring me sufficient funds to go on. But the instructions which I have received requiring estimates before requisitions for funds are

made will compel me to conduct this extensive business in a country where there is no credit, without funds.

Now what I particularly desire is that whatever requisition the Department shall deem it proper to make, will be sent by the return mail as even two weeks at that time will be of great importance to me, for I cannot by that time fail to be considerably embarrassed by obligations which it will be impossible to avoid without resigning my office.

Very Truly

Yours &c.

Thos. J. Henley.