

Office Sup. Indian Affairs
San Francisco Oct. 14th 1834

To the Hon^{ble} Weller, Twin & McDougall
San Francisco Cal.

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I res-
pectfully refer you to the enclosed communi-
cation from Messrs. May and Farwell the
first a State Senator from that part of the State
and the latter a respectable gentleman from
Trinity County. I have other information which
leaves no doubt on my mind of the entire cor-
rectness of their statement and I should not
hesitate to take immediate steps to make pro-
vision for those Indians if I was in possession
of the means to do so. But no requisition for
funds has yet been made and by the last mail
I received instructions to submit to the Dept.
estimates for the Service for the 1st year ending
31 Dec. 1834. This will cause a delay of two
months before any portion of the appropriation
can be made available. In the expectation that
I should have received a portion of the appro-
priation by the mail, and in consideration
of the pressing demands of the service I have
already applied my own means which were

limited, to the payment of incidental ex-
penses, and have borrowed upon upon my
own credit the sum of ten thousand dollars
which is already expended. In consideration
of this state of facts I do not feel at liberty
further to exceed the means in my hands,
or increase my individual liability. But I
regard the subject as of sufficient importance
to justify me in calling your attention to it
and soliciting your opinions and advice.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Thos. J. Huntley

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(A Copy)

San Francisco

15th Oct. 1854.

Dear Sir

Your communication of the 14th inst. covering a letter from Messrs May and Farwell of Trinity County has been received.

We have no doubt whatever of the truth of the statements made by them. Unless some temporary provision is made for the support of those Indians starvation will compel them to rob the White Settlers and this will we fear be followed by an indiscriminate slaughter which every humane heart would deplore. Congress more than four months ago made an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Indians of this state and if (as we supposed would have been the case) this fund had been deposited with the Assistant Treasurer in this city subject to your drafts, it would have been found ample to save the Indians from starvation and slaughter. The most serious consequences will in all probability ensue if you await farther instructions from the Department at Washington which it will take time to inform of the present emergency. In view of the pressing necessity for immediate action we do not hesitate to recommend the borrowing

of such a sum as may be necessary to re-
move the Indians referred to, to a Reservation
where food and protection can be extended
to them. We cannot believe that a public
officer will be allowed to suffer when an over-
ruling necessity like the present compels him
to assume responsibility and procure funds
even at a sacrifice. That economy which
saves the Indians from starvation and the
frontier from the horrors of a savage war will
in the end be found the wisest

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts

signed John B. Weller
" Wm M. Gwin

Hon J. J. Huley
Supt. Ind Affairs