California Sup H 701
Thomas J. Henley
San Francisco Oct 14, '54

Ask instructions as to payment of settlers' claims upon the reservations. States $1.25 would not be a fair compensation. Recommend that $1000 be paid to each settler.

Resd Nov 11, '54
Ansd. 16 "

Ques—Can more than $1.25 per acre be paid?

G.H.M.
Hon. G. W. Manypenny

Comr. Indian Affairs.

Washington, City D.C.

Sir: I have stated in former

advises that no Mexican grants to land of any validity would

interfere with the Indian Reservations. But I have now to

report that there are settlers' claims upon the Reservations

which, according to my views of justice ought to be paid for

out of the fund appropriated "extinguishing conflicting titles

to the reserved lands.

The appropriation limits the sum to be paid to one dollar

and twenty-five cents per acre. This would not be a fair

compensation for the value of their claims, but they have

made some improvements which would be useful to the Reserva-

tions, and for which, if I were allowed to pay them, I could

settle with them upon very fair and equitable terms. Indeed

before I saw the law I promised that they should be paid for

their land and improvements a fair compensation, which promise

I feel in honor bound to make good. I would recommend that

the sum of one thousand dollars be paid to each settler.

This would quiet all complaints and avoid trouble. I desire

instructions upon this subject.

Very Respectfully,

Your Ob. Sert.

Thos. J. Harney,
Supt. Indn. Affairs.