

Office Supt. Indn Affairs

San Francisco Oct. 14, 1854.

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 Reservations, 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.

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