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Hon. G. W. Mampenny  
Comr. Indian Affairs  
Washington City  
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Sir:

As a sample of the numerous letters which I receive from all parts of the State, I enclose the accompanying extract of a letter from the Hon. J. Montgomery Peters, Judge of the District Court for the Northern District. I do not agree with the writer in his views in regard to feeding the Indians in their present locations. I have done nothing in that region of the State nor will it be in my power to extend my operations there, until next Spring. My present opinion is that a Reservation for the Indians of the extreme North should be established on the Klamath River near the Coast. I shall visit that portion of the State early in the Spring.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
Thos. J. Hawley,  
Supt. Ind<sup>n</sup> Affairs

Extract of a letter &c

Union Town Humboldt Co.

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of addressing you on a matter connected with the business of the Office which you now hold. I do not know what your plan is for districting the State and appointing special Agents for the various districts but I suppose it is your intention as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for this State to pursue some such course. Under this view I will call your attention to a large district of Country in this part of the State where the Indians are very numerous and disposed to be hostile, and for that reason it would be well in my opinion if an Agent were appointed with sufficient control of the purse to make them small presents occasionally and to supply them with flour and Blankets occasionally during the severer months of the Fall and Winter Seasons. The section of Country to which I allude is embraced between the Klamath on the one side (beginning at its mouth and following the stream for one hundred and fifty miles up) and Bear River on the other side, a short distance above Cape



Mendocino. This section of Country will include a portion of the Salmon, the Lower Trinity, Eel River and some smaller streams and is occupied by at least five thousand Indians. This is a moderate calculation. Many of these Indians are on the main highway leading from Trinidad in Klamath Co. from Union Town and other places in Humboldt Co. into the interior, which are frequently travelled by packers and overland emigrants who are seeking homes on the Coast. As I before stated many of these Indians are disposed to be hostile and are in a position in which they can annoy the travelling and trading public very much, and I do think that an Agent amongst them who speaks their language in person and whom they know and in whom they have confidence, with the means at his command of which I spoke, would have a great influence over them in keeping them from committing depredations.

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Respy &c  
Signed J. Montgomery Peters

To

Col. Thos J. Henley  
Supt. of Indian Affairs for Cal.