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Thomas J. Hewley,
San Francisco Oct 14. 54

One, a copy of the reports
of Special Agents McDaniel
& McQueen, appointed
to inspect the localities &
condition of the Indians
at Baricpa Valley, &c.

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of Indian Affairs
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Hon. G. W. Marryat
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

For the information of
the Department, I herewith enclose a copy
of the report of Special Agents M^o Daniel and
M^o Queen upon duties assigned them as shown
by the report.

It is sometimes necessary to employ
Agents temporarily for a special duty, who
are discharged when that duty is performed.

Thos. A. Hurley
Supt. Calif. Affrs.
" General 4th Oct. 1854

Sir

In conformity to your instructions
we proceeded to inspect the localities and con-
dition of the Indians at the following places
first at ^[Barissa] Barissa Valley on the Santa Cruz
We found something like One hundred and
fifty Indians whose condition is that of slavery.
We made enquiry in regard to the kidnappings
referred to in your letter of instructions and
found the Barissa family in possession of a
numerous Gang of Indians at work on their Ranch
of different tribes, all of whom had been

driven in from the valley and mountains of
Stone Creek by violence and they and certain
^[Sonora] Sonora Mexicans living with them, are con-
-stantly in the practice of selling the Yung
Indians, both male and female to whomever
will purchase them, and we have ascertained
to whom they have sold several of them, which
testimony can be had to prosecute to conviction
of this crime, but which we declined doing
at present, until we have further instructions
from you. We then proceeded across the
mountains to Popes Valley, where we found fifty
or sixty Indians in the employ of Mr Pope
and living on his lands, but heard no complaint
there of kidnapping, neither do we believe it to
exist, from thence we proceeded to Kiota Valley
and found on Mr Shirleys land seventy five (75)
Indians or thereabouts who appeared to be doing
well; from thence we proceeded to Clear Lake,
the home of the Indians in this part of the
Country; whom we found cultivating the soil,
and living in abundance, contented and happy;
their number seven or eight hundred the Country is
eminently adapted to their wants, abounding in
fish, grass, and game; we found these Indians
residing on land said to have been granted to
Mexicans, and now belonging to Proom Smith and
others, which Grants have been rejected by the
Board of Land Commission; There are two

Lakes, said to be thirty five miles long, connected by a narrow Strait and from four to ten miles wide, of pure fresh water. This Lake is about one hundred or one hundred & twenty miles from this place surrounded by Mountains and Canions on all sides, entirely isolated from all arable lands for a distance of twenty miles; from these facts we are decidedly of opinion that this Lake is admirably adapted, and is pointed out by nature for an Indian Reservation; if private rights can be disposed of, so as to disincumber it of conflicting title, there are also some few squatters on this valley and others as we hear are preparing to remove them, from this place or from Kappa, there is a road which has been used by several waggoners and has been found a tolerable mountain road, capable of all necessary purposes of transportation, should a military Post be established there, or for transporting the necessary supplies for the reservation,

We have also made diligent enquiry in relation to a Valley situated fifty miles north of Barissa Valley on Paula Creek, which has been mentioned as a suitable place for an Indian Reservation, and from whence the Barissians and their confederates drove in the Indians when they want them to harvest their grain, build their fences, and their houses, or for other purposes

This valley from the best information we
can procure is not of sufficient body of
good lands to warrant a reservation, the water
which flows into the Sacramento near Colusa
is said to be brackish, altho there is said
to be springs of pure water in the neigh-
-borhood, possibly on the Land. We are also
informed that this valley is inaccessible for
a wagon road, being surrounded by high
and rugged mountains. We also found
it our duty to make diligent enquiry of the
Country high up Russian River above the
settlements, and are of opinion that there
is no valley of sufficient extent and quality
of soil to justify an Indian reservation,
altho there is said to be numerous tribes
Indians there, all of whom are wild & hostile,
but which we did not visit, as it would require
a force of twenty or thirty men to penetrate
their Country and explore their Land, we hav-
-ing but one man with us that it impudent
to attempt it, but the information we procured
may be relied on.

all of which is respectfully submitted,
We have the honor to be sir

With respect
Your obt. Servts.
Wm Mc Namel on Special Duty
Wm Mc Green

To Tho. S. Newley Esq
Superintendent of Indian
affairs for California

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