

accompany the delegation above alluded to,
to the Reserve.

Very Respectfully
Yours for Dist.
Thos. J. Hickey.

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Thomas J. Hickey
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Agent and Capt. V. Haller
to take charge of the farm
- Indians in Nevada
County, &c. - Appointed
J. P. Storms, Special
Agent

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Office of Sup^t. Indian Affairs
San Francisco Oct. 14th 1834

Hon. G. W. Manypenny
Com^r. Indian Affairs
Washington City
D. C.

Sir:

In obedience to my instructions to report from time to time the progress and prospects of the Indian Service in California I now submit the following:

My advices from the Tejon give assurance that the Indians at that Reservation are quiet and contented, and are performing their labor quite willingly. The building for a granary, work shops &c. is nearly completed and the force is now actively engaged in housing the grain. I have made preparations for planting a very large crop at the Tejon the coming year and particular attention will be paid to the cultivation of Turnips, Cabbages, Beets, Onions, Parsnips, Potatoes &c. which will materially decrease the consumption of Beef & Wheat upon which the Indians are now mostly fed. A small mill has recently been put into operation at this place propelled by horse power with which we are manufacturing all the flour consumed upon the Reservation. It will be observed by my estimate of expenditures for the current year that but little is expected hereafter to be expended there except for the pay of the men employed and for the purchase of such articles as cannot be produced on the Reserve.

The Indians upon the Tributaries of the San Joaquin, especially those at St. Miller are in such a condition of misery and destitution as to demand some immediate attention, and I have before expressed the opinion that to issue to them either food or clothing without superintendance and control is calculated to do them but little good. I have therefore, in order to make the proper provision for them, rented the farm of Capt. V. Waller on the Fresno, consisting of five hundred acres of enclosed land which was in cultivation last year and from which a good crop can be produced by harrowing the land at the beginning of the rainy season. A few hundred acres of new land will also be planted. For the cultivation of this farm I have ordered up twelve mules from the Sejon, which can properly be spared from there. The Indians in the vicinity have agreed to come in and the labor will all be performed by them. I consider this policy very important, as it will enable me to bring the Indians under proper subjection and control, make them acquainted with the policy of the Government and render their removal at the proper time to the Reservation a matter of no difficulty. J. A. Engast Esq. has been appointed Special Agent in this vicinity, and Capt. V. Waller is employed to take charge of the farm. The rent of the land is one thousand dollars per annum; that for the buildings which are very convenient and suitable has not yet been agreed upon. The expense of raising this crop will be much less than to buy the grain which it will be necessary to use in the subsistence and removal of

Indians in this vicinity next year. The labor will be performed entirely by Indians, and their subsistence will be rendered very cheap by the supply of fish in the San Joaquin, which they are now engaged, under the direction of the Agent, in catching and drying for the winter supply.

The meeting with the Indians of Nevada County of which I advised you by last mail, came off at Storms Ranch on the 6th inst. and resulted in an agreement with ^{the} Chiefs present to send to the Toiyabe Reservation a deputation of three from each tribe, about thirty in all, to remain there during the winter and assist in planting the crops preparatory to the removal of their respective tribes next summer. At this place I found what I have not encountered any where else, some opposition to the removal of the Indians; but the force of public sentiment which is very strong on the other side will soon silence all opposition, and the policy of removal will meet with no serious opposition in this quarter.

I was strongly solicited at Nevada and other places to furnish temporary subsistence to the Indians in their present locations, but I have given it as my decided opinion that the appropriation is intended only for the benefit of those who will submit to the policy of removal, and have uniformly refused all such applications - a policy which I shall continue except in extreme cases, unless otherwise instructed.

Mr. J. P. Storms who speaks their language well and has resided among them since 1849, has been appointed Special Agent and will

