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Thomas J. Henley,  
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Enc. Report of Special  
Agent Wheeler in rela-  
tion to the visiting and  
collecting Indians for  
the Norm Lake reserva-  
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Hon. G. W. Manypenny  
Comr. Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C. Sir

Enclosed I

herewith send you a copy of a report of Special Agent Wheeler, who had been sent on a visit to the Indians mentioned at the earnest request of the Citizens of that vicinity,

In consideration however of the unexpected large number of Indians (some seven hundred), now at the Noone Locke Reservation, I have suspended all further efforts to induce Indians to come in for the present, giving them at the same time to understand that all who do come in will be provided for in the best manner our means will allow.

The manner of feeding those now there will be explained hereafter.

Your Obt. Servt.

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Thos. J. Hurley.

"Tahama Oct. 23<sup>d</sup> 1854

Dear Sir

I have just arrived at this place and hasten to report to you the result of our efforts so far among the Indians. We left this place on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. arrived at Major Bradley's same day, sending the two Indians that accompanied us to the Reservation, into the mountains to bring their people to the valley



for removal, at which place we remained two days, on the morning of the sixteenth inst. we started into the mountains in pursuit of them, travelled through their country on the waters of the Antelope, Salt Creek and their tributaries, passing around the head of Salt Creek and passing down by the Black Buttes between Paynet, and Battle Creek, to J. W. Mulvany on the Sac River below Bloody Islands. We could not find any of the Paw Nat. and I have since satisfied myself that it was through fear they did not come down. I judge from personal observation that their situation is far more deplorable than I had supposed, there are neither acorns, or roots in their range of country, neither fish in the streams, and I can hardly conceive them to be sufficient to sustain life in Six Indians one month in their whole range of country, except Buck eye and very few of those. We found at Mr Mulvany a Rancheria No. about 100. they are very peaceable and very well provided for with Salmon for the present. They say to Mr Mulvany, that if he will let them remain on his place they will not steal his stock or let other Indians steal it, and by so doing his stock is safe.

Mulvany went out with us a few miles to a Rancheria of the No. Sa. Indians. the Chiefs (two in number) were on Battle Creek fishing. We sent an Indian for them to meet us at Mulvany's they did not come, they were afraid evidently from having been misinformed with regard to your and the governments intentions towards them. Their means of subsistence is a very little better than the Paw Nat.



Some of them being allowed to come to the river for fish, they range immediately north of the Yaw Was, and in the barren hills, after talking some time with Chu. Chu. Kus. the chief of those Indians at Moulvany. I proposed to them (if it should meet your approbation, expecting to meet you here) to come up in a few days and have them ~~see~~ the chiefs of the small tribes immediately around together at Mr Moulvany. Have a talk with them, take them to the Reservation, let them see and understand for themselves, then if they were willing to go there and live, then take the necessary measures to remove them.

After I had explained to Chu. Chu. Kus. your object fully, he was anxious to go out and see for himself. Having been deceived heretofore by the Agents sent among them, by taking this course I believe we can succeed in getting in the Yaw Was, and two or three small tribes that otherwise must suffer and be very troublesome. Taking advantage of your expressed satisfaction of my first report I will proceed to carry into effect the getting together the several chiefs, taking them to the Reservation &c. and in doing this you will have sufficient time to instruct me in such other course as may seem advisable to you. Should this not meet with your entire approbation, I shall be under the necessity of going to the reservation to get some money from Mr Ford, to defray the necessary expenses - I remain Yours &c.

(Signed) C. Wheeler "

To Hon. G. Henley Esq.