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Enr. Depons of Special
Agent Wheeler in rela-
tion to the Visiting and
Collecting Indians for
the Porno Lake reserva-
tion

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Hon. B. F. Marcy,
Com. Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.
Sir,

Enclosed is

herewith send upon 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.

The consideration forever of the unexpected
large number of Indians (some seven hundred)
now at the Stone Lake 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
informed hereafter.

Your Obt. Serv.

L. J. Harney

"Shawnee Oct. 23" 1857

Dear Sir,

I have just arrived at this place
and am ready to report to you the result of
our efforts so far among the Indians. We left
this place on the 13th inst. Arrived at Major
Bradley's Camp the same day, sending the two Indians
that accompanied us to the Reservation, into
the mountains to bring their people to the valley
In removal, at which place I remained two days, on the morning of the sixteenth, I set out into the mountains in front of them. I traveled through their country on the north of the Antelope, Salt Creek and their tributaries, passing around the head of Salt Creek, and passing down by the Black Butte between Carney and Battle Creek. I find the Sac River below Blood Island. No. 10. I could not find any of the Crow Trail 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, than are written accounts, or reports in their range of country, hunters fish in the streams and I can hardly conceive them to be sufficient to sustain life in say Indians one month in their whole range of country, except Black eye and very few of these. The found at Mr. Mulvany a Rancheria. No. about 100. They are very peaceable and very well provided for with dried meat 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 Chief (two in number) one on Battle Creek. There is but one Indian for them to meet us at Mulvany they did not come, they were afraid in vain, from having been misinformed with regard to your and the government intentions towards them. Their means of subsistence is a very little better than the Crow Trail.
Some of them being allowed to come to the river for fish, they range immediately north of the Kaw War, and in the barren hills. After talking some time with Che Che, the Chief of these Indians at Mulvany, I proposed to them (if it should meet your approbation) to direct them 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. Mulvany's. Have a talk with them, take them to the Reservation, let them see and understand for themselves, then if they are willing to go then, and live, then take the necessary means to remove them.

After I had explained to Che Che, also your object fully, he was anxious to go out and see for himself. Having been deceived before by the agents sent among them, by talking this cause I believe I can proceed in getting in the Kaw War, and two or three small tribes that otherwise must suffer and be very troublesome some, 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, and in doing this you will have sufficient time to instruct me or such other cause 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 &

(Signed) C. Wheeler

To: T. A. Henry, Eng.