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C. Y. Beale
Wash. Dec. 19, 34

One copy of certain letters of certain officers of the Gov't and others in relation to his operations in the Siyee reserve, having an important bearing on his case, to be filed with this, so as to form a part of the correspondence pertaining thereto. Also, original letter of Samuel Hunley, oct. 26, 1854, to his administration of Indian affairs, to be immediately disposed of.

Red Vell Dec. 31
Original enclosure, endorsed and sent to the Auditor for settlement Dec. 27, 1854.
20. ctor. Thursday.
Washington, D.C.
Dec 12, 1854

Sir,

I enclose herewith copies of certain letters by officers of the Government, and others, in relation to my operations on the Indian Reserve, Fryer Valley, as they have, in my opinion, important bearing on my accounts. I request they may be filed with them so as to form a part of the correspondence appertaining thereto. I also enclose original letter of F. J. Healy in regard to my administration of Indian affairs, which I desire may be deposited in a similar manner.

Very respectfully,
Your old friend,

E. H. Beale.

Hon S. W. Montgomery,
Commissary Agent,
Washington, D.C.
After having examined the different and only passes, from the settlement through the Sierra Nevada leading to the Yuma Valley, and the Sebastian Military Reserve, and being for many years familiar with the trails from the place to these passes, I consider that grain cannot be transported from this place (it being one of the nearest settlements to the Sebastian Military Reserve) for less than twenty (20%) per pound at the present time.

Santa Barbara Augst. 12, 1854. H.B. Blake.

Mr. Blake who signs the certificate is of the firm of Bunting & Blake, the largest mercantile house of Santa Barbara. They have lately been appointed the army agents at that place. - Mr. Blake was appointed by his fellow citizens to examine the character of the road from Santa Barbara to the Reserve, with a view to transportation, and trade. I am confident his judgment is sufficient guarantee for the truth of this statement.

C. H. Blake.
Coon
San Francisco, Cal.
Sept. 27, 1854

U.S. Balle 
Late Sept. Ind. Aff
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

In reply to your question, as to the condition in which I found the Des.
batian Military Reserve in my late visit to it before you had turned it over to your superiors, I will state that I observed evidences of a great deal of work having been done in the way of irrigation and cultivation of the soil, and what remains striking to me, after seeing the miserable condition of the Indians at Fort Miller, Fair Creaks, and Kenga River, was the appearance, deportment, and clothing of the Indians in the reserve. As regards the quantity of grain stock, I am not sufficient farmers, and also I have oppor
enough to make an accurate estimate; but there
appeared to be an abundance of each kind, and
much more wheat and corn than could
possibly be consumed by the Indians. If I am
not mistaken, your wheat field extends
from the upper to the lower Adobe, hence, a
distance of five miles.

(Signed)

[Signature]

Most Respectfully yours,

J.L. Hardees

Mt. Maj W.D.A
We the undersigned being disinterested persons hereby certify, and make the following voluntary statement, that we have been over the Shasta Military Reserve Siyon Valley, and examined the spots don at that place by the Indians under the Superintendence of E. F. Beale, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and that we estimate the value of the wheat, 1900 acres raised in the large field at 30 Bushels per acre, 57,000 Bushels, at both rates per the Bushel $4.20 or 50c. at 20c. per bu., the lowest price it could be delivered at $84,000, Barley 800 acres at 20 Bushels per acre, 16,000 Bushels at $3.80 or 50c. to the Bushel 7,600, Wheat 151 acres raised at the different Ranches at 30 Bushels to the acre 4,530 Bushels at 20c. per bu., the Bushel 911,800 Pounds at 20c. per bu. 14,000 Corn 148 acres at 30 Bushels per acre $4,800, Bushels (raised at Ranches) 48 1/2 to the Bu. of 157,040 Bu. at 20c. per Bu.
Being 25 acres at $20. Bushels at 15. Bushels at 60. acre to the Barn 30,000 bushels.

1,000

Pumpkins, Squashes, Watermelons, Cabbage
20 acres at $50 per acre

10,000

200 acres at $25 per acre

200

200 Plants in the Nursery including Grape

5,000

Peach, Pears, Orange, Fig, Pomegranate, Peach

Apple and Cherry. Pear

3,000

Ditching around field, ten miles 5 ft deep. 5 in. average at $100 per yard

$17,600

Corn 300. acre at $4 per 100. per acre. 900. Bushels at 48. Bbl. to the Barn 43,200. that 20. cwt. per Bbl.

56,400

House, and out buildings occupied by Sub.

Agent. Clerk, and men employed to 50 ft. front and 20 ft. deep, and walls of yard

5,000

$981,818

and after having examined the different matters and improvements made by the Indians under the immediate direction of E. F. Meal, Sept. Ind. Affairs.
Mt. St. Helena, testifying to the judicious management, and the strict discipline maintained among a number of Indians speaking different languages and coming from different and remote portions of the State, with dis-tributed habits, all now harmoniously uniting together for their own maintenance and subsistence.

The present condition of the Reservation manifests not only the great diligence and activity of the Superintendent but a peculiar aptitude for the control and management of Indians derived from an intimate acquaintance with their character and disposition.

In a word that in a period of time comparatively short he has made a surprising advancement in the delicate, and difficult undertaking of civilizing the Indian population of California.

I have examined the names appended to this certificate, and am well acquainted with a part of the gentlemen whose signatures are attached, namely, those of Mr. Robert Shirley, James H. Hill, William J. Howard, Sam. R. Sumner, P. E. Connor, and B. D. Wilson. They are men of the first respectability and standing in the community, and I consider their certificate as entitled to my credit.

This, under my hand, and official seal, at the City of
San Francisco, State of California, this 11th day of June, 1854.

W. H. Demmitt
Notary Public

I, Benjamin Wager, Judge of the 1st Judicial District of the State of California, do hereby certify that I have personally examined, and have been acquainted for some time with Mr. Robert Shirley, Sam. R. Sumner, and B. D. Wilson, whose names are appended to a certificate, sworn to me bearing date July 27, 1854, and sworn to them to be men of the highest standing and reputation for truth and sincerity, and in every capacity in which they are judicial district.

Signed this 11th day of August, 1854.

[Signature]