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Office Supt. Ind. Affs
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J. W. Lewis Esq
Commissioner Ind. Affs

Dear Sir

The enclosed
Correspondence of sub agent Lewis of the Orisko
agency will acquaint you with the condition
of Indian affairs in that region of country.

Mr. Lewis has been informed that
in as much as there are no funds at my
disposal, it will be impossible for me to
take any steps for the removal of the
Indians alluded to at present.

This is doubly embarrassing
from the fact that the Indians are without
food. Food has been offered me on time, but
as I have already purchased about \$11,000 (Eleven
Thousand) dollars worth of supplies for
the reservations on my own credit I do
not dare to involve myself further.

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If these Indians were at Brown Locks there
is plenty of food for them.

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos J. Buckley
Capt and affs

Office Indian Agency Cal
January 8th 1859

Sir,

In answer to yours of the 27th ult. I have to state, that those Indians recently driven from their home, to this place consisting of six Tribes under three ruling Chiefs, numbering at this time from five to six hundred, - Un-aided by the Government, have no means of subsistence but venison, and the small quantity of vegetables they may be able to procure at this season of the year, and in view of the great expense and time necessary for their relief otherwise, I have had freighted and made contract, all this venison, that is good in lower Kings river, which will likely suffice for their subsistence for the next six weeks to come, at the end of which time or sooner if practicable, I will endeavor to have the whole of these tribes ready for the move, and if so instructed, the means for the occasion being forth coming, Thomas or myself will proceed with them at once direct to Oakland, by land.

The only reason why I am in favor of any delay, the season will be getting more favorable and the Indians in better condition, and by the purchase

by the purchase of Hurness for two six mule
Sears, and one Wagon, which is indispensable to
the service. The entire expense of transportation can
be saved by the use of the government Team, and the
Employees in the service.

I am now of the opinion that the naviga-
tion of the San Joaquin river this is quite un-
certain. Should the water rise the Steamers could
not likely take down more than half a tribe per
load which would require some time, and create
much alarm and confusion among them.

All of which is very respectfully
submitted by

So. Thos. J. Hurley Esq
Supr. Inel. affs
San Francisco
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Very most Obedt
M. B. Lewis
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Office Fresno Indian Agency Oct.
December 27th 1858

Sir.

I have the honor to report, that on the morning of the 19th inst, I set out for Lower Kings River, for the purpose of looking up the scattered remnant of Inneenas, that remaining in that section of country, which had been recently visited and driven from their ranches by a party of the Citizens, in that vicinity.

On the night of the 20th in arriving at the Inneenas encampment near Whitman's Ferry on Kings River, I found encamped with the two teams, which I had engaged for their transportation, all the Inneenas, in that neighborhood except seventeen Tatchez, which refused to come out of the lake, with a party of seven sick, which I had sent a messenger for, - preferring as they said to "die in the Lake with their relatives, which had already perished with hunger and cold," rather than to abandon their ancient home.

On the morning of the 21st following, there was going - one loaded with wood and water, set out to cross the Plains, direct from Whitman's Ferry to the old Inneenas Farm on San Joaquin river, having in train all the Inneenas that had resided on Tulare Lake and Lower Kings river within the bounds of this agency, except old Capt "Sautu Aggo," Chief of the Noto-notos Tribe.

who were left in the Sweat House very ill, with his family and some four or five friends to nurse him during his sickness, - and the "17 Tatchis".

On the night of the 23rd at 11 O'Clock, after much suffering and fatigue, all were safely rescued, on the south bank of the San Joaquin river opposite the old Indian farm. Thus having rescued from the grasp of not ^{more} than thirty men, not less than three hundred Indians, men, women, and children, who were threatened with extermination, in default of immediate removal.

During my absence the Wautoke Indians, were forced on to the Fresno Farm by four of the Vigilantes, backed by some 12 to 15 of their mighty behind.

Thus adding to the number of Indians, that permanently reside on this farm heretofore, not less than five hundred, starving Indians, which are to a great extent bound to be fed or meat & bread. I anticipate however, & will, unless prevented by heavy rain get some 10,000 lbs of acorns, handed to them which will help some.

Owing to a want of union among the "Vigilantes" on upper Kings River, and apparent resistance on the part of the inmates on Kings river from the Watache tribe of Indians, were permitted to remain in their places, under the most rigid restrictions, all of which being seened up, demonstrates the fact beyond a doubt, that a few

men, for slight offences, so few as made known
to me, have arbitrarily and illegally, taxed the
Tucson Indian agency for the time being with an
unavoidable, ^{additional} expense of near one hundred dollars,
per ~~month~~, day.

It is to be hoped, & I am inclined to the opinion
that the trouble is over for the present

All of which is

Very respectfully submitted by
Yours most obt^s

To. Thos. J. Henley Esq
Supt, Ind, Affs
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M. B. Lewis
Sub Capt