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One copy of Memorial
to Congress protesting a-
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the North part of the Mono
Creek Valley as an Indian
Reservation by the citizens
of that place - Supt. Aug-
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of Mono Creek for an In-
dian Reservation

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Office Supt Ind affs
January 28. 1859

J. W. Denver Esqr
Commissioner Ind affs

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a memorial to Congress, protesting against the Occupation of the South part of Mono Creek valley as an Indian Reservation by the citizens of that place,

I have heretofore advised the taking possession of the entire valley for that purpose which can be done by purchasing the improvements of the settlers, but it will be attended with considerable expense and a great amount of trouble and annoyance,

There are not less than fifty settlers now in this valley, and one acquainted with the character of pioneer people can easily imagine how difficult it will be to get rid of them where they feel that they have
houses

honest claims to good and valuable lands.

This difficulty may be avoided. There has been lately discovered a valley to the northward of Nome Cut about fifteen miles. a valley of equal fertility and containing sufficient quantity of land for a Reservation. It is perfectly isolated and surrounded by mountains is in the Indian Country, has no settlers in it and will admit of no white settlement within ten miles of the valley. It is in every respect in my judgment well suited to the purposes of a Reservation.

None of the objections, which have been by experience found to have so much force against Reservations west with reference to this valley. In view of these facts, I recommend the selection of this valley in the name of the Government, before it shall be interfered with by settlers, to the end that if found advisable hereafter Nome Cut could be abandoned and this substituted for it or the Indians could be kept at the new valley and the

the stock at Nome Cut, for it is doubtful if they can ever be kept successfully together at the same place.

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos. J. Huley,
Capt. 2nd Regt.

Copy

Nome Cult Valley Cal

Jan 18. 1859.

To the Hon. Senate and House
of Representatives of the United States.

The undersigned Your
petitioners respectfully show.

In the year of 1856 a portion
of the Valley of Nome Cult on the waters of
Eel river, was located as an Indian Farm.

The lines were so run as to
include about one third of the Valley, giving
to the Indian Farm about four thousand
acres of arable land, and leaving the remainder
open to the occupation of private individuals.

Your petitioners finding
the land unoccupied, and availing ourselves
of the protection afforded by the location of
the Indian Farm, have settled upon the
lands and located our claims intending
to pre-empt them under the laws of the
United States so soon as the surveys have been
made. In making this settlement, we have
been subject to serious inconvenience and
suffering, being subject to the dangers incident
to the occupation of a new country surrounded
by wild and hostile Indians, having suffered
heavy losses by Indian depredations on stock
and other property. Passing through all
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these difficulties, we have at length succeeded in making our homes comfortable, and giving some hope for the future,

Now we learn that a Proclamation has been made by the Superintendent of Indian affairs by order of the Department of the Interior claiming this entire valley as an Indian Reservation, notwithstanding its occupation and settlement for a period of three years.

We beg leave respectfully to protest against this action of the Indian Department, and solicit the protection of Congress against this invasion of our rights.

In answer to the suggestion that provision will be made to pay us for our improvements we beg leave to say that they are not for sale, having made the settlement at great sacrifice, the little pittance that we might be paid for our improvements, would be no consideration for being thus driven from homes which it has taken years to acquire.

Nor can we discover any necessity for this step. The lands now occupied for Indian purposes are abundantly sufficient to produce food enough for all the Indians in this section of the state.

There are also other valleys not occupied by settlers which could be used

of incipany for Indian Reservations.

Trusting that we may receive that protection to which pioneer settlers are entitled, and that we will be permitted peaceably and quietly to occupy the home which it has cost us so much labor and money to acquire. We in duty bound will ever pray.

R R Devanny

Benj Burch

Geo M^cDavid

J. J. Faray

J. Blockman

Chas H Brown

J W R Gorley

S. O. Wisney

J. M. Nelson

Henry Pryndrum

John H Garlett

Thos H Ward

Andrew Gray

J W Shamano

Antonio Legons

Jas Archibald

Wm Murphy

Benj Arthur

Chasly Vaughn

Martin Corbitt

A P Ringold

E. Giphon

J. C. Hoxie

Geo White

S. S. Davis

G M Gaffany

Dryden Lucock

J M La cock

Wm Robertson

J W Smith

H L Wall

Hiram Burdick

Jasph Moran

John Larson

J. W. Witt

Jas W Gray

V. B. Norval

A Dodge

Chas Garber

D C Collins

Jasph Honnor

S. Hornbrook

Chas E Eberly

Home Cult Valley Cal.
Jan. 18 1859

To the Hon. Senate, and House
of Representatives of the United States.

The undersigned your
petitioners respectfully show. —

In the year of 1856 a portion
of the Valley of Home Cult on the
waters of Eel River, was located, as
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the Valley, giving to the Indian Farm
about four thousand acres of arable
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Benj Birch

George M. Paul

G. J. Lewis

A. Blackburn

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