

California #1449
Mr. J. Henley
San Francisco May 5 '59

One letter from Sub
Agent Lewis ref. to the
Crops on the Pres no,
want of subsistence,
Claims against the
Agency &c.

~~Rec'd May 24 '59
see letter to Sub
Agent Lewis 4 June 1859~~

27. Finance

Office Supt Indian Affairs
San Francisco Cal^o

May 5. 1859.

C. E. Mix Esqr
Comr. Ind. Affairs
Washington D.C

Sir:

I enclose
herewith a letter from Sub Agent Lewis
in relation to affairs at the Fresno. There
appears to be greater distrust in that
region than any other in regard to the
intention to pay for the supplies purchased
by the Agents - And the Claimants have
offered to sell their demands at a heavy
discount. - I have sent them word
not to sacrifice their claims, and have
assured them that they would now be
paid at an early day.

Very respectfully
Yours obt Serv
Thos J Henley
Supt Ind Aff

Office Fresno Co. Agency Cal.

April 9th 1859

Sir,

At the close of this week I have the honor to Report fine prospects in both farms, within this agency for a reasonable crop, - true the recent cold and frosty weather stopped the growth of the grain for some ten days, seemingly setting it back a little, but the last few days being favorable, assisted by a fine rain has started it again to growing with a healthy and thrifty appearance. The Corn is also just recovering from being nipped to the ground by the frost. I am however at this time prepared to, notify You, - that but little is to be expected from any efforts on my part to keep up and sustain the interest of this agency longer.

The last vestige of subsistence for Employeys, and Indians, has already been consumed, and the laboring Indians who have been ever faithful, have made a strike for the mines, in search of food, and clothing, leaving this farm, with a sickly and inexperienced

party of Indians, to cultivate the crop and look to the
interest of the place, whilst the number to subsist ^{but few} is ^{small}.

During the coming week I expect to be forced to
close doors for the want of Subsistence to live on, and
assistance to operate with. - It is no use longer to talk,
There is no person in this section of country that I know
of that would credit the Indian department with one dollar
unless I should make promise, that I do not feel safe in
doing. For the future and until relieved, though I
shall at all times be at my post and ready for service,
It must be distinctly understood, that I shall not con-
sider myself responsible for a faithful discharge of
my official duties, - under a promise, - as I am, by
a dilation of duty on the part of the government.

Should the department ^{attempt relief} by purchase and ~~raising~~ ship-
ment of supplies. It should be borne in mind, that
the agent and Employers, Eat as well as Indians, and
their some good flour, Pork or Bacon should accompany
the Beef, &c for Indians, In the event of shipment, the
only place that freight could be landed from ~~then~~ the
quin Steamer, there would be more acceptable to this

place them Stockton. Is Firebaughs old Ferry on
San Joaquin River, from whence it might be hauled
by the Ferry from this farm.

all of which is very Respectfully
Submitted by

To. Jas. J. Healey Esq
Supt. Ince affs
San Francisco Cal,

Your most Obedt
M. P. Lewis
Sua dept