

Report upon the conditions of  
the Indian Territory.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully

Yours truly  
James G. McPherson

Asst. Secy of War

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James G. McPherson  
San Francisco July 14, 54

Polk has visited the  
Siskiyou, Wagon Creek and  
Mendocino Reservations  
and made no getting an  
idea of the state of the  
Indian Territory - is collecting the  
names of the employees of  
the service and the  
names of the entire  
Mendocino Reservations

~~Rec'd August 13, 54  
Asst. Secy of War~~

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Office Sup. Ind. Affairs  
San Francisco Cal  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Hon. C. B. Greenwood  
Commissioner Ind. Affairs  
Sir

In my communication to you of the 15<sup>th</sup> ulto I had the honor to report that it was my intention to visit immediately the different Indian reservations in this Department, for the purpose of carrying out my instructions regarding them. Since then I have visited "Some Lake" Some But, and Mendocino, & arrived in this City from the latter reservation but a few hours since.

I have succeeded in getting an inventory of the property remaining on this survey, which will accompany my report. Every effort is being made to collect the indebtedness of this Department which I hope to transmit at an early date.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst enclosing a copy of instructions dated

Nov. 18. 1858. Sent to Col J. A. Henley  
late Superintendent. I have found these  
instructions carried out, so far as they  
relate to certain employes, and have  
myself taken measures to reduce the  
prices of the different farms to the  
lowest possible point.

I have been strongly impressed  
since my visit to Horse Creek or Round  
Valley, with the importance of securing  
the entire Valley as one Indian farm.  
No such instructions as these have been  
published by Col Henley, and I am not  
aware of his having taken any steps to  
carry out the wishes of the department  
in this matter. The occupation of the  
entire Valley by the Government I look  
upon as indispensable to the peace and  
contentment of the Indians, and I  
shall take immediate steps to its  
accomplishment. A large portion of the  
Valley outside of the supposed lines  
of the reserve, has been settled upon,  
and improvements to some extent have  
been made. As the purchase of im-  
provements in this Valley may attend  
its occupation by the Government, I  
respectfully ask for full instructions  
in the premises. I consider it

important to report at once (that  
immediate action may be taken) the  
existence at Mendocino Reservation of  
a large Steam Saw Mill which has  
been in operation for some time past.  
On the particulars regarding the erection  
of this Mill I respectfully refer to the  
Reports of Messrs. Brown & Bailey Special  
Agents of the Department on the subject.

In consequence of the large  
number of employees at this mill together  
with the <sup>constant</sup> presence of Mills  
bringing Millers & other persons constantly  
within the limits of the Reservation much  
trouble has been experienced in governing  
the Indians. With the view of separating  
them as much as possible from this  
vicinity I have directed the Agent to  
remove the greater portion of them to  
"The Oak Run" or the other portion of  
the reserve immediately after harvest  
when they will remain until full  
instructions are received from the  
Department regarding them.

It is my intention to visit  
immediately for the Gen. these Reservations  
and from thence to Blountsville where  
I will be enabled to make a full

Report upon the Conditions of  
this Superintendentency.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully  
Yours  
James J. M. Duffin  
Genl. In Charge

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Reference has been made to the  
fact that the same will give  
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of the State of Ohio  
highly interested in  
the history of the State  
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~~See also page 13, 14  
and 15 of the same~~

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