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Lieut. Edwin Willard  
J. Bragg Capt. Aug. 60  
Capt.

Wishes for copies of such  
orders by the Indian  
Dept. and such acts of  
Congress as may be use-  
ful to him for the protec-  
tion of the Indians and  
the Govt's property on the  
Mendocino Reservation  
- also of the Survey of said  
Reservation, or holds in-  
formation as will enable  
him to determine its limits,  
stating the reasons for the  
request

~~Recd Sept 10. 60  
Ans Sept 17 60  
10. Land~~

at once

Fort Bragg Cal  
Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1850

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will forward me copies of such orders of the Indian Department, and such acts of Congress as may be useful to me in the Protection of the Indians and the Government Property on the Mendocino Reservation, of which this post is a part.

For this purpose, it is also essential to me, to have a copy of the Survey of the Reservation, or such information as shall enable me to determine the limits. This information I have been unable to obtain either from the Dept, (who has been as anxious as myself to know,) or from the late Agent. Capt Ford.

Citizens are constantly making encroachments on what is claimed by some, as within the limits of the Reserve; but denied by others, to be such; and unless some lines are established, it is worse than useless to attempt to maintain order on the place. In regard to the authorized trespassers upon the Reservation, it is scarcely necessary to call your attention, as the facts I presume, are all in your possession: I will however say, that the establishment of a Saw Mill, with its host of hands on, as well as <sup>at</sup> the store,

upon the Reservation, (each permitted by the former Dept) has  
been, and is now, disastrous in its consequences.

The most profitable fishery on the Coast, is, thereby,  
rendered utterly worthless, and the introduction of Ardent  
-Spirits, together with the presence of lawless and unprincipled  
persons, makes it impossible to maintain discipline on  
the place.

Being temporarily, in charge of the  
Reservation, and always, ready to promote the interests of  
the Indians, as Commanding the U.S. troops here stationed, it  
may not be considered as presumption on my part, respect-  
fully, but earnestly to urge upon your consideration, matters  
of such vital importance.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington  
D.C.

Very Respectfully,  
Yours most  
Edmond Dillon  
3rd Regt  
Cavalry