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San Francisco, Cal
October 19, '59

Recommends the removal
of Agents Geiger and the
Appointments by H. B.
Haw - also the removal
of Sub Agents W. B. Lewis
& H. S. Wood and Agent
J. P. Vineyard, and de-
clines to be relieved from the
responsibility of paying the
liabilities that accrued
previous to his assuming the
duties of Agent.

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Hon. A. B. Greenwood
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 3^d in relation to removals and appointments of Agents and Sub Agents in this Superintendency, and instructing me in all cases where a change is suggested to submit the reasons for your consideration.

In my general report dated September 4th 1859 on the condition of the reservations in California, I stated in reference to the Nome Laclée reservation, that during the past season "there had been cultivated about eight hundred acres and harvested about fifty mostly in small grains out of which one hundred and fifty acres of wheat was almost totally destroyed by smut" also that "these eight hundred acres are divided into small farms some distance apart but all within the circumference of seven miles the richest bottoms only being selected for cultivation, causing this separation."

On my late visit to Nome Laclée on the 30th Sept. I was surprised to learn that Mr. Greig had disposed of a portion of this crop at private sale for his own benefit, and that he claimed to own a considerable portion of the wheat.

which was stored at Ness Quarters,
and contemplated selling it in the
some manner. He admitted having
sold a portion of the barley and hay,
and claimed the right to sell the
wheat on the ground that it became
his property by purchase of the land.
As this crop was planted at public
expense, under the supervision of Mr
Grigor and harvested for the use of
the Indians, with Government teams,
and by Indian labor I was unable
to perceive upon what grounds of
justice or propriety Mr Grigor can lay
claim to it. I have therefore instructed
him by letter (a copy of which is
enclosed) not to remove any grain
or other public property from the reservation.

I have also to report that during
my late visit to some Indian I saw
teams of Oxen belonging to the reservation
engaged in hauling timber from the
mountains to the above claim of Mr Grigor,
at a time when their services were
required for public purposes; that the
gardens and orchards have been entirely
neglected, and the fences are now
flattened down and the fruit trees destroyed
by cattle; that there are living upon
the reservation and apparently at public
expense, a number of white prisoners
not in the employ of Government; that
no effort has been made to gather up
the cattle placed there by my predecessor,

which cattle are now scattered down
the Sacramento Valley a distance of
fifty miles; that some thirty or forty
horses, also public property, were strayed
off and no effort has been made to
recover them; that there are but few
agricultural implements available
out of the large purchases made;
that in short nothing appears to
have been done at the reservation
during the past three months, except
upon private and adjoining claims.
Most of the Indians who were present
during my former visit to this reservation
have been permitted to leave or no impo-
sition has been placed in the
way of their doing so. And most of
the working hands are employed
upon Mr Gregg's claim.

The Survey of the Home Indian
Reservation was made by Mr Gray in
September 1857. under instructions from
my predecessor, to Mr Gregg - By which
what means a valuable portion of the
then recognized limits of the reserve
could be excluded, I am unable to say.
Nor can I ascertain what reason there
could be for the cutting off the Mill
and water ditch which I am informed
cost the Government a large amount of money.
As the Mill and water ditch however appear
on the map, it would seem that some error
must have occurred by means of which
my approval of the Survey has been
obtained, to which the Department

would not otherwise have given to report had the facts of the case been known.

In consideration of these circumstances it must be obvious to the Department that there can be no official cooperation between Mr. Grign + myself. I have therefore to recommend his removal and the appointment in his place of Judge St. P. Haun of Yuba County for whose capacity + qualifications to fill this position with credit to the Department ~~based~~ ^{based} their state. I respectfully refer you to the Delegation in Congress from this State.

In reference to the other changes recommended by Mr. G. the removal of Mr. B. Lewis + A. L. Ford Sub Agents - I have to say that they are unfit for their positions. I should be pleased to have them removed without the necessity of a protracted controversy involving personal charges - The only general objection to them which I can state from my own knowledge, is that the interests of the service in their change have been grossly neglected, and that I have no confidence that there will be any change for the better while they remain in public office - For the same reason I recommend the removal of J. R. Vinyard Agent at the Ligon and the appointment of J. J. Kendrick of San Diego County.

Since the receipt of your

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remittance to defray the liabilities of the 1st + 2^d Qrs. of 1859. I have examined all the bills presented to me & upon proper verification of the Lote Superintendent and the Agents have turned over corresponding sums for their payment -

This examination however satisfies me of the impracticability of my settling these accounts & doing full justice to all parties - Having had nothing to do with the contracting of these bills I of course can not judge of the receipts demanding them & am aware of no responsibility in their settlement - I am extremely desirous that the Department will relieve me of all responsibility in the matter, and permit my former funds for the payment of debt incurred prior to my coming into office direct to the Agents - Many of these bills appear to me to be unnecessary & improper but as I have stated above I know nothing personally of the circumstances under which they were contracted - The Department will confer a favor upon me by changing some other person with this duty as it greatly embarrasses the current operations of my Superintendency to have anything to do with the accounts of my predecessor.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.
J. G. McArthur
Supt. Ind. Affs for
California

Wm. H. McArthur
Office Supt. Ind. Affs
San Francisco

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