

California Mills
J. Y. McDuffie
San Francisco, Cal
October 29. '59

One copy of a Circular
addressed by him to the
Agents and Sub Agents
in his sphere of the sub-
ject of disbursements by
them, incurring debts

Recd Nov 18. '59
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J. L.
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Office ^{2nd} Sup. Ind Off
for
California

Including
Circular

James H. McVie
Supt. Ind Off for
California

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Office Supt Inds Affs
Wm Thompson Esq
October 22^d 1859

Hon A. B. Garrison
Commissions of Indian Affairs
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose
herewith a copy of a circular add-
ressed by me to the Agents, and
Sub Agents, in this Superintendency
and to request that you will give
the subject your early consideration.

So long as the Officers referred
to are permitted to contract debts,
and expend public money on their
own responsibility, I can have no
control over the proper disposition
of the limited appropriations now
available for Indian purposes. The
expenditures under that appropriation
have already exceeded the limits
prescribed to the Agents in my
written orders, and it is impossible
for me to approve or disapprove

of bills incurred without my
personal knowledge. I deem it
essential to the interests of the
service, that this species of patronage,
out of which so many evils have
grown, should be withheld from
subordinate officers, for whose man-
agement of the public business
I am held responsible. I am
sensible that the funds appro-
priated for the benefit of the Indians
can judiciously be devoted to that pur-
pose.

I conceive that the responsibility
of keeping the Indians in subjection
and governing as far as practicable
a successful issue of the reservation
system, devolves ultimately upon me,
and I am desirous that all funds
transmitted to our shores be devoted
to the legitimate purposes for which
they were originally intended, in such a
manner, as to secure the greatest

Advantage to the Indians Service

Very Respectfully

Yours Most Sincerely

J. G. M. Duffin

Supt. Ind. Affs for
California

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes or a ledger table, possibly containing names and numbers.]