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Office Supt. Ind Affs
San Francisco

Nov 11. 1859

Reply to the Com-
munications of H. E.
Giger. Agent Ind Dept
Col. under date of
Oct. 30. 1859-

Respectfully submitted
to the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs
J. G. M. Duffin
Supt. Ind Affairs
for California

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J. C. Greig Esq.

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I have carefully considered the contents of your letter of the 30th ulto in which you take exception to the orders contained in my Circular of the 21st ulto addressed to the Agents and Sub Agents in this Superintendency.

In reply I have to state that I was induced to issue the Circular referred to in consequence of the limited appropriation for the present fiscal year, and my earnest desire to confine the expenditures of the service within the prescribed amount. To accomplish this I considered it essential that I should as far as practicable personally supervise the application of the fund.

Your views as to the duties of Agents and the Authority of the Superintendent involve important questions upon which it seems to me proper the Department should decide. Under my letter of appointment I am instructed to adopt such measures as may be calculated to produce the best results and insure a more economical

the
Administration of Affairs of the
Service, and the Law renders it
incumbent upon me to exercise
a general supervision and control
over the official conduct and
accounts of all officers & persons
employed by Government in the
Indian Department within my
Superintendency. I have therefore
referred your letter to the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs and requested
further instructions in the premises.

In the mean time I do not apprehend
that any inconvenience will arise
from an observance of
the orders transmitted to you.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt

(Signed) James H. McDuffie
Supt. Ind. Affairs

The above is a true copy of the
original now on file in my Office
J. H. McDuffie
Supt. Ind. Affairs