

California MSS
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Reports his returns from
the various Kings River
Indians farms, plantation
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Office Supt. Ind. Affs
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Now A. B. Greenwood
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Sir

On the 9th inst. I returned from a visit to the Mueso & Kings river Indian farms, and have the honor to report that from a careful examination into their conditions while there, together with the prospect of their future usefulness under existing circumstances, I was induced to abandon them at once on the part of the Government.

The Advantages gained heretofore by the Cultivation of these farms has not been at all commensurate with the expenses incurred; the Amount of Money paid for them sent alone has been almost sufficient to cover the entire value of the crops raised upon them. Great neglect has been shown by the Sub Agent in charge in guarding public property from decay; most of the Agricultural implements on hand are useless, from the want of proper care, the replacing of which would incure an expense the Representatives of the Department will not consent.

Mr. B. Lewis Esq Sub Agent in charge of these places, has been directed by me, to collect all the public property upon these farms together; to secure the same from loss or further injury until further instructions are received from me - to

Discharge all his employees, the retention
of whom would be but a useless expense
to the Service.

The number of Indians
supported upon these farms does not
in my opinion exceed fifty, for whom
it is my intention to purchase the food
necessary during the present winter,
which will prove to be an more econom-
ical system than that of maintaining
farms at exorbitant cost.

For the reasons named
I have been induced to take the steps
I have, and trust that the Department
will approve of my action in the matter.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

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Capt. Genl. Offr.