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Reports the result of  
his investigation of  
the affairs of the dif-  
ferent Indian Re-  
servations, the em-  
ployment of superri-  
sits, and employees  
for the same, the a-  
mount of money that  
will be needed to place  
them in working condition  
- Enc. inventories of the  
property belonging to the  
Mandevine & Athamath  
Reservations, statement  
of the indebtedness of the  
Athamath bands, and of  
the same for employees of  
the Mandevine, and also the  
report of the Indian Ins-  
pector, and other papers  
relating to the Mandevine &  
Athamath Reservations  
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Hon. A B Greenwood Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Sir

I forward you in separate Envelopes Inventories of the property belonging to the Mandevino and Mamatti Indian Reservations, It will be perceived that over one half of the value of the property consists in the products of the soil; reference to the Inventories will show the condition of the property; I found on the south end of the the Mandevino Reserve, <sup>and</sup> at the mouth of the Mayo River, the establishment of an extensive Steam Saw Mill, in close proximity to the head quarters and, the principal Indian farms, detrimental in my opinion to the best interests of the Reservation, materially damaging the fishing, a chief source of Indian subsistence, by keeping the stream constantly full of drift wood, besides productive of many other evils that might be mentioned, there are also two stores on the Reserve how permission was obtained I know not either for milling or selling goods on an Indian Reservation - There are on this Reserve about two thousand Indians and produce enough if issued with economy to subsist them

but no Beef and but a limited quantity of fish - The  
farming implements are all nearly worn out and, new ones  
must be procured, and, of clothing the Indians are actually  
destitute, Blankets, Pants and Shirts, seeds are wanting,  
such as Carrot root, beagoe and turnip these cannot be produced  
here the climate being too damp they do not perfect, also a  
change of Oats, Barley and potatoes, the present crop being  
of the same seed that was at first introduced on the Reserve  
Less than four Labouring cannot conduct this Reservation  
properly, nor any other, here there should be at least  
five and a Blacksmith but, the law makes provision for  
four only, the farms or Stations are from three to ten  
miles apart <sup>and</sup> are four. to expect one man to govern five  
hundred Indians Compell them to work, which must be  
done for of their own accord they will not work, would  
be to expect impossibility, an Outlay of three thousand  
will be required to fit up this Reserve into good working  
condition, clothe the Indians and furnish blankets not  
to all but to the heads of families and the working hands,  
I am informed that they have had no clothing for the  
past year, I appointed Capt. Ch<sup>o</sup> W. Smith Supervisor on the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept., and with the assistance of Serjt. Dillon

who had charge from the time of Mr Ford's death, completed the Inventory of the property on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, on the same day I discharged the employees but found it necessary for the security of the crop and other property to employ four of them again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct under the new law of Congress, The accounts of the employees for Compensation were presented to me I complied to them finding upon examination of the Labor account and by reference to Lieut. Wilcox and others that the services had actually been rendered, There are other accounts not yet presented for expenses incurred by Lieut. Dillon ~~for~~ during the time he was in charge, as for the sanitary conditions of the Indians, I beg leave to refer you to a communication entitled to Credit and, herewith transmitted, from Doctor Linnan to Captain Smith, Since the demise of Doctor Ames Doctor Linnan out of humanity has attended many of them. There is more or less disease at all the Reserves except the Namath when <sup>from</sup> its isolated locality they see but few whites. An incontrovertible proof that Indians have better health and fare better in every respect, when they are least exposed to contact with whites, The plan of letting Indians to farms is not practicable to any extent.

Sacramento Valley is the only extensive farming section in my district, all farmers who desired them have long since been working as many as they could profitably employ in some instances they have more and would like to <sup>be</sup> rid of them, at least all such as are not good able bodied work hands and these frequently when taken sick or otherwise disabled, are turned away or sent to the Reservations, I have had but two applications for Indians since I am in the office -

Klamath

On visiting the Klamath Reservations I found it in excellent order it has the appearance of a well regulated Plantation the Agent Mr. Paul has done himself much credit by his efficient management of this Reservation, It was turned over to me with all the property on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October the accounts of the Agent and those of the employees were presented & I certified to them and transmit them herewith - I appointed George W. Merrill supervisor and employed four of the former employees as I was assured they had all faithfully discharged their respective duties reference to the Inventory will show the amount of property and products, very little is required to continue the Reserve properly, clothes Blankets and a few medicines Twelve Hundred Dollars will be amply sufficient for one year -

But they do not require as the fishing on the River supply them with an abundance of meat; These Indians are healthy well fed well clad peaceable happy and contented - a few discontented spirits among those who were removed from the River to this Reserve ran away. The number of Indians from the best information that I could obtain I set down at three thousands within the limits of the Reserve they live in villages located on small bottoms up and down the River; The whole amount of cultivatable land on this Reserve does not exceed fifteen hundred acres; the balance being heavily timbered and mountainous valuable only for the timber - I would suggest the necessity of having this and also the Mandanino Reservey surveyed there has not been a line run on either, that I have been able to learn; all that is known, is the starting point, the necessity is indeed pressing to prevent collision between the Indians and whitey parties of which men have already attempted to occupy the fishing at the mouth of the River and were only prevented by the prompt and decided interference of Agent Paul; There are three small Islands close to the mouth of the River on the best fishing ground - To prevent disputes therefore, the starting point should be at the mouth and in the middle of the main Channel Thence

one mile on each side thence up and parallel with the  
River twenty miles which would preclude every argument that  
the Islands did not belong to the Reservation

Round Valley or Stone Cult a Reservation of five thousand  
acres and a Branch at Stone Lackey and was under the direction  
of the agent for that Reserve to which Superintendent McElaffy  
last summer appointed Capt George Ruse principal farmer  
under whose judicious management compares favorably with  
the older and larger Reserves, as for its products it surpasses  
in quantity any one of them - I cannot speak in terms too  
high of Capt Ruse for his very efficient direction of this Reserve  
laboring as he did under many adverse circumstances - The Indians  
are wholly destitute of clothing and Blankets - Much sickness  
prevails amongst them they have no Physicians and no medicine  
there are at this time about one thousand on this Reserve  
and during the winter many more will be in; there is  
an abundance of subsistence here, should the Mendocino  
Reserve fall short it may be supplied from this, I request  
that Mr Luger has not completed the Inventory that I might  
have forwarded a Copy, showing the exact amount of products  
and property - the Inventory of this and Stone Lackey ~~was~~ nearly  
completed as early as the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, the employees at

Stom Cult has presented their respective accounts which I found correct and certified thereof, those at Stom Lackee have not presented theirs neither has the late Agent Mr<sup>r</sup> Luger presented his he has also in his possession the certified accounts of the Stom Cult employes - on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September I employed three of the former laborers and on the same day appointed Captain George Ruse Supervisor, two thousand dollars will suffice to put this Reserve into good condition, clothe the Indians and furnish many Blankets, There is no Grist mill and no threshing Machine belonging to this Reserve both being very much needed This and Mendocino Reserves should by all means have a resident Physician each -

Stom Lackee of which I have already given you an account and have but little more to add the Inventory of property and products will make a sorry appearance I fear, on this Reserve in the way of farming fence must be made and an entire new outfit of farming utensils of every description procured - It will require five thousand dollars to put it into good shape for further particulars I refer you to my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, There are perhaps five hundred Indians on this Reserve and scarcely produce enough to subsist them and nothing but grain at that I appointed Eugene Howard Supervisor on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Sep;

and two Laborers, I also employed Mr Charles  
Kyle a well known reliable Citizen to travel  
with me as guide and, to assist in collecting  
together the property and to have an eye to the  
safe keeping of the same; by visiting the  
Reserves at shorter intervals than I alone am  
able to do, I have no other security as the  
Department has not fixed the amount of  
bonds nor the form, for Supervisors to execute,  
the property of the Reserves is therefore in their  
charge without responsibility, If I am respon-  
sible which I presume I am, the Department  
certainly <sup>must</sup> allow me the means of keeping it  
safe, for this purpose Mr Kyle is employed, and  
I will be ready to discharge him as soon as  
the Supervisors execute Bonds,

For the want of funds I was unable to make a  
settlement for the fraction of the last quarter, there  
is due for Compensation as Supervisor to John N  
Smith from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept; to Capt. Ruse from 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept; to Eugene Howard from 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept;  
to Lawrence Battaile George Bowery and Joel Lewis

laborers from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, and to Charles Kyle  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. to the 30<sup>th</sup>, Property Returns I  
had none to make as there was none turned over  
to me in the Quarter ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Expenses I have incurred none except traveling  
Expenses

Very Respectfully  
your

Obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

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