

California 1847
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San Francisco Dec 18. 58

Reply to office instructions of the 18th ult. rel. to the dismissal of Spl. Agents in the Indian Service - also states the amount of funds on hand at the time of his last quarterly report - 5th Dec 58, and that there is now a deficiency - Surrender of public property will be forwarded

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Off^r Supt Ind affs
San Francisco

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Sir

Your instructions
of the 18th inst are duly rec^d and will be strictly
complied with, a copy of the instructions will be immedi-
ately forwarded to the agents and sub agents with
the necessary directions for enforcing the same,

The amount of money due
the U. States by me and remaining in the sub Treasury
at the time of my last quarterly report, which was
for the 2^d qr 1858 about \$27000 - Six months have
elapsed since that time and that sum is all that has
been available for the first half of the present
fiscal year; that would have paid about half the
expenses of the 3^d qr, and as the 4th qr has nearly
expired, it leaves a deficiency for the 3^d qr (and
the expenses of the 4th qr unprovided for by any funds
that have been placed in my hands. The money which

was to my credit has been expended in purchasing of provisions and clothing, The Employe^s were therefore not paid for the 3rd qr. and their wages for the 4th qr will be due by the time the order for their discharge reaches the Quartermaster, You will therefore readily perceive that there will be some embarrassment on the part of the agents in discharging men without payment: to whom several months wages are due.

I am fearful that the discharging of these men under the circumstances will create great dissatisfaction and will be some what difficult of defence. But trusting that there will be no great delay in the transmission of funds, I will direct the Quartermaster to that effect to be given.

In reference to the special agents now in the service, I have to say that the appointment of Col. J. F. Kendrick a special agent for the Southern portion of the state, has been approved by the Department and I presume it is intended he shall continue. His services are of very great importance and I earnestly recommend that they be continued.

There are other special agents under pay to wit: J. T. Kerbert of Mariposa, A. P. Adams of Calaveras and Lyman Ackley of Yuba, at salaries of from fifty to one hundred dollars per month which

is scarcely enough to pay their expenses of living. Their appointments will be revoked with the recommendation that they be reinstated being necessary to the interests of the service. There are also some twelve or fifteen special agents whose services I have been able to procure with out compensation. They are mostly Rancheros and take charge of the Indians of their respective neighborhood on account of the assistance they obtain from them on their Ranchos and for the humane purpose of protecting them from abuse by wild disorderly persons. These agents render important service, I did not consider that your instructions intended to exclude them and their appointments are allowed to continue. Notice will be immediately given in accordance to the intention of the Gov to set apart the entire Valley of Sonoma and as an Indian Reservation. You request me to send without delay an inventory of all the public property in my superintendency. I have written to the agents for copies of their prop returns, from which I can make up the inventory you desire, and I will remark that by reference to my last prop Return, you will be able to discover the amt of property then in my hands. Since that time I have turned over to agents a considerable amt of stock and other property, which will be shown by next prop Return and receipts of transfer, which will be forwarded to the Dept. by next mail.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt. Jas. P. Hensley.