

California #1346
Wm. J. Henley
San Francisco Dec 18. '58

One copy of a letter
from Charles Wank
a citizen of Walker's
Basin to regard to
providing for the In-
dians of that place

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Office, Supt Ind. affs
San Francisco
Dec 18th 1858

J. W. Denver Esq
Commissioner Ind. affs

Sir

I have the honor to
enclose the accompanying copy of a letter from
a citizen of Walkers Basin in regard ^{to} providing
for the Indians at that place,

They could be very cheaply
provided for in the manner suggested.

Walkers Basin lies between
Korn River and Tigon and is about thirty
miles from the latter place

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos. S. Hurley,
Supt Ind. affs

Copy

Walkers Basin Tulare County
Nov. 15th 58

Col. Hinkley

Dear Sir

Several of the chiefs of the Indians in this vicinity requested me to write to you and ask the reason why you do not raise wheat for them as you do for the Indians at Teton, they say that Capt. Matthey of Keyhole on Kern River promised to raise some for them, but never did do it, They would like to have a little place @ to themselves some where in the vicinity of Walkers Basin as it would be about the centre of all the Rancheria's Takahly to Kern River in fact there is a little place about 6 miles from the basin and about 4 miles of the Agua Caliente Rancheria It contains about 200 acres of good land with a running stream through it, all the land is damp enough and will not need irrigation you could raise a sure crop every year for them, this place is not taken up yet, but I believe it will be before long, as there will be a flouring mill put up by next summer in the basin, I suppose there is about 200 Indians in this vicinity including them

On the South fork of Kern River, besides we had
some Indians here from Owens Lake last Summer,
I found these Indians from the Lake more
industrious and with less content than those are
that live about here.

I believe these Indians could
be made very contented with a little help from
you, by taking up said place and furnishing them
with some Oxen & plows seeds & one or two
industrious white men who know something about
the management of Indians and farming

I believe you could raise
wheat enough not only ^{for} the Indians of the
mountains but those at the Tigon also hoping
that you will do something for these Indians

I am with respect
your obedt Servant

Chas Weeks