

California A 1354
Wm. S. Sturley
San Francisco Dec 18. '58

One copy of letter and
petition from Serran
Yielding others to
assist the establishment
of a Reservation Agency
at Walker's River

Recd Jan 13. '59

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Office Supt Ind. affs
San Francisco
Dec 18th 58

J. W. Denver Esqr
Commissoner of Ind affs }
Sir

I have the honor
to enclose the accompanying copy of a petition
and letter soliciting the establishment of a
Reservation or agency at Walkers River.

I have made as yet
no reply to these parties. They claim to be
in California, but I am of opinion their
location is in Utah. There is no doubt of
the necessity of an agent to reside in that
vicinity

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos. S. Buckley,
Supt IC

Copy

Walkers River Maniopa Co County Cal
Oct 5th /58.

Wm Thos J. Newley
Supt Ind affe

Dear Sir

I am solicited by the citizens residing in the vicinity to represent to you the necessity of establishing an Indian agency at this place, we are at least one hundred miles distant from any other settlement and separated from them by the Sierra Nevada Mtn range.

The "Mono" Indians who inhabit this section of country are very numerous and appear displeas'd at the appearance of the whites among them, slight misunderstandings already exist and as there are not exceeding eighty whites in the settlement we would be wholly unable to defend our selves in case of an outbreak, which is to be hop'd will be avoided.

The Early Establishment of an agency here is much required for the better security of peace with the Indians of this portion of the state

— Hoping that the proposition may meet with your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be your obt servt
Serry Downing

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Petition citizens of
Walker Town for
the Establishment
of a Newspaper

State of California
Walker River Diggings

To

Thomas J. Henley,

Superintendent

of Indian Affairs for California.

The undersigned Settlers and residents in Walker River hereby petition your Honor for the Establishment of a Reservation or Agency for the Indians in the above locality and its vicinity and for cause represent as follows viz. —

That the Indians and at Mornah or Morn Lake about twelve miles from the settlement in the River number several thousand who if hostile would seriously endanger or perhaps utterly destroy the lives and property of the White residents in their neighborhood. The population is rapidly increasing on Walker River and the public attention now being given to its mines promise a large accession next spring and summer. The near neighborhood and daily contact of the two races will inevitably breed hostilities unless some such method as the one proposed be speedily adopted

and carried into effect.

Some few collisions and differences have already occurred but happily by timely effort a good understanding now exists between the two races - and the temper of the Indians at this time is such towards our own people that they could now be easily induced to submit to the desired changes - which otherwise would be more difficult after hostilities had become serious.

Oct 1858 -

Names -

Gerry Vining
A. M. Clark
Richard Vining
Clarke Cleaver
D. B. Merritt
Thomas Payne
John S. Bingham
A. M. McCallister
Wm Lawrence
James Conway
Sam Riner
J. A. Gabbott
William Evans
James S. Smith
L. S. Warren

Names -

Benj. Mathews
John S. Wilson
P. E. March
J. A. Thurston
W. J. Miller
Edwin Glover
Ind Nichols
John Sharp
P. Steptoe
W. S. Dougherty
O. A. Ferris
Robt. J. Donohoe
M. Coram
A. S. Clark
John S. Lewis

Names -

A. S. Stevens
Warren Bristol

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Alfred Jones

Charles Pelegory

Frederick Binica

J. G. Sanford

William Innes

Peter Johnson

John H. Batman

Wm R Knight

William Chapel

Robt G. Moreck

John Stulson

Abram M^e Garland

William Sumnerford

John Vandermer

Willie L. L. L.

John Ashworth