

Mr. Duggan presented the following petition, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs:

*To the Hon. the Assembly of the State of California:*

The undersigned would respectfully represent, that during portions of the years 1851 and 1852, they furnished the Indians on the government reserve in Tuolumne county, on the west side of the Stanislaus river, with beef and flour, pursuant to contracts made with O. M. Wozencraft and Adam Johnson, the accredited agents of the United States' government: That said supplies were furnished at cash prices, and at great trouble and expense to the undersigned: That instead of cash they received from the Government Indian Agents orders on the Hon. Luke Lea, U. S. Indian Commissioner at Washington city, for the amount of thirty-three thousand and eighty-six dollars: That said orders still remain unpaid for the want of an appropriation by Congress, and we therefore pray your honorable body to memorialise Congress in our behalf, or for such relief as to your honorable body may seem proper to the end that justice may be done.

DENT, VANTINE & CO.

*Knight's Ferry, Stanislaus river, Jan., 1854.*

There are numerous persons in your valley who have similar claims, and are unable to obtain their payment for want of an appropriation from Congress, and it may be of some benefit to them if they are aware that the Legislature is disposed to aid them in obtaining their just dues; and I would recommend those having claims to forward their petitions with vouchers, and ask the Legislature to act for them. Either of the delegation from the San Joaquin valley would promptly attend to all such business for their constituents,—and not only on matters of this kind, but all other things of interest or benefit to them.