

CAMP IN SCOTT'S VALLEY, October 29, 1851.

GENTLEMEN: The Indians from Shasta, Scott's river, and the Upper Klamath, are now assembling at this camp, and it is highly probable a treaty for the settlement of all past or existing difficulties will be consummated in a few days. The selection of a small district of their country for an Indian reservation, upon condition of their relinquishing to the United States all their claim to the residue, will devolve upon me a duty of great delicacy and responsibility.

From my personal observations on the Klamath, and in this valley for the distance of some twenty miles above this camp, and the verbal reports I have of the character of the soil in Shasta valley, I have reached the conclusion that Scott's valley affords the most suitable, if not indeed the only, farming lands upon which the Indians can be settled, without removing them over the State line, upon the territory of Oregon. I have so expressed myself to the gentlemen of the neighborhood, and, as might be expected, many interested in keeping houses of accommodation and pasturing stock in the valley, and others who have made discoveries of gold-bearing quartz in the mountains, are violently opposed to my including their improvements in said reservation, and insist that the upper end of Shasta valley will afford a suitable district for the Indians, and interfere but little, if any, with the claims of the squatters. To determine this matter in the most judicious manner, I beg the favor of your making a personal and careful examination of both valleys, and as early as convenient favor me with a report; upon the consideration of which I may base my action, and interfere as little as possible with the claims or convenience of the settlers.

I hope you will be able to make this examination and return to the camp in four or five days. Your expenses for horse-hire, provisions, &c., will be paid by my commissary, Mr. McDonald, and, besides doing a service for the Indians and the government, you will confer a personal obligation on,

Gentlemen, your friend and obedient servant,

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