

CAMP IN SCOTT'S VALLEY,
November 6, 1851.

SIR: The continued peace of this frontier, in my opinion, as well as in the opinions of many intelligent citizens of this valley and of Shasta, requires the presence of a special agent, at least during the next few months. As Mr. George Gibbs and Mr. Walter McDonald both wish to return with me to the coast, to attend to their private affairs, I have to request you to remain here and in the neighborhood until I can return, or the Indian department shall appoint a regular sub-agent for this reservation. You will arrange to keep in your employment at least one of the Indian boys familiar with the *lingo* of the different tribes. He can render you great assistance in settling the Indians, as they arrive, upon the reservation, and if the weather permits your travelling, you can take him with you when you visit the rancherias along the Klamath.

I leave with you a copy of the treaty of the 4th instant; a plat and description of the reservation; copy of my circular of the 5th instant; copy of the laws and regulations of the Indian department, and Mr. Lea's last report.

In case of difficulty with or about the Indians, you will avail yourself of the advice of Colonel S. Wood and Mr. Benjamin Kelsey, of this valley, both men of good judgment and experience on the frontiers of Missouri, or at once throw the management of the case over upon the committees on Indian affairs, appointed, at my request, by public meetings at Scott's Bar and Shasta Butte city.

To assist the Indians in removing to the reservations, (their immediate withdrawal from the neighborhood of the towns being very important,) I leave at Mr. Kelsey's, subject to your order, eight large bullocks, guaranteed to net 6,400 pounds, and at Mr. Samuel Fleming's, in Shasta, 20 sacks of flour, 50 pounds each. Distribute both, in your discretion, during the inclement weather of the approaching winter.

I shall also leave with Mr. Kelsey, for you, a small tent, some few articles of provisions and cooking apparatus, and a few remaining articles of Indian goods for presents, &c.—say half a dozen flannel shirts, quarter of a dozen hats, one or two pounds of beads, buttons, &c.

It may be good policy to distribute these little presents among such Indians as may visit your camp, and did not receive presents at the treaty.

Keep an exact account of your expenses, taking vouchers when practicable. In general, act in all things as you may think best for the peace and safety of the frontier and the improvement of the Indians, writing me by every opportunity to San Francisco.

In haste, but very truly yours,

R. McKEE.

United States Indian Agent.

Mr. JOHN McKEE.