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San Francisco
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J. W. Denver Esqr
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Sir

I enclose herewith copy of letters in reference to the Indians in Southern California, Special agent Hendrick's report on the same subject and his instructions from this office in reference thereto

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos. J. Henley,
Supt Ind affs

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Copy of J. J. Kundrick's letter to Supt Hurley

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San Diego Nov 5th/58

Col J. Henley
Supt Ind Affs

Sir

On my arrival at this place, from making a general visit to the Indians under my charge, I found your of Sept 23d inclosing vouchers for my pay to Oct 1st/58 which I herewith return, I also inclose a communication from San Bernardino. The company that bought the Rancho from the mormons sold the Valley of Yucipa to J. W. Waters, The mormons allowed the Indians to settle at that place after they bought the Rancho, and Mr Waters supposes he would have no difficulty in removing them, he has laid out pretty much all he is worth on the land. The Indians are now occupying all the valuable part of Yucipa is 12 miles from San Bernardino, and I found every day while I was there Indians drunk in the streets, I was informed by the officers that it was impossible to convict a man in that place on Indian testimony, that they had made several attempts and failed in every instance Cabezon the 2d Chief of the Cocheullas Indians informed me that there was sufficient country east of the mountains to support the entire tribe, Juan Sutonia was made 1st Chief of the tribe by the Americans but Cabezon is the man with the Indians I made an

an arrangement with the settlers at San Matio to pay the Inds at that place ~~[illegible]~~ for their improvements provided that I could find a country that I thought sufficient to support them on Government land, I made an arrangement with Juan Antonia to meet me at Temecula on the 16th of Oct to examine the country south of San Gorgonia pass, but he did not meet me, I am informed by persons that profess to be well acquainted with country on the Moharra, that there is a large section of fine agricultural land there sufficient to support several thousand Indians, The country lies about 70 miles N.E. of San Bernardino, I am ready at any time to go with any person to look at the country.

I am intimately acquainted with the country inhabited by the ~~tribes~~ three principal tribes viz Coahuilla, Dugenians, and San Louis Rey Indians having visited most of the Rancherias, The overland mail passes through some of the principal Rancherias in the County and the settlers begin to crowd the Indians, and I think it all important that some permanent arrangement should be made for them.

The Coahuillas, Dugenians, and San Louis Rey Indians are all a peaceable, quiet people and to keep whiskey from them, no trouble to govern, They have all raised enough the past season to support themselves I think the Dugenians and San Louis Rey Indians would

live peaceably together, Manuel Cota the Chief of the San Louis Rey Indians, sent in his resignation to me, he had tried 3 Indians agreeable to his laws for poisoning (and) killing two of his Captains. I heard the evidence (and) considered it a clear case of murder, and told him I should not interfere with him in the execution of his laws, The day that they were to be hanged the Sheriff of Diego County came and took them from him and turned them loose, some two years ago there was one of his men took a club and beat his wife's brains out, he had been tried and condemned, and the officers took him and let him go also, Manuel say he can not understand it or see why it is that the Indians are let go unpunished, he says that he can not see the use of having officers among them, if they are not allowed to carry out their own laws, He has never been interfered with until the last two years, but has always been encouraged to carry out their own laws, Since I have had charge of them in every talk I have had with them, I have told them that it was my duty to protect them in their rights, see that they are not interfered with and assist them in carrying out their own laws, and that so long as they were allowed that privilege they must support themselves and not expect the Government to do any thing for them.

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This last difficulty has done away with all my arguments, he says he has had more difficulty in the last two years to govern his people than he has ever had before and that the Indians say to him now the is nothing more than they are.

He has been in the habit of holding Court once a month for the purpose of trying all offenders, and settling all difficulties.

In all cases he has a Jury of twelve Indians, and I do not think there is a better governed community in the state than his has been, I told him to hold on that I should report fully to you and get your views on the subject

I subscribe myself
Your Obt Serv
J. J. Rhudrick
Special Ind Agt

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Office Supt Ind affs
San Francisco
Dec 10th/58

J. J. Hendrick Esqr
Special Ind agent

Sir

Yours of the 5th of Nov last is rec'd, If a suitable location can be found to which the Indians at Tucapa Valley can be removed I shall approve of your giving permission to the Citizens there to remove them, but there are no funds at present out of which the expense can be paid. Your suggestions in regard to making provision for the ultimate removal of the Indians at Louis San Rey and San Diego to the Mohava Country are important and you will continue your inquiries in that direction.

Say to Manuel Chief of the people of San Louis Rey, That it is my wish that he shall continue in his office, that I will sustain his authority and will ask the people of San Diego not to interfere with him in the execution of the Indian laws, so long as it is done in moderation and

Justice, Buy for Manuel a comfortable suit of Winter Clothes and present them to him for me

Very Respectfully Yours
Thos J Stanley
Supt Ind Affs

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San Francisco
Dec. 10th 1858.

J. J. Kendrick Esq
Special Ind Agent

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Very Respectfully Your
Thos I Henley
Supt Ind affs.

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San Bernardino Nov 20th/58

Col Hurley
Supt Ind affs

Sir

There are about one hundred Indians on my land who have come here since the land has been occupied by the americans who purchased of Lugas and others. The Indians as they now live are depriving me of the use of my property. And they know no place to go to unless they are directed by some who has the authority to locate them a home. If some one having the right to, would point them out a place, where they would be secured the right of possession, where they could plant and live unmolested they would be perfectly willing to go to it

They are perfectly peaceable and seem to desire to remain on friendly terms with the whites, but if no provision are made for them I shall be under the necessity of moving them off my premises as my land is scarcely sufficient to answer my own purposes. For the peace and quiet of the Indians and for the benefit of both whites and Indians. I would be very glad to have you direct the Subagent or some person authorized to point out a place for them, which could be done very readily for there are many places in this vicinity where they could be located on Gov. land as good for them as the land of mine which they now occupy. my land is situated about twelve miles from the city of San Bernardino

J. W. Waters

Copy

San Bernardino Sept 20th/58

Col. Hendrick

Since you left this place we have learned that the Indians in Yucaipa will remove from that place to some valley east of that, which they have in view for their permanent home if they can get as much as four or five hundred dolls for their improvements in Yucaipa.

If the Superintendent would appropriate four or five hundred dollars for these Indians they might be moved peaceably and to the great benefit of the Indians and the whites, While the Indians remain in Yucaipa so short a distance from San Bernardino they will be continually drunk and making mischief among the whites, of this you are doubtless aware already from what you have seen in the streets of this place heretofore,

There are from one to one hundred and fifty Indians Yucaipa and more than half this number may be seen every day in drunken orgies or tramping to and from San Bernardino the certain pool of their intoxication, and when we look at their condition we can but see that to locate them more remote from this place would be of no small benefit to them, besides it would be taking from our midst an intolerable nuisance.

Out of the amount of money appropriated

appropriation for the Indians in California, it would be very hard, if they can not be the consumers of so small a sum as four hundred dollars whom the benefit is to be very great to both Indians and the whites, We will hope that you will represent this to your superior and induce him at once to make the appropriation necessary to enable you to remove them they will readily move of you but come with their demands

We remain yours most obt

Sign'd

Rothel. Cosperwood
James W. Watins
Wm A. Cone
G. L. Tucker
R. G. Allen
A. H. Clark
James W. Wilson

Copy of Petition for the removal of the Southern Indians

Indians

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San Timatio Nov. 7th 1858

Hon J. J. Hendrick

Sir

I have been induced from several considera=
=tions to address you a few lines relative to the affairs of the Indians
and their allies here and in the city of San Bernardino & Juan Antonio
the chief, soon after you left here became very sulky and insolent &
swore that he would not hear to your counsel as agent and have
nothing to do with you, or those whom you have or might appoint
to aid you, when absent yourself, Mr D. G. Wearne and other persons
friends of yours & theirs when any thing went wrong would attempt
to counsel, and give them good advice such as you would
have given in person or approved had you been present, but what
has been their conduct, when good advice were given, they
became saucy and insolent, and when good counsel were
given, they call them the dogs and tools of the people &
used insulting and approbious epithets, it was under this
excited and general hostile state of feeling that Juan Antonio
the chief threw off the mask of his long smothered & concealed
feelings and showed his real true character, when then &
there he renounced all legiance to your authority, as Indian
agent, & swore that he would not meet you, or be counseled
by you. & I understand that he did meet you according to
agreement but went to Cabazon Valley and there scowled &
Rarley. I also understand that a number of the Indians
have been East of here pulling in grain &c. Juan Antonio
has returned to attend a feast now in progress here. Many

Many of the Indians appear to be in a quandary what to do. whether to remain or to leave (and) I have strong reason to believe that your presence and counsel would tend greatly in facilitating their speedy removal.

The Indians should they remain I am credibly informed will be deprived of all or very nearly all the water above them, the farmers above them have determined to go more largely into the farming operations which they say will exhaust all the water.

I have been informed that the Road Commissioners have determined to run the road straight if so in this case it will pass through their fields (and) a number of their fences and patches, and counsel from to the Indians directing them when making their fences and patches to leave the track for the road unincumbered. will be of great importance if not indispensable.

The Indians are more saucy (and) insolent (and) indolent I believe than I have ever known them They seem to be hotly given up to drunkenness and debauchery their present means subsistence are nearly exhausted from visitors flocking and soon the most of them I suppose will return to their old trade. begging. strolling. about. and stealing. In answer to the abatement of these evils, you might. say. execute. enforce the law. but the law in the Indians case and all scoundrels connected with them. is a dead letter and it is powerless. The circumstances which surround has disarmed the law, and we had as well be said to be without law. Those interested & affiliated with

with the Indians in carrying out their hellish designs and purposes living with and off them by selling and supplying them with liquor second-handed by the bottle and acting some of them as Pimps to the Squaws and thus live on their ill gain earnings & plunder of the Indians

I say this Class of monsters in human form are so numerous in this county that it is impossible to execute the law, and while this state of things Exist it will remain a dead letter on our statute Book, The only remedy for the removal of this great and crying evil which meets us at every turn, which grows out of the affiliations the alliance and association of the Indians and the refuse and the Crum of the babbling earth that have congregated here for rapine and plunder, We say of the Indians whom these scoundrels use as tools to carry out their unhallowed purposes were removed we might then hope for a reform in Society, The people here are unanimously in favor of having the Indians removed if possible from the entire County, They demand it. The good of Society demand it. The good and the virtuous demand it. and all approve of it

I remain your obt Servt

Sign A. S. St Clair