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REMOVAL OF NAVAJO AND UTE INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Telegram from Lieutenant General Sherman, relative to the removal of the Navajo and Ute Indians.*

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JUNE 10, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., June 9, 1868.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a copy of a telegram, dated the 5th instant, from Major General Sherman, relative to the removal of the Navajo and Ute Indians.

Under the circumstances of this case, I respectfully and earnestly request that the House of Representatives take prompt and favorable action in the premises, that the means of relief so imperatively demanded may be used at an early day, and the humane measures now in progress result in success.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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[Telegram.]

FORT SUMNER, NEW MEXICO,  
*May 30, 1868.*

[By mail from Denver, Colorado, June 5, 1868.]

Hon. J. B. HENDERSON, *United States Senate:*

Have had four (4) long interviews with the Navajoes. Without absolute force they will not remain here or immigrate further east. Tappan and I have concluded to let them return to a reservation in the northwest part of New Mexico, and on the faith of the \$150,000 proposed, or will put them in motion at once. We find 1,500 Utes at Maxwell's, feeding off the army. See the Secretary of the Interior and let me know if he cannot take them this summer over to their reservation. Answer me by telegraph at Fort Union, New Mexico, via Denver, at once.

W. T. SHERMAN.