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LETTER  
OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

*The removal of the Indians located on the Smith River farm, in California, to the Round Valley reservation in that State.*

JULY 24, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Washington, D. C., July 23, 1868.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 14th instant, recommending the removal of "about 400 Indians located on what is known as the Smith River farm, in California," to the Round Valley reservation in that State, and asking for an appropriation of \$5,000 for that purpose.

From the statements contained in the Commissioner's letter, it appears that the proposed removal is advisable in an economical point of view, saving annually to the government the sum of \$2,475; said amount being paid as the annual rent of said farm, besides "many other expenses necessarily incurred in keeping up a separate reservation."

The attention of Congress is, therefore, respectfully invited to the favorable consideration of the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING

*Secretary.*

HON. BENJAMIN F. WADE,

*President pro tempore United States Senate.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

*Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., July 14, 1868.*

SIR: There are about 400 Indians located on what is known as the Smith River farm in California. This farm, or the several tracts of land comprising it, is rented by the government as a reservation for the Humboldt and Wylackie Indians. There are ample accommodations and plenty of good arable land on the Round Valley reservation to supply the wants of many more Indians than are now located there, and it is the opinion of this office that the small number now on said farm should be removed to this reservation.

The rent paid for said farm amounts to about \$2,475 per annum. This sum would be saved annually if the removal was made, as would also many other expenses necessarily incurred in keeping up a separate reservation. It is evi-

dent to my mind that it would be for the best interests of the government, in point of economy, and also, in time, for the good of the Indians now on the farm, if the change were made.

Superintendent Whiting recommends that the lands comprising said farm be purchased, or else an appropriation be made for the removal of the Indians to either the Hoopa Valley or Round Valley reservation, or to both of them. He thinks that the sum of \$5,000 will be sufficient to move the Indians and all their property. This sum appears small for the purpose, but, being personally acquainted with the means of transportation on hand, it is presumed the superintendent is satisfied it can be done for that amount.

I therefore respectfully request that the matter be laid before Congress for its action, with the recommendation that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for the removal of the Indians and property belonging to them and to the government, now on the Smith River farm, to the Round Valley reservation in California.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. G. TAYLOR, *Commissioner.*

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

O. H. BROWNING

H. G. TAYLOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 14 1852

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
H. G. TAYLOR, Commissioner.