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Executive Office
Boise City Idaho
April 25th 1882.

Sir:-
Referring to my telegram of July 12th and 15th; my letter of July 26th and telegrams of August 8th and September 3rd 1881, in relation to a band of Puute Indians, from the Duck Valley Reservation, under the leadership of an Indian called "Big Jim", or "Capt. Jim", then roaming throughout Owyhee County, I have to notify you that these Indians have not yet returned to the reservation to which they belong. x x x x

Big Jim's Indians remained in the Owyhee County all of last summer and winter^{and} are still there in greater numbers, x x x x

The population of Owyhee County is made up of stock men, ranchers, herders and miners. They have suffered much in the past from Indians depredations, incursions &c. and have no fondness for even the very best of Indians. It is a very unsafe locality for this band to remain in, that they have remained so long undisturbed is a matter of surprise to me, but it is gratifying to note this evidence of forbearance and patience on the part of the citizens. The county is largely devoted to grazing, and several of the largest herds of cattle in the Territory range there. I have been informed that the mere presence of these Indians in the vicinity of several of the camps last summer, stampeded the stock,

and it required, in some instances, several weeks to hunt up and return the herds to the ranges from which they had run. Such experiences are not calculated to allay the feeling of hostility toward the Indians existing in that country, or impress its citizens pleasantly.

The presence of the Indians is regarded as detrimental to every interest and industry of the country, and causes a general feeling of insecurity among the people, which may induce some of the most excitable among them, at any moment, to commence hostilities, with a view of driving the Indians out. This would lead to act of retaliation by the Indians, and following this would come, almost inevitably a long, and cruel and bloody Indian war.

Enclosed I transmit a letter received by me from the Postmaster at Castle Creek. This letter, though moderate in tone, shows the feeling existing among the settlers in regard to the presence of the Indians.

I take the liberty of suggesting that this band of Indians should be assigned to a Piute Reservation. The Duck Valley Reservation, to which they were assigned some years ago, was set apart for the Western Shoshones. There is bad feeling between the Shoshones and Jim's Indians, and it is doubtful if the latter would remain long upon the above Reservation, if returned there unless kept under guard. This state of affairs, and the bad treatment received at the hands

of the former Agent, are the cause which induced them to leave the Agency last summer, and for the same reasons they are averse to being again placed upon that Reservation.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Jno. B. Keil
Governor

(Sgd)

To the
Hon. Henry M. Teller
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

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