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The following letter, which we find in the Idaho Statesman of the 18th ints, fully explains itself:
Contzas Hith, (near Clicinnati, Ohto, Ocrober 25th, 1865.
Hon. Jab. Harlan-Secretary of the Interior-Sir: Having just roturned by the Overland route from the Statea and Territories of the Pacific, where I spent tho last summer in investigating the condition of Indian affairs, I doem it my duty to call your nttention at once to the condition of Indian af fairs in Idaho Territory. As you are aware, the Governor of Idaho is Ex Officio Superintendent of Indian Af. tairs-one Caleb Lyon, of Lyonsdale -and has, for some time, beea the nominal incumbentand has drawn the Balary of that office. For more than six months he hus not shown bimselt within the Territory, while everything portaining to the office of Superintendent has been most shamefully neglected. The Nez Perces, who are the most powerful tribe of Indians on the Pacific coast, are within the boundaries of Idaho Territory. Our Govern mont bas a treaty with them, by the sfipulations of which they are ontitled to certain annuities, to be paid annu-
il'y. I find that not a'dollar's worth of annuities has been paid to these psople for moro than two yearo, and portions of the tribe are threatening to resirt to hostilities in retaliation for the bad faith with which the GovernI was unablo to find any records in tho Governor's office sliowing what disposition had been made of the approf riations made by Congress to fill the treaty stipulations with this tribe; indeed, I was unable to find any records in the Gevernor's office in any way pertaining to Indian affairs, and the person who had been employed by thetary for the Superintendency, and retary for the Superintendency, and
who bad received a salary for that whoty, informed me that no recerds of any sort had ever been kept. Jaines ONeill, Exq., agent in charge of tho Nez Perces Reservation, is a competent officer, and seems to be doing overything in bis power to pacify the Indians and protect the incerests of tio Government, but he is without a dollar of funds with which to defray current expenses. The wages of the porsons employed apon the reservation in parsuance of the treaty stipu-
lations, bave not been paid for nearly lations, bave not been paid for nearly
two years, and they are forced to sell their vouchers at from 50 to 60 cents on the dollar in earrency. The money diabursed by Gov. Lyon's order while he was pretending to discharge the duties of Suporintendent of Indian Af. fairs, has been totally and grossly misapplied and equandered (by the Governor's orders) for objects which were neither authorized by the treaty or desired by the Indians. Under this state of facts and as a member of the Committee authorized by Congress to inquire lato the condition of Indian affairs, I would earnestly recommend that some person be appointed to discharge the dutios of Governor and Superintendent of Indian affairs in Idaho, who has, at least, some claims to common senseand common bonesty. The change eannot be made too soon The change cannot be made too soon
for the protection of the Government, and the preservation of peace among the Indians. I regard "Calob Lyon, of Lyonsdale" as an improper person to be permitted to ran at large among the Indians, or to bo entrusted with public funds; and would recommend that any tunds intended fur the Nez Perces Indians bo sent directly to Parcest James O'Neill.

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