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~~Sir~~

Fort Bliss Aug^t. 11' 1855

Dear General

I have no Knowledge ~~of~~ or orders in reference to the occupation of the New Territory, but I have thought not unadvisable to communicate the present state of the New Boundary line, and if it should happen that Governor Merriweather is officially interested in the matter, to request you to communicate the state to him

The Boundary is determined throughout and I have ~~seen~~ ~~indee~~ run & marked it, with the exception of taking on a portion of the line between the 111° & the Colorado, and this will probably be finished by the end of the month. On my arrival here I find the Mexican Commissioner arrested & carried to Chihuahua, but he had previously conceded me the right to go on, and my determinations have been ~~indee~~ assented to by the 1st Engineer of the Mex : Com : So I think what is done will stand.

→ There is a military force of about 100 men occupying Tucson a town of 100 families. Much solicitude was expressed to know when the American Forces were to occupy the Country, and the apprehension expressed that the Mexican Troops would be withdrawn before the U.S. Troops arrived. I, had no authority in the matter, but informally

recommended that the Commandante to remain until he was relieved by Troops.

The Pimo Indians with their neighbors & friends the Maricopas, mustering, it is said, two thousand warriors are at present acting under the authority of the Mexican government as the advanced guard of the Mexican outposts, visited my Camp and manifested much anxiety to know if their authority was to be continued and if the transfer of Territory would affect the grant of land ceded them by Mexico, which they now cultivate with so much success.

I did not hesitate to tell them their authority remained intact for the present, and that it was my impression titles under Mexico were secured them by the Treaty, I have known these Indians since 1846, and recommend them to the authorities as worthy, at present, of all confidence. They as important auxiliaries in the defence of the new Frontier

I am Genl with great regard

Yr obt st

W. H Emory

U.S. Com^r.

Brig Genl Garland

Comdg New Mexico

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Fort Bliss Texas

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Aug 11/55

Maj W. H. Emory

Boundary Com^r.

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