

Eastern Shoshones, the land being within the limits acknowledged as their hunting grounds by their treaty of 1863. I think, however, there will be no difficulty on that point. It is the purpose of the department to remove the Indians to those reservations as early as may be practicable; but as the means on hand are insufficient to effect much, it will be necessary that Congress make adequate appropriations therefor. With these tribes concentrated upon the tracts thus set apart, under the care an efficient agent, with the aid of schools, a supply of provisions for their subsistence, agricultural implements, and their instruction in the industrial arts, it may be expected that, ere long, their condition will be greatly improved, and the citizens will have fewer occasions to complain of Indian outrages or difficulties. Such as have been, and are now, hostile, occupy no particular part of the country, nor are they organized under any tribal power, but wander from place to place committing deeds of violence, and plundering the communities they find defenceless.

Much dissatisfaction has existed among the Nez Perces on account of the nonratification of their treaty of 1863 for so long a time, the non-payments of their annuities, and the encroachments of whites upon their lands. The patience exhibited under circumstances so unfavorable, and the fidelity to their obligations to the government, so faithfully maintained, are truly to be commended. Now that the treaty has been proclaimed without the amendments, to which they made such persistent objections, it is hoped that the ill-feeling engendered by the causes referred to will be soon removed, and their future become more hopeful and promising of good results. The government has its duty to perform in affording protection to their rights under existing laws and treaty stipulations. Their reservation, defined by the treaty of 1863, should not be intruded upon in any manner by whites. Let the intercourse act of June 30, 1854, be strictly and promptly enforced against all intruders; let there be a faithful execution of the laws prohibiting the sale to, or introduction among, the Indians of spirituous liquors, and we shall not probably hear of difficulty on their part, nor of their