

their actual occupancy allotted to them in severalty.

By the adoption of the course proposed the Indians will be enabled in a comparatively short time to sustain themselves by their own labor in the cultivation of the soil, and will acquire habits of industry, and a knowledge of separate property which will greatly lead to their rapid improvement and civilization. The department is unwilling that this proposed system should be limited or confine_ to any particular tribe or tribes, but that the benefit which it is believed will flow from it may be enjoyed by all. I have therefore to direct that this subject be brought to the attention of the chiefs and Head men of the respective tribes within your superintendency and that they be informed and made to understand that great benefit will result to them by the adoption of such a policy that the Department recommends the plan and will take measures to carry it out by surveying their several reservations, the expense of surveying to be defrayed out of their fund, and allotting the lands to them in severalty, if they acquiesce in the proposed arrangement.

You will make report to this office as early as practicable of the results of your interviews with the tribes referred to in relation to this subject.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed Servant

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Commissioner.