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Govr. of New Mexico
Santa Fe Jany 23. '57

Transmits memorial passed by the Legislative Assembly of New Mexico rel. to the negotiation of treaties &c. — Govr. desires to be informed of objections of the Senate to those already negotiated, before making new ones

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Office of Supt of Indian Affairs
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Sir

That you may be fully apprised of all that transpires relative to Indian affairs in this Territory, I have the honor herewith to enclose you a copy of a Memorial passed by the Legislative Assembly of New Mexico at its present Session.

This Memorial was adopted by a large majority of both Houses as a substitute for one of a very different character, condemning the policy heretofore pursued towards the Indians and recommending many extravigant changes therein, and by comparing the recommendations of this substitute with the stipulations contained in the Treaties negotiated by me in 1855, it will be seen that many of the wishes expressed by the Legislative Assembly have been anticipated. I think that the people of this Territory now begin to understand and appreciate the objects of speculators in resisting the final ratification of the Treaties heretofore transmitted to you.

Though differing with the Legislative Assembly in some things contained in their memorial, I think that the recommendations contained in the latter part of the 4th paragraph thereof relative to making other Treaties in the event of a rejection of those heretofore laid before the Senate is entitled to serious consideration, though it might be useless to incur the expense of another negotiation without some knowledge of the objections entertained by the Senate to those Treaties heretofore submitted to that body. I would therefore respectfully recommend that I may be informed of these objections and authorised to negotiate new Treaties if the present be rejected as there remains of the former appropriation

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for this object a sufficient amount to accomplish this end.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your obt Servt
D Merriwether Govr
and Supt of I A in N M

Hon G W Manypenny
Com of Indian Affairs
Washington City

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