

immediate allotment of Reserves. For the requirements of the one are entirely dissimilar from those of the other. In the latter the Indians depend upon agricultural pursuits and require protection from encroachments of white settlers.

Upon the former, the Natives will never take to pastoral vocations and, with the exception above noted, there are no immediate prospects of difficulty with whites who as yet have not been attracted to settle amongst them.

Moreover, apart from keeping the peace, the expense of substituting our own regulations in lieu of theirs would be greater than the necessities of the country require at least for the present. Indian tribes all over the Coast claim hereditary rights to certain places, perhaps a hundred miles or more from where they reside.

To adjust all of these at once satisfactorily would, I opine, be an impossibility for any Commissioner however shrewd or far seeing and to do so before there are different and superior arrangements to enforce other than native regulations would pretty certainly give rise to trouble and be likely to originate unseemly

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