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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, \***  
*Office of Indian Affairs, January 30, 1852.*

**SIR:** Your attention is called to the enclosed copy of a letter, and of the extract to which it refers, addressed by the Secretary of War, on the 23d, to the Secretary of the Interior, and referred to this office on the 26th instant. I am induced, from the high official source from which this information comes, to direct that you will inquire into the

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subject, and draught such measures for the correction of the abuses referred to in the extract therewith as may appear to you proper, should they be found, on examination, to exist. A report of the facts, with your action in the premises, should be reported to this office without unnecessary delay.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. LEA, *Commissioner.*

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