
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, April 12, 1851.

GENTLEMEN: The third section of the "Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1852," approved February 27, 1851, is in the following words:

"And be it further enacted, That hereafter all Indian treaties shall be negotiated by such officers and agents of the Indian department as the President of the United States may designate for that purpose; and no officer or agent so employed shall receive any additional compensation for such service."

By this law you will perceive that your offices and functions as commissioners are abrogated and annulled; but the negotiations in which you are engaged are not thereby to be suspended, as immediately on receipt of this communication you will enter upon the duties of your appointments as agents of this department, and as such are designated to negotiate with the Indians in California, which you will do under the instructions heretofore given to you as commissioners.

A full report of your proceedings, and a statement of your accounts, in the capacity of commissioners, should be transmitted without delay

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. LEA, *Commissioner.*

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GEO. W. BARBOUR,
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