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MESSAGE

OF

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, copies of letters and vouchers in support of claims presented by and allowed to John C. Frémont.

August 18, 1856.—Read and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, in relation to the public accounts of John C. Frémont, I transmit the accompanying report from the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom the resolution was referred.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, August 16, 1856.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, August 16, 1856.

SIR: To enable you to comply, so far as the information is to be found in this department, with the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, requesting you "to cause to be communicated to the Senate at the earliest day convenient copies of the letters and vouchers filed in the department in support of claims presented by and allowed to John C. Frémont as an officer of the United States government, from the time he commenced his first expedition to California in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, showing what claims, if any, were disallowed, and the reasons for their disallowance. Also, whether any moneys placed in the hands of John C. Frémont, for disbursements on the public account, remain unaccounted for at the treasury; whether any drafts drawn or liabilities incurred by him in the public service remain unliquidated; and, if so, in whose hands are such unliquidated drafts, and why have they not been paid? Were appropriations made for the payment of drafts drawn or liabilities incurred by him, as an officer of the government, which have not been paid and cancelled, placed in his hands under the authority of law or otherwise? Also, whether there are any letters or papers on file in either of the departments made through an official source, charging him with malfeasance in office; and, if any, to furnish copies thereof, and state whether he was arraigned for such charges or notified of their existence, and

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, *May 12, 1851.*

SIR: Being about establishing a cattle rancho on the Mariposas river, neighboring to the Indian tribes of the Sierra Nevada, with whom you are engaged in treating, I submit to your consideration the following *proposals*:

I propose to furnish for the two fiscal years commencing the 30th of June proximo, and ending June 30, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, all the animals, beef cattle, brood mares, and brood cows which you shall need for the execution of your treaties with the Indian tribes in the district under your direction, and which extends from the head waters of the San Joaquin river to the head of the Sacramento. I engage and bind myself to make the deliveries, in the course of the present and following year, at such times and places within the district as you shall indicate, and to commence the deliveries one month after the date of notification to me of treaties as they shall be successively made.

I propose to furnish beef cattle upon the hoof at fifteen cents per pound nett; brood mares, between the ages of four and six years, at seventy-five dollars each; and brood cows, between the ages of three and five years, at seventy-five dollars each.

Very respectfully,

JOHN C. FRÉMONT.

O. M. WOZENCRAFT, Esq.,
Commissioner, &c., &c., &c.

I hereby accede to the foregoing proposal so far as the furnishing of *present* supplies of beef to those Indians with whom I may treat; and will urge on the department the adoption of the entire proposal, so soon as the treaties are approved by the President and the Senate.

Very respectfully,

O. M. WOZENCRAFT.