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SAN FRANCISCO, *May 13, 1851.*

DEAR SIR: Enclosed I hand a copy of my letter of this date to our colleague, Col. Barbour, at King's river, in relation to the very limited appropriation made at the late session of Congress for our operations in California, and my views as to the course which will be expedient for us to adopt in our further operations. As the disbursing agent of the commission, I deem it quite inexpedient either to incur any large personal responsibility, or, by our action, implicate the Indian department, until the ways and means are provided by Congress. As the five packages of blankets, &c., stored with Davis & Smith, Stockton, were destroyed by the late fire, I will, if you deem it advisable, turn over to you a part of the goods we have remaining of my New York purchases, and of a small invoice of pantaloons purchased in this city; and if you think of any other articles which you would like to take with you to the Stanislaus or Sacramento, for presents, I will go into the market and purchase them. Herewith I also hand your account from my books, as disbursing agent, in which I have credited you with \$500 for travelling expenses or mileage from New Orleans to San Francisco, and \$1,456 (182 days at \$8) for six months' salary up to the 9th ultimo—leaving in your hands, as commissioner, \$1,080 80 to be accounted for hereafter, accompanied with appropriate vouchers. As soon as remittances from the department reach me, I will authorize your drafts for such additional sums as can be spared from the fund, and as may be found absolutely necessary for expenses on your proposed tour through the central or Sacramento district.

Wishing you good health and success in your labors, I am, respectfully, yours, &c.,

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