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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, May 17, 1852.*

**GENTLEMEN:** It is feared a considerable length of time may yet elapse before the necessary appropriations are made to enable the superintendent of Indian affairs for California to repair thither and enter upon the duties of his office; I have, therefore, to request that, at the earliest practicable period, you make a full and detailed report directly to this office of all contracts, debts, and liabilities made and incurred by the agents of the department in California. These are matters that have given rise to much discussion here as well as in California, and the agents owe it to themselves and to the government to place the department in possession of all facts and circumstances tending to elu-

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cidate transactions of so much importance, and yet of such a character that they cannot be approved.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

**L. LEA, Commissioner.**

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