
MARIPOSA, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY,
May 19, 1851.

SIR: Having established 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 present and ensuing years (eighteen hundred and fifty-one and eighteen hundred and fifty-two) all the animals (beef cattle, brood cows, and brood mares,) which you shall need for the execution of your treaties with the Indian tribes, in the district under your direction, and which I understand to comprehend all that portion of the State lying between the parallel of the upper waters of the San Joaquin river and the southern boundary line; I engage and bind myself to make the deliveries in the course of the present and following years, at such time and place within the district as you shall indicate, and to commence the deliveries one month after

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the date of notifications to me of treaties, as they shall successively be made.

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

Very respectfully,

JOHN C. FRÉMONT.

Col. G. W. BARBOUR,
Indian Commissioner, &c., &c.