
SAN FRANCISCO, *May 29, 1852.*

SIR: In February last I drew drafts on the Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, in favor of Samuel S. Hensley, for beef furnished. A communication, some months prior to the transaction, was addressed to you on the subject. Those drafts were drawn to suit the peculiar views of the parties from whom the purchase was made.

The understanding between us was that the said amount was *not due* until an appropriation was made by Congress, and that said drafts *were not to be presented for protest.**

I deem it due to myself to inform you of the foregoing facts, and assure you that I am aware that I have no authority to draw on the

* It appears that, owing to a failure in the reception of their letters of instructions, the said drafts were presented and protested.

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department other than *presumptive* drafts, on the concurrent action of Congress.

The Indians throughout my district are quiet, with the exception of some few thefts. I have apprehended that they would commence stealing through necessity. There has been difficulty, and consequent delay, in furnishing them with the meagre amount of beef allowed them. Indeed the majority of them in my district have not had a mouthful for several months past, but I will forbear troubling you at this time with the many difficulties which I have to contend with. I am in hopes the superintendent will soon be out, and with means to act.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. M. WOZENCRAFT.

HON. LUKE LEA,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington.
