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Mercede Indian Reservation,
Valley of San Joaquin, California, June 11, 1851.

This contract between Adam Johnston, United States Indian agent for the valley of San Joaquin, and Doctor W. M. Ryer, of the State of California, witnesseth: That for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the said Doctor W. M. Ryer promises and agrees to vaccinate all, or as many as possible, of the Indians residing in the various reserves between the Stanislaus and the Cowier, as set forth in the treaties entered into between the United States Indian commissioners and the Indians of said reserves. The said Doctor Ryer further binds himself that said vaccinations shall be done effectually, and in as brief a time as possible, and to attend those vaccinated during the vaccine disease. And the said Johnston promises and agrees, as United States Indian agent for said reservations, to pay or cause to be paid to the said Doctor Ryer—the government concurring in this agreement—the sum of two dollars for each and every person he so vaccinates in a thorough and effectual manner, in lieu of all allowances and emoluments whatsoever; he, the said Doctor Ryer, to furnish his own transportation, and all medicines, hospital stores, &c., &c., at his own expense.

ADAM JOHNSTON,

United States Indian Agent.

W. M. RYER, M. D.