
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
June 17, 1851.

SIR: Having effected treaties with the greater portion of the hostile tribes of Indians in this (the southern) part of the State, and west of the "great desert," and believing, from the *best information* that I have been enabled to obtain, that it would be impolitic, if not impracticable, to march your command across "the desert" at this season of the year, and being desirous, as far as possible, to save expense to the government, I have concluded to dispense, *for the present*, with a military escort; you are therefore at liberty to make such disposition of the troops under your command as your better judgment and duty may require.

At parting with *you* and the *gentlemanly officers* of your command, you will please to pardon me, sir, for expressing to you, and, through you, to *all the officers* and others connected with the command, my most heartfelt gratitude and thanks for the kind and gentlemanly treatment that I have received from each one during the long and tedious campaign through which we have just passed.

During that campaign, I cannot flatter myself that all my actions and declarations have been free of offence to all; but if I have offended in word or deed, I respectfully ask to be forgiven, upon the assurance that such offending (if any) did not result from any unkind or illiberal feeling to any one; and now, sir, wishing you, and each of the officers of your command, health and happiness,

I am your obedient servant and friend,

G. W. BARBOUR.

Captain E. D. KEYES.
