
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, June 27, 1851.

SIR: With your letter of 13th ult., a joint one from yourself and colleagues of 1st ult. was received, in which it is stated that you have ceased to act as a board, and have divided the State into three districts, in conformity with the plan submitted in your joint communication of March 10, 1851; and though this department did not approve of the suggestion to district the State, as you were apprized by letter of 22d ult., yet, as you are upon the ground, and must necessarily be better acquainted than it can be, at a point so remote from the scene of operations, with what will best subserve the public interests, it acquiesces in the decision to which you have come.

The remittance of \$25,000 made you on the 25th instant is for the purpose of negotiating treaties with the various tribes of Indians in California, which, after consultation with your colleagues, you will divide as the work in your respective districts requires.

You will have perceived that though \$75,000 were estimated and asked for the service in which you are engaged, Congress appropriated only \$25,000, the amount remitted you on the 25th instant, which, with the \$25,000 heretofore placed in your hands, is all that is applicable to

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the negotiation of treaties in California; and when the funds referred to have been exhausted, you will close negotiations and proceed with the discharge of your duties as agents simply, as the department could not feel itself justified in authorizing anticipated expenditures beyond the amount of the appropriation made by Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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