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HEADQUARTERS PACIFIC DIVISION,  
*San Francisco, July 29, 1852.*

SIR: By your letter of the 22d instant you seem disposed to divert my attention from yourself to General Estelle and your son. You now, by your letter of the 27th, seem no less disposed to introduce other parties—Major Andrews and several other officers. But, besides that, the cases are not parallel; the subject-matter in relation to yourself would not be changed by any accusation you may make against others.

If you are disposed to make charges against any officers under my command, you have only to present them in form to insure such attention to them as the discipline and the honor of the service may require. Not any of the gentlemen you named had either a natural or an official connexion with yourself, under your control. They did not stand in such a relation to you as that their interest might, without violence, be regarded as identical with your own—as in the case of your son, your secretary, who “transmitted all the accounts,” as you say; adding that “Estelle and Marshall settled them in my office;” from which language I was naturally led to the idea that the settlement was complete, and made in money.

You now tell me no money was paid, and that nothing was left in your hands for your son, who received his share, it seems, by an order for cattle from General Estelle. Be it so; the substance of the matter remains unaltered.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. A. HITCHCOCK,  
*Colonel 2d Infantry, B. B. General.*

Col. R. McKEE,  
*U. S. Indian Agent, San Francisco.*