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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**  
*Office Indian Affairs, August 12, 1851.*

**SIR:** Your letter of June 24, 1851, giving an account of your proceedings as sub-agent for the Indians in San Joaquin valley, for the three months preceding that date, has been received.

The motives which prompted you to furnish additional subsistence to the Indians, and employ a physician to vaccinate them and prescribe for the diseased among them, are duly appreciated by this office, and as there are no appropriations now applicable to such expenditures, the department will recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress, that such action may be had by that body as shall provide for them.

Under the circumstances, your licensing traders, and permitting them at once to enter upon their business, is approved.

It will be proper for you to confer with the agent for the Indians in California most accessible to you, on matters pertaining to the business of the agency, in order that there may be that entire harmony and concert of action between you which should always characterize the intercourse and operations of the officers of this department. By adopting this course you might obtain means from the agent, out of the public funds in his possession, to meet arrangements which may be necessary for the comfort of the Indians, or the interests of the government.

You state in your letter that you have charged \$1,000 on the license granted to Messrs. Dent, Vantine & Co., \$1,000 on the license granted to George Belt, esq., and \$1,200 on the license granted to James D. Savage & Co. In this particular you have fallen into error, as there is no authority given to agents to charge for license issued to traders among the Indians. You will therefore forthwith correct this error.

In reference to the award of the arbitrators upon the claims of certain parties residing within the reservations, and the course you adopted in view of it to promote the welfare of the Indians, I have to state that so soon as the Secretary of the Interior, now absent, returns to Washington, the subject will be submitted to him, and the decision of the department thereon will be communicated to you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

**CHAS. E. MIX,**  
*Acting Commissioner, ad interim.*

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(Care of Redick McKee, *Agent for Indians.*)

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**  
*Office Indian Affairs, August 18, 1851.*

**SIR:** Your letter of June 24, 1851, transmitting license granted by you to Dent, Vantine & Co., to trade with the Indians residing upon the reservation between the Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers, with their bond and the accompanying papers, has been received.

Though there are several instances of want of conformity with the