

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, August 16, 1856.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to return the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 14th, covering a copy of a resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, calling on the President for information in relation to the accounts of Colonel J. C. Frémont, and in obedience to your direction endorsed thereon, transmit extracts from, or copies of, all the papers of record and of file in this office, pertaining to the call of the Senate.

The documents in relation to the claims set up by the Delaware Indians, for the expedition of 1853, have reference to an arrangement between Colonel Frémont and those Indians, with which the government has no connexion, that being a private expedition; but, as the Delawares do not distinguish between the acts of Colonel Frémont, when in and out of public service, and urged me to settle their demand when here in May last, I have concluded to send the papers in this case with the others.

I deem it proper to state, that the liabilities incurred by Agents Barbour and Wozencraft and Sub-agent Johnson, without any authority from the department, for cattle and other stock animals, exceeded, according to a report made by my predecessor, the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars. The drafts drawn by them were upon your predecessor, and by him repudiated, and as a consequence no record of them was made in this office. I have reason to believe, however, that a majority of them were in favor of John Charles Frémont.

I find by reference to volume 10 of United States Statutes at Large, page 804, that the Secretary of the Treasury was directed by Congress to pay to John Charles Frémont, in full of his account for beef delivered to Commissioner Barbour, for the use of Indians in California.

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the sum of one hundred and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$183,825) with interest thereon from the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. The act was approved on July 29, 1854, and on account of the direction given by it, this office has no record by which it can state the date of the payment or the amount thereof, but it is believed it exceeded the sum of two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000.)

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY,
Commissioner.

HON. R. McCLELLAND,
Secretary of the Interior.
