

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *August 16, 1856.*

SIR: To enable you to comply, so far as the information is to be found in this department, with the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, requesting you "to cause to be communicated to the Senate at the earliest day convenient copies of the letters and vouchers filed in the department in support of claims presented by and allowed to John C. Frémont as an officer of the United States government, from the time he commenced his first expedition to California in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, showing what claims, if any, were disallowed, and the reasons for their disallowance. Also, whether any moneys placed in the hands of John C. Frémont, for disbursements on the public account, remain unaccounted for at the treasury; whether any drafts drawn or liabilities incurred by him in the public service remain unliquidated; and, if so, in whose hands are such unliquidated drafts, and why have they not been paid? Were appropriations made for the payment of drafts drawn or liabilities incurred by him, as an officer of the government, which have not been paid and cancelled, placed in his hands under the authority of law or otherwise? Also, whether there are any letters or papers on file in either of the departments made through an official source, charging him with malfeasance in office; and, if any, to furnish copies thereof, and state whether he was arraigned for such charges or notified of their existence, and

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what reply did he make thereto ; with such other information as the President and heads of departments deem necessary to throw proper light upon the subject involved in this resolution," I have the honor to submit reports of the Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors, and the Register of the Treasury, together with the documents accompanying the same, respectively.

I also submit letters from the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Interior, to whom, by your direction, copies of said resolution were referred, together with the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which accompanies the latter.

With the highest respect,

JAMES GUTHRIE,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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