
SAN FRANCISCO, *September 21, 1852.*

On or about the 29th of August, 1851, I was appointed by Major James Savage, the Indian trader on the Fresno, to take charge of nineteen hundred head of cattle that were delivered to the Indian agents, Barbour and Johnston, by Colonel J. C. Fremont, on the river San Joaquin.

My instructions from Savage were, that when I delivered cattle on the San Joaquin, King's river, and to other more southern Indians, I was to take receipts for double the number actually delivered, and to make no second delivery in case I should return to the band; and when to Indians on the Fresno, to deliver one third less than were receipted for. I also had orders to sell all beef I could to miners, which I did to the amount of about \$120 or \$130, and to deliver cattle to his clerks to be sold to the Indians on the San Joaquin, at twenty-five cents per pound; and I know that such sales were made to those Indians.

In October I received a written order from Savage to deliver to Alexander Godey seventy-eight head of cattle, to be driven to the mines, and there sold to miners and others. I was also requested, in the same communication, to destroy the order as soon as read, which was done after I read it aloud in the presence of Godey, P. Rainbolt, José De Soto, and Theodore McNabb. In November I received a similar order to deliver to Godey four hundred and fifty head, which was done. The best of these were to be sold as soon as possible, and the remainder to be herded by Godey elsewhere. About the last of November, or first of December, I moved the cattle in my possession on to the river Fresno, and delivered to P. Rainbolt, a person appointed by Savage to receive them, eight hundred head. I also gave to Savage receipts to the number of seventeen hundred head, which I had taken from the Indians. After the cattle went on the Fresno, none were ever delivered to the more southern Indians, although I know that "Tom Kit," the chief of the tribe on the San Joaquin, frequently sent after them. Some were sent to the Indians working for Savage on the "Coarse Gold Gulch," and others to stock his rancho on the San Joa-

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quin. Utia had charge of that rancho, and was a partner of Savage's, and I have seen some of the cattle I had charge of in their corral.

I give the above account to E. F. Beale, superintendent of Indian affairs, and intend it as an official statement.

JOEL H. BROOKS.

I certify that the above is a correct copy of the original in my possession.

E. F. BEALE,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.
