

Adam Johnston  
Recd Jan'y 2<sup>d</sup> 1853.

California off'n D 10  
Hon S. F. Vinton  
(Mails - Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1853)

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Refers letter of Adam  
Johnston relative to his  
accounts as late Sub  
Agent - and claim of  
James D. Savage for  
depredations by California  
Indians.

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Left by Hon S. F.  
Vinton

Recd by James D. Savage

6. Finances

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Finances

San Francisco, California

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Gentlemen

I this day forward to the Department of Indian affairs at Washington my accounts as Indian Agent for settlement. Entertaining the impression that their adjustment would come under the duties of the Superintendent of Indian affairs for California I retained them here for five months awaiting his arrival. He is now here but thinks he has no right to look into my accounts, they having accrued previous to his appointment - a portion of them having been forwarded to Washington and my official duties having terminated before that date.

This seems proper enough but the delay has subjected me to great inconvenience and expense. At last I am obliged to send them to the Department for adjustment.

I wish you to give the matter your attention and effect a settlement at as early a day as possible.

You will see that my accounts consist principally of salary for the last two years, necessary expenses and disbursements under my letter of instruction.

I have not drawn one dollar for any purpose, but I expended my own means when it became necessary to do so in the course of my official duties. I wrote my brother W. H. Johnston of Pittsburgh that I would direct you to pay over to him \$1000. on its being collected by you. There is at this time due me on salary alone \$1500, and I suppose there can be no objection to paying the amount of my brother's draft at once out of that fund. If so please remit him that amount immediately. I think the Department will afford you every facility in adjusting the account at once as I have not only not had a dollar of salary for the last two years but have absolutely paid out my individual money to pay expenses.

I also forwarded to the Department in January last a claim of some \$27000, of James D. Savage for depredations committed by the Indians. Will you please look into that claim and put it in a proper way for settlement.

I expect to be in Washington sometime during the winter but wish you would write me in regard to these cases as soon as convenient and

Obliged

Yours &c

Adam Johnston

Miss Converse & Veita  
Washington City.

Nov 30 - 1852.

The foregoing letter and my accounts  
have been returned since then date under  
the expectation that I would be able to get  
off for Washington in person. I now  
think I shall not leave here before  
January or February next.

Yours  
A. Johnston

P.S. I am very solicitous that my brother  
gets \$1000 at the earliest possible day. Your attention  
in the matter will be greatly obliged  
A. Johnston