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E. J. Beale,

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Leaves copy letter of J. C. Fremont
recommending Mr B. from the charge
of being concerned with him
in certain contracts for sup-
-plying beef to the Indians
of Cal.

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New York, March 8th 1832

Edmund F. Beale Esq^r
Washington City.

My dear Sir,

I have learned that the Opponents at Washington to your present appointment strongly urge upon the President a charge that you were concerned in my Contracts, for the supply of Cattle to the Indians, in California. The object of the present note is to authorize and request you, in my name to say, upon all fitting occasions that these Contracts were made by me, and in behalf of myself + Paul Leroy Esq^r, a Merchant of San Francisco - that they were conducted in my name alone, as the sole responsible Contracting party. That you were at the time these Contracts were made, in a different part of the Country, that the first Contracts were made and arrangements for carrying them into Execution, completed, nearly a month before you were aware of any thing in regard to them. That a

Large amount of Capital & firm Credit being
necessary to carry through this business, and the
Credit of the Government agents being very
low in California, Mr. Leoy became alarmed
and withdrew from the Contract, & re-imbursing
the actual expenditure he had made. I then
associated as partners, Major Savage & Capt.
Vincent Haler, who also shortly afterwards
retired from the Contract, leaving me to
the sole risk & responsibility of the transaction.

Finally that you are not and never were
a partner of mine in any transaction or
party to any contract in which I am or
have been engaged.

I trust our known friendly relations
will not prove an injury to you and hope
that I therefore may with safety to
yourself, ask to give to this charge, in my name,
the most presumptuous denial & to characterize
it in the plainest terms as a falsehood,
& to shew this letter to the person you
contradict, as your authority holding me
personally responsible.

Business of greater importance compels

me to leave on Thursday for England, but
I will be back at an early day and will
give this whole subject my undivided
attention. To carry out this contract I
availed myself of an extensive credit
among the old Californians, accomplished
it at great risk of means & unusual
long continued personal risk & expense.
The profit to me will be large; but I ask
it as my right from the honesty of the
department. You are at liberty to
make what use of this letter you please.

(Signed)

Yours truly,
John Charles Fremont.