

California Suff. No 209
Samuel L. Harris.
Wash. 10th March, 1853.

Rec. claim of Jno. Bidwell
for wheat furnished California
Indians by order of O. M. Reynolds
also Rec. draft of Woodcraft for
\$50. in favor of Stephen Smith
for services. and copy to
Power of atty to him (Harris)
& S. A. Brinkman.

Recd - 25 March '53
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Washington, March 10, 1853.

To the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for examination and adjustment, a claim of John Bidwell against the United States, for seventy five bushels of wheat furnished by him to Indians at Chico, by order of Dr. C. M. Hogencraft, late Indian Agent, as per his certificate annexed thereto, amounting to \$375.

I also enclose for payment, a draft on the Department, drawn by Dr. Hogencraft as Indian Agent in favor of Stephen Smith for the sum of \$50. for services rendered in bringing in Indians from the adjacent Cancheros in the vicinity of the Mountains.

This draft was received by Mr. Bidwell for a debt against Smith as a cash payment, but before he had an opportunity to endorse it, he became deranged and was removed out of the country. The fact of the transfer to Mr. Bidwell is certified to by Dr. Hogencraft.

I enclose herewith, an authenticated
copy

Copy of a power of attorney in my favor,
The original of which is filed in the
Second Auditors Office.

I am very respectfully
Your obedt servt
Saml. Harris.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I John Bidwell,
 citizen of Chico Butte County, California
 valuable considerations me thereunto moving, have irrevocably constituted and
 appointed, and by these presents do irrevocably constitute and appoint P. A. Bruinsmade
 my true and lawful attorney, with the power of substitution, for me and in my name, place, and stead, to ask and
 receive of and from the United States any Bounty Land, Pensions, Money or Moneys, that now is or are due to
 me on account of services rendered, disbursements made, or expenses incurred by me while in the service of the
 United States, or on any other account whatsoever; and in my name to give receipts and other sufficient dis-
 charges for such Bounty Land, Pensions, or Money due as aforesaid, and to attend to and prosecute any and all
 business of whatever nature I may have with or before any of the Departments or Commissioners of the Government,
 or Congress, and, generally, to do any and every other act or acts, that I might or could do were I personally present
 at the doing thereof; hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my attorney or his substitute shall do in and about
 the premises by virtue hereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
Twenty-second day of December 1852.

(Signed) J. Bidwell



Signed, sealed, and delivered } Two
 in the presence of } witnesses.

(Signed) R. W. Shephard
 (Signed) William C. Cook

STATE OF California,
 COUNTY OF San Francisco, ss.

On this 23rd day of December 1852, personally appeared before me,
J. Bidwell and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be his act
 and deed, for the purposes therein contained.

(Signed) R. W. Shephard,
Justice of the Peace



STATE OF California,
 COUNTY OF San Francisco, ss.

I hereby certify, that R. W. Shephard Esq. before whom the foregoing power of
 attorney was acknowledged, and who has subscribed his name thereto, was, at the time of so doing, a
Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the
County Court for the County aforesaid, this
fifth day of January in the year 1853.

(Signed) James E. Mainwright
 Clk.

(Seals.)

Know all men by these presents, That I,
 P. A. Brinsmade, The within named, do hereby
 constitute and appoint Samuel J. Harris, of
 The City of Washington, ^{D.C., my substitute to do and perform} all and singular the
 powers and duties given to me by the within
 named John Bidwell in virtue of his Letter
 of Attorney
 Witness
 (Signed) P. A. Brinsmade
 San Francisco
 January 5th 1853
 (Signed) C. W. Sloatey

States of California
 County of San Francisco }

On this fifth day of January, A.D. eighteen
 hundred and fifty three, personally appeared
 before me, a Notary Public in and for the said
 County P. A. Brinsmade, known to me to be
 the person described in and who executed the
 foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to
 me that he executed the same freely and
 voluntarily, and for the uses and purpo-
 ses therein mentioned.

In Witness whereof I have here-
 unto set my hand and affixed my offi-
 cial seal the day and year above
 written

(Signed) C. W. Sloatey
 Notary Public.

(Seal.)

Treasury Department
 Second Auditor's Office
 March 9, 1853.

I certify that the above is a true copy, the original
 being on file in this Office.
 P. H. Layton
 2^d Auditor

The United States

To John Bidwell

Dr.

for
1857 75 Bushels Wheat, furnished
July to Indians at Chico, by order of
Dec. Dr. O. M. Wozencraft @ \$5 \$375

B. Bidwell

I certify on honor that the foregoing
account is just and correct, and
that the Supplies of wheat were for the
use of the United States,
O. M. Wozencraft

No 209.

W. Stokes Sheriff

\$30 by

Wozencraft

Washington D. C.
re
February 26 1883

I hereby certify that the within
Deed was transferred by Mr. W.
Smith, in my presence, to Mr.
J. B. Biance for value received

J. M. Wozencraft

\$50.00

Pidwell's Ranch Aug 10th 1851

Pay to the order of Stephen Smith Esq
the sum of fifty dollars for services rendered in
bringing in Indians from the adjacent Ranches
in the vicinity of the Mountains

To the Department of
Indian Affairs
Washington City
D.C.

Wm. M. M. M. M. M.
H. S. J. J. J.