

Washington D.C.
March 24, 1853.

E. J. Peale,

Requests that he may
take some one with him
skilled in Indian matters
to examine and adjust the
accounts of Commiss^y of agents
in Kel. Bouborn and
Wozencraft

Letter Sec^y of Interior D
15th Apr. in regard to this
matter filed herewith

Recd. Ind. office 26 Feb '53
By letter to Sup^t Peale. 15th April 1853.

Respy referred to the Acting
Comm^y of Ind. Affs for
appropriate action

W. H. Whiting

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Finances.

Washington, March 24th 1853.

Hon^{ble} Mr. Mc Clelland,
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir,

I have to ask your attention to the fact, that I am directed to examine and adjust the accounts of the Commissioners and Agents Mr. Kee, Barbour and Wozencraft, who preceded me in the administration of Indian Affairs in California. These accounts go back for some years and involve large amounts. They are so intricate in their character, that it has been found impossible to disentangle them here. Even Mr. Lea, probably one of the most experienced officers who has ever filled the position of Commissioner, has assured me that they form a "chaotic" mass of informality. Therefore, an examination and verification of them in Cal^o will be necessary to bring them to a settlement. I have Mr. Lea's approval of this suggestion, but I make it direct to you because he has declined to act in the matter, understanding that his successor had been nominated. If I were to undertake this work, which will occupy a considerable time, I should be obliged to do so to the long neglect of the now important duties in which I am about to engage. I

therefore request that I may be permitted to take with me from here some one who is skilled in such matters by training in the Depts. in the Settlement of accounts.

I remain, very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

C. J. Peale
Sup. ^{Int.} Ind. Aff. Cal.

War Department
April 15. 1853

Col Mangens
Com. In. Affairs
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Sicut Beale
has just called upon me relative
to the Clerk to settle & adjust
the affairs in California - & I
have not had time to devote
to the subject, you are hereby
authorized to make such
arrangement with Sicut
Beale in regard to it, which
you deem most beneficial
for the public interests.

J. B. Whelan
Secretary