

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 Commissary of Agents  
in Keel, Bouborn and  
Wagen craft

Letter Secy of Interior  
15th Feb. in regard to this  
matter filed herewith

Recd. Ind. office 26 Feb '53  
By letter to Supr Peale. 15 April 1853.

Respy referred to the Acting  
Commiss. of Ind. Affs for  
appropriate action

W. H. Whiting

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(see inside)

Finances.

Washington, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> 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. <sup>Int.</sup> 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