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Wm. H. Montgomery
Assistant Sec. of the Interior

Mr. Superintendent Eagle

Return a few days since, I received an extract from a letter addressed to you by Acting Commissioner in relation to several subordinate items in my late accounts to the Agent. It was not long after that formal certificate to each deputy agent was necessary. But these have been returned, and the agent has returned to his office, and again forwarded to your War Department. I have, respectfully, returned in a letter that I may be reimbursed the money expended in the service nearly a year since.

The exception to the usual charge for sending in statements, § 95, is probably correctly taken opinion of the "Revised Regulation," in which in the district reasons of temporary duty agents, that the March 6th 3d have withdrawn from the accounts all amounts properly belonging to the Department, prior to the really appointment. The account was introduced while I was acting as Secretary, and properly belong to that period. The adding of the money before the legislative, 20 March 53, was demonstrated to your office in printed form to satisfy myself. They are to call your attention - as general circulation at the time, was considering important by the state authorities, as an expedient, of the policy, which the Federal Government deemed proper expedient, for the settlement of the Indian difficulties then affecting this State and about which the most extensive agency's reports, had
been circulated for trade, causing great excitement and
much ill feeling. The publication of thehappy
account this experiment, and extend the way for an
early experiment of an agricultural colony, at the
Western Poro. The full and complete account of this experi-
iment, will I hope, demonstrate the propriety, and
宜ablity of the policy there annouced described.
The certificates of signed will, Chairman of the Senate
Committee on Land affair, attached to the bill for printing;
express what is the general opinion of the Members
of the Legislature, who take an interest in this subject. Tho
the amount is comparatively trifling, I sincerely hope that
when the act is submitted, you will give authority to make
the payment as a part of payment.

But my chief desir is addressing you at this
time, to ask a reconsideration of the opinion expressed in the first
letter. Mr. Needles, I wish to claim for salary from 5th May 53 to
the time of the officers arrival in Calif. in September.

The grounds on which my claims for salary rests is to stand
are:
1. Congress made the necessary appropriation.
2. My Colleague in the Southern District, Mr. Calum, was put
into the time of the officers arrival at Los Angeles, date
May 8th this City, say last of August or first of Septem
3. As I am anxious to have a letter from Washington the date to
March 53 that the President had approved the New Law
which abolished the office of the three Great Agencies.

or may be, Mr. Reales did not release the deprivion service,
and say that Mr. Brown is no longer required, but on
the contrary expressly directed to make the arrangements
for settling my rights for paying over to him, all public pro-
fits etc. "in his arrival in California." In accordance
with their instructions, these bring our occupancy for any remaining knaps at Saratoga, expecting to meet Mr. Hale in May, or Early in June. I came to this city, and waited here several months. Finally about the last of April, he reached this city, I immediately reported to him at his office. I was disappointed in finding that he could not provide me with a permanent engagement that I was only admitted to pay Subsistence to the 3rd May, when his letter of 1st March reached me. With almost equal propriety, I submitted, he might have said only up to the time of its date. Having repaid all my own advance from out the regulation funds, I received pay to the 3rd May. I agreed that the question as to the balance of my claim should be referred to your Department for instructions.

By referring to Mr. Bailey's letter of 1st March, you can judge of the correctness of my observations. A failure to comply with its requirements, would have considered me to all intents and purposes, at a standstill, and to a loss upon my own funds. In other Departments of the Public Service, and among soldiers in private life, the Agent charged with certain duties at a distant point is almost allowed pay Subsistance up to the time of the designated date for fixing his expenses, for problems of this character. Then, and not till then, is he released from responsibility. Although this corps to which he belonged, to the party, for which he had been doing service, may have been formally ordered to disband or months before.

If in the mean time you shall learn, you will oblige me, by transmitting the necessary directions to the Superintendent for the settlement of my claim, at your earliest convenience.

With great respect,

John Mor. 19th May

[Signature]
San Francisco May 14, 1854

Mr. W. W. Hungerford

Attn. Mr. C. B. Washington

Sir,

I wrote you hereby yesterday, in relation to the old claim of land from California. As others of the same class; and particularly in the 15th, I informed you of my new plan to settle and purchase. You recollected by Mr. Biddle.

I have now the honor to state that on the 17th

Mr. Biddle and myself concluded a carefully detailed examination of all the old records relating to my transactions as district agent for the late Commission, appointed for the State, in 1850. I wish they were referred to him for settlement. After a careful scrutiny of each entry, the same was referred to himself fully satisfied. I now request to make the facts known to you, by your department. Excepting only the items for purchasing of Districting (2670.72)

If printing & (95.) both of which the preferred claimant entirely to your decision. In deciding upon the allowance to this allowance of the latter. I must simply refer to my explanation, under date of 1850.

And on the former, to my letter to General Jones, July 17, 1852. In connection with the certificate of Surveying. Having stated the facts, will be found among my papers. I would just add that the otamers indebted that change was intended to cover, and every

in general, you invited a responsibility which could not properly

At my hands in execution of my appointment. Been long experienced...
in the purchase of shipment of Goods, &c., and by giving personal
attention to the transmission of the same into the hands, I think
I found the Government in that untransacted, purely the first thing.
I may add also that, instead of charging the highest rates for Canal
and necessary Supplies, at what the present officers and hired
Killing, for the purpose of conveying ammunition to FortPont, any
amount being in charge of Mr. Belden over the first cost, that the
very least rate that Company would Command. It would also take
into consideration that, in the money advanced for the delivery, I had
lost since 2 years interest—equal to 72 per cent of the Principal.
I submit the whole matter, however, to your decision, as proposed
long time to your predecessor Mr. Lee.

In the flurry of writing up the packages of goods, there
The evening before Mr. Beale left for the Sejan pass, my last
Act on the United—Vis Mr. Beale to detach balance x 6755. 77
Mr. Beale informed me that objections had been made to his auditing
my account by writing in line, the appropriation—That apparently
my account does so, but a few words of explanation will show you
that the difficulty was not at the Department, but rather that any
thing the fluctuating condition of the Government, was a positive thing
Upon the by writing directly to my wife, the regiment
Bierkemmy, in June 1857—which should have been
remitted to me, in the regularly designated Secretary of
other Department in California (see original instructions)
And for the faithful performance of which duty, with the
unpaid labor, in a large sum, has given notice to my
Leaving Washington. Before leaving this city, in the months
August, 1857, time anticipation of the receipt of the money.
Department of Navy - 3rd floor - May 1900

I recommend, if $25,000 for the general repairs of this property, I cannot borrow money from my friend to supply the same demand of my colleagues at the Bank of St. Louis $4,000. To be signed out of the specified conditions for the Department. You can judge of my feeling when I found that the Department was in disregard of my arrangements, one of my rights, and prescribed duty. Demanded about $370$750 of a fund, the receipt of which, I had already anticipated, and which to this day forms the principal part of my claim against the Government. When the condition came, I was absent in the mountains north of Columbia River. But when I returned, Mr. Harlan had gone back to the state. It is instead of defending what I had undertaken, insisted on having more! The result was that I was short of funds to pay off my party; had to borrow on my personal credit, I have been paying interest at the rate of 8% for two years! Up to that time, my payments on $7,088 had collected. General McCann's appropriation was $4,903.72; together, $12,091.72. Had the appropriation been carried to this time, and I submit, the very proper, salutary line - more General Abed would have drawn a balance left by $500. But saved me a large amount of interest, which I suppose in any event, you cannot allow without a specific appropriation. As matters stand, I think you may have from the succeeding appropriation for salary, or your general fund, sufficient to transmit the amount balance on your General claim equitably due. I think writing for special future legislation. I am again entitled to your cordial assistance. In this city, it is exceedingly important for me to have any kind
And present accounts with the Department closed.
I trust therefore you will pardon any seeming unnecessary or warmomany my letters. And confer upon me the returning favor, by giving to the whole subject an hour's attention at your earliest convenience.

With utmost regard,

[Signature]

Mr. Lincoln

R. M. Dale, Attorney for the purpose,
looking into the acts of Carter, Higgins, &ck.
And I have now to say, that in my endeavors to unravel, or make them, in some intelligible form as that

[Signature]

R. M. Dale