

California exp. #219.

O. M. Hozenest.

San Francisco June 15, 1859.

Respecting Salary due
him - his inability to
procure vouchers.

Recd - 12 July '59

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San Francisco
June 13 1883

Sir

I visited Washington in January
last, with a view of having a Settlement
of my accounts, and there learned (for
the first time) that vouchers were
required for Contingent expenses, and
Interpreters, unfortunately for me
I discontinued taking vouchers for
the above two items on the receipt of a
Communication from the Indian Bureau,
informing me of the fact, that my Commission
as Commissioner was abrogated, and
instructing me to resume my duties
as Indian Agent.

A draft was forwarded to me, for
a percentage of Salary, including an amount
for the above two items, without calling
for vouchers, and the same amount
was paid on a subsequent occasion,
without calling for vouchers on anything
furnished, thus confirming me in the
belief, that it was a portion of an agent's
Salary, I applied to Commissioner Lea

to allow me to furnish a Statement
Certifying that I had expended the amount
for such purposes, or make a Commitment
of the amount for the time in which
I had taken no vouchers, both of which
I am sorry to say was denied me, tho
I was informed by the first Clerk
(Mr Mit) that it was done in both forms
(i) personal vouchers and by Commitment.

The former Commissioner (Mr Lea) has
deem'd fit to suspend the payment of my
Salary, in consequence of my presumption of
being unable to furnish vouchers for
the foregoing two items.

As soon as the former took
into the matter, you will then perceive that
\$5000 has been paid me, \$2000 of the
above amount was specified and paid
for the said items of Contingent expenses
and Interpreters.

I was in Commission two years
and twelve days, consequently there
is now due me one year and twelve
days Salary (\$2000) less \$1,289,22
expended when acting as Commissioner.

As you will perceive that the amount
of \$1,211,22 has been suspended or in
other words withheld from me, because for such

Vouchers are not produced for that which
they have already paid, and that to without
calling for vouchers, or instructing me
(at a time when they could have been
procured) that they would be required,

Very Respectfully
Yours W. S.
C. M. S. General

Hon. C. M. S. General
Comptroller of
Indian Affairs
Washington
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P.S.
It will be utterly impossible to
procure vouchers at this late date,
owing to the fact that our Expeditions
are a migratory, floating & restless,