

California exp. #219.

O. M. Hozenest.

San Francisco June 15, 1859.

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Respecting Salary due  
him - his inability to  
procure vouchers.

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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 on 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.  
O. M. S. General

Hon. C. M. Manning  
Comptroller of  
Indian Affairs  
Washington  
D. C.

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,