

California Imp 1854  
O. M. Wozencraft  
San Francisco June 15 1853

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Relative to his suspended  
accounts - and salary  
due him.

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Wm. Wozencraft  
Comm. of the  
Imp. of California

Recd. - 10 April 1854

Receipt at Ind. Office  
10. April '54.  
T. Wozencraft

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Sir

I visited Washington in January last, with a view of having a settlement of my account, 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 items, on the reception of a Communication from the Indian Bureau, informing me of the fact, that my Commission as Commissioner was revoked, and instructing me to resume my duties as agent.

A Draft was forwarded to me, including the amount for the above two items, without calling for the vouchers, and the same amount was paid on a subsequent occasion without calling for them, or any thing furnished by me confirming me in the belief, that it was a portion of an agent's salary,

I applied to the former Commissioner to make a Commutation of the amt., for the time in which I had taken no vouchers, or, allow me to furnish a statement certifying that I had expended the amt. for such purposes,

both of which I am sorry to say were never  
acted on, tho I was informed by the first Clerk,  
(Mr. Mit) that it was sometimes done in both  
forms (ie) personal vouchers and by Commutation

The former Commissioner has seen fit to suspend  
my salary, in consequence I presume of being  
unable to furnish vouchers for the foregoing two  
items, You will do me the favour to look 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 Interceptors,

I was in Commission two years and Twelve days  
consequently there is now due me, one year and  
twelve days salary (\$3400) less \$1,989,22<sup>cts</sup>  
expended when acting as Commissioner,

The amount of \$1,711,22 cts has been  
suspended or withheld from me, because for so-  
vouchers are not produced, for that which they  
had paid, without calling for vouchers, or instructing  
me that they were to be required, at the time when  
I could have produced them,

Hon<sup>e</sup> Member  
Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the  
affair

Very Respectfully  
yours W. J.  
W. M. Progeneroff