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Jean Ford  
N. York Sept 12. 54

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Asking for information  
rel. to the claim of her son  
Barrister Ford, of property  
& animals taken from him  
in June 1851, by Indians  
in California

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Rec<sup>d</sup> Sept 14. 54  
Ans<sup>d</sup> Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1854

141 Mr Bacon

124 west 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Sir:

Might I respectfully request, that you would be kind enough, to give me any information in your power, on the following subject,

My Son (Patrick J. Joss, Jr.) has, (in February 1862,) laid a claim before <sup>the</sup> Indian Department, for property and Animals taken from him at that time by the Indians, in California; My Son, is still in the Interior of California, and has written me repeatedly requesting to know what action has been taken on it, and as I am, ignorant what steps has been taken ~~with~~ it or in what manner I may proceed to ascertain, I would kindly consider it as an everlasting favor should you <sup>give me</sup> the information required,

I am a Widow and has a large family depending on me for support, and from the High Reputation you stand in, by Gentlemen which I have the honor to know here, Compells me to advise you which otherwise I would not, trusting you will assist me, and anxiously waiting a favorable reply,

I remain, Sir,

Very respectfully  
Yours &c  
Jean Joss,

Charles E. May, Esq.

Washington