California Sept 11th

Dean Ford
N.York Sept 12th 54

Asking for information
Rel. to the Claim of aXXon
Barretts Ford. It property
of animals taken from him
in June 1857, by Indians
in California

Rec'd Sept 14th 54
and Sept 14th 1854

14 M. Bacon
12th West 12th Street
New York Sept. 12, 1844

Sir:

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

Mr. James O. Page (Patrick J. Page), in February, 1832, made a claim before the Indian Department, for property and animals taken from him at that time by the Indians in California. Mr. Page, as is still in the Interior of California, and has written me repeatedly requesting to know what action has been taken in it, and as I am ignorant what steps have been taken with it or in what manner I may proceed to ascertain certain facts. I consider it as an everlasting favor should you give me the information required.

I am a citizen and have a large family depending on me for support, and from the high reputation you have in San Francisco, which I have the honor to know here compels me to assure you which otherwise I would not trust you with. I am anxiously waiting as speedily as possible, as soon as I may.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Charles E. Merri, Esq.

Washington