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No 68

Richd P Hammond Collector

San Francisco Oct 14 1853

Advising payment of
E. H. Beale's drafts for \$27,400

Enclosing
Letter of E. H. Beale &
Copy of letter to Mr B. from
Sec. of Interior

2 Indorsements

Caution warrants
to issue & advise
Secy of Interior
if facts here stated
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Custom House, San Francisco.
Collectors Office October 14th 1853

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have paid the drafts of E. M. Beale, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for \$24,400. on account of "General Incidental Expenses of the Indian Department in California," as explained in the accompanying letter of Mr Beale, enclosing a copy of a letter to him from the Secretary of the Interior, in which he is informed that you will direct me to honor his drafts in accordance with the wishes of the Dept of the Interior, and he is authorized to draw for such portion of the \$30,000 appropriated for General Incidental Expenses, as he might need immediately. As Mr Beale represented to me that it was urgently necessary he should have the amount of this appropriation I have considered the letter of the

Secretary of the Interior sufficient authority
for my paying it, in the absence of the
receipt of any instructions from you
on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
J. P. Hammond
Collector

The Hon James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington