

N. 1012  
O. I. A. California  
Exp. for Beale  
P. M. Keel, Comdr  
Wheeling, Va, Oct. 19/50.

Ack receipt of his instructions with his Commission, &c accompanying - Has postponed his departure from W. till 28th inst, learning that Mr. Barbour could not join him in New York on that day, and from New York therefore till 11th proximo - Desires that his son & J. Maycroft, now in St. Means, sh. join Mr. Barbour & himself in

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N. Y. to go together - Has heard from them, and they would have arranged to join him at Chagres, if he had sailed on the 28th, but hopes they will all be prepared to start on the 11th Nov. from N. Y. - As J. M. will join in N. Y., & not in California, as supposed, unless instructed to the contrary, assume as the wish of Dept that he be allowed & salary, mileage, &c with the others - Enclose letter of this office to him, of 10th inst, which proposes to suspend closing his Commission &c, for completion of duty thereof - address him till 28th inst. at W., & at N. Y. till 11th prox. care of Wilkes & Scott. &c

Whiting Oct 19. 1850  
A. S. Langhorne Esq,  
Acty. Commission Indian Affairs  
Washington City  
Dear Sir

I have duly  
read your instructions with accompanying Commission  
Copies, & documents by mail on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. I have been setting  
my house in order, so to speak for a steamer of 28<sup>th</sup> inst. for  
Chazy, on the route to California, but meeting our good  
friend Gov. Coitenden, and Col. Todd, (of the Boundary  
Commission) last evening, on their way to Kentucky, I learned  
that it would be impossible for the ~~Commission~~ to join me at  
New York, by the 28<sup>th</sup>, but have therefore postponed my  
departure from here, to the 28<sup>th</sup>, & from New York to the  
11<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup>. I have a great desire that Dr. Wozencraft  
& my son, both now at New Orleans, should join  
Mr. Barbour & myself, at New York, & all go out together.  
I have heard from them at N. O. If I sailed on the  
28<sup>th</sup>, they would have arranged to join us at Chazy; by  
waiting till the 11<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup> I hope we shall <sup>also</sup> be prepared  
to make a fair start from N. York. When the instructions  
were prepared, it was supposed Dr. Wozencraft would join  
us in California, as he will do so probably, at N. York,  
I shall assume, unless instructed to the contrary, that it is



the wish of the Department that he should be allowed  
Salary, Mileage &c. Equally with Mr. Birtens Myself.

In the enclosed letter  
from your office to me, in reference to my Commission  
as Indian Agent, there is an error in the date, which  
I suppose to have occurred in copying. And for  
its correction, herewith submit it. My Commission  
was delivered to me on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. the day I landed  
in my Boat - And not on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

If anything further by way of instructions, should  
occur to you, letters with reach me here, up to the 28<sup>th</sup>,  
& afterwards till the sailing of the steamer, at New  
York on Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

Very Resp,

Yr most Obedt Servt

R. B. Keel