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Asks that Col. E. A. Stevenson late Ind. Agent Cal. may be furnished with a copy of his acts &c.

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Hon. A. B. Greenwood,
Comr. of Indian Affairs,
Sir,

Col. E. A. Stevenson, late Indian Agent in this State has shown me a communication to him from the Second Auditor, Hon. T. J. D. Fuller, that he had found, in the adjustment of his accounts, a balance of $2801 86/100, due the United States. Of this $1959 53/100, is on an old account in reference to which explanations were required by the Department in 1858, and forwarded by Col. Stevenson, since which he has heard nothing from his accounts until now. The receipt of his explanations has not been acknowledged.

Last year Col. Stevenson's house was, during his absence and while his family were asleep, set on fire and destroyed.

By this terrible misfortune he lost every thing that was about his house, including of course his papers, and in consequence he is unable to give the necessary information until furnished with a copy of the accounts forwarded to the Department, and which have been suspended. He desires also a copy of the explanations in reference to the old suspended account for $1959 $\frac{53}{100}$, and information as to whether satisfactory or not.

It may be that the papers in this case are all in the hands of the Second Auditor, and if so you will please request him to attend to the forwarding of copies.

Col. Stevenson is a man who is entitled to the most implicit confidence and had he been retained in the service it would have been well for the country, as he was a conscientious and upright officer. I am thoroughly convinced since my return to this state that the charges made against him were, some of them base fabrications, and all of them grossly exaggerated, but rather than be annoyed by such things he resigned, and the Government lost a good officer.

Your attention to this matter will confer a favor on a very worthy gentleman and oblige

Your Friend and
Obt. Svt.
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