

July 26

M Thompson

Aug 8/59

Asks for information concerning
a claim of Franklin Stewart of
Cal. alleged to have been allowed
and paid to Geo: M Douglas or
some other person.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs

Interior

Aug 12th / 59

Carl Reith

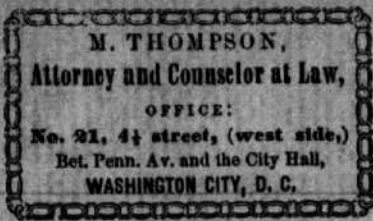
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Mr. Bailey



Washington City, D. C. August 8th 1859.

Hon. Jacob Thompson
Secretary of Interior
Sir,

J. B. Emert Esq. of Potosi,

Washington County Missouri, writes me under date
of 23rd ult. as follows, to wit:

"I want to call your attention to a claim of
"considerable importance that I have ^{been} requested to
"attend to, in behalf of the heirs who reside in
"this vicinity. - Col. Franklin Stewart died in '53
"in Butte Co. California, leaving in the hands of
"his attorney, George McDougal, a claim against
"the general government for about \$50,000. -

"I am informed that the claim has been
"allowed, & perhaps collected by McDougal
"or some one else. - I understood the allowance
"was made in 1856 or '57. - Col. Stewart has a brother
"living near here who is the only heir. -

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"The claim arose out of Indian Affairs in Cal.
"The Col. having been agent or sub-agent of Indian
"Affairs there - While so engaged he furnished Supplies
"in large quantities for which he was never paid -
"I am not able to say whether the claim was allowed
"in the General ^{appropriation} act, or by the board of
"Claims, & shall have to ask you to look into
"the matter at your earliest convenience. -

"I am not positive whether McDougal is a
"lawyer or not; - he may have rec^d the money,
"if so, we shall have to make it out of him. -
"I believe the claim to be a meritorious one". -

Will you please let me know whether
any such claim as that referred to, has ever been
allowed and paid; & if so, the amount, when
to whom, and under what law.

I have the honor to be

Most respectfully

Your obed^t Serv^t

A. Thompson