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G. Bailey, Secy. Dept.
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Reply to office letter of
The G. M. Inst. requesting
his opinion as to the cor-
rectness of certain trans-
fers to the Dept. of Ind.
Stenley, late Dept. Ind.
Affairs

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, requesting my opinion as to the correctness of certain vouchers from the use of Mr J Henley Esq, late Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California, therein enclosed, and to submit in reply the following remarks upon the same.

Voucher No 11.

It will be observed that the dates of the first nine items in this bill are all prior to the 27th of July '58. It is within the knowledge of the Indian Office that I did not leave Washington until the 4th of July, and did not arrive at San Francisco until the 29th of the same month. So much, therefore, of Mr Henley's explanatory note, as represents that these expenses were incurred on my account, is a transparent falsehood. At the date of the last charge, (Aug. 10) I was at Nome Cult, where there is a government blacksmith, and where the horses could have been shod without extra charge. I would recommend that the voucher be suspended for explanation.

Voucher No 16.

Mr Clement accompanied Mr Browne and myself from Nome Suckee to a short distance above Napa City, and was with us from the 8th to the morning of the 29th of Aug; in all 16 days. I was not aware that Mr Clement was employed as escort to Mr Browne and myself. He had come up to Nome Suckee with

Mr John in charge of some government cattle, and I supposed he returned with our party for convenience sake. I may observe here, that I had nothing to do with the arrangements of the trip from Nome Suckee to Mendocino, and thence home. Knowing nothing about the country, I merely told Col Henley that I desired to visit the reservations, and left every thing to him. There is no road from Nome Suckee to Mendocino, the whole country being an absolute wilderness, and it was necessary to carry our own provisions &c and camp out. It was therefore necessary to have some one to accompany us, but, as, according to the official reports, there is a very large number of horses on the reservations, and many employees who could have been detailed for the purpose, I cannot see the propriety of employing Mr. Clement. I must add, in justice to M^r C. that he was the most efficient man of the party, and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the trip.

Voucher No 25.

I can furnish but little information in respect to this voucher: At the date of sub-voucher No 11 (for Steamboat fare from Petaluma) Col Henley was at Nome Cult, 5 days journey from Petaluma. The telegraphic messages (Vouchers 14 & 15) resulted from the negligence of the Clerk, at Nome Suckee, to send to San Francisco, a small trunk containing my official papers, which I had been compelled, for want of means of transportation, to leave there. The trunk was left at Nome Suckee on the 8th of Aug, and, as will appear from the date of the sub-vouchers, had not arrived at San Francisco on the 25th, tho there is daily communication. I complained to Col Henley and he then telegraphed. I would call attention to the pencil memoranda on some of the sub-vouchers, shewing that the Steam Boat fare of M^r John while collecting the Point Reyes cattle was paid by Col. Henley.

Voucher No 26.

The only item in this voucher of which I have any cognizance is the charge of \$163 "for actual and necessary expenses" while accompanying "J Robt Browne & party" during the month of August. In respect to this I have to observe; first, that Mr Tobin did not join Mr Browne and myself until the 8th of Aug, and therefore was not with us 23 days as charged; and second, that during that time, (from the 8th to the 24th) Mr Tobin was not subjected to any expense whatever, and could not have spent any money if had tried. As before stated, we travelled through a wilderness, and carried our own provisions, which were furnished from the reservation stores at Mame Sackee, Nome Cult & Mendocino.

Voucher No 28.

The remarks made on Voucher No 16 are applicable to so much of this as relates to the time when Mr Tobin was with Mr Browne and myself.

I would respectfully suggest that these vouchers, or copies of them, be sent to Mr Browne, for examination and report.

The vouchers are herewith returned as requested.

Very respectfully

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs.