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Reports upon certain  
vouchers to the use of  
W. J. Henley late  
Capt. that were sub-  
mitted to him for ex-  
amination

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San Francisco, Cal.

Hon A. B. Greenwood

Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of instructions dated Sept 7<sup>th</sup> ult, I have examined the vouchers therein enclosed, for expenditures on Indian Service by G. J. Menley, late Sup<sup>t</sup> of Indian Affairs, and respectfully report:

The letter of G. Barley Esq dated Aug 30<sup>th</sup> /59 in explanation of some of the said vouchers contains a true and correct statement of the facts in relation to the trip made by him and myself, for which certain expenses are alleged to have been incurred.

Voucher No 25 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> /58.

In this voucher is an item of \$16 under date of August 20<sup>th</sup>, for horsekeeping for J. R. Browne, at

Clear Lake, as shown by subpoena of J. W. Helden.  
I never left any horses at Clear Lake. In April 1858  
two recreation horses, belonging to Mendocino, one of which  
I rode, were left by me under instructions of Col.  
Kenley at Cloverdale, to be kept there on pasture at  
the usual charge (about three dollars per month) until  
called for. I know nothing further about them.  
I used them but three days, and paid all expenses  
of the trip out of my own pocket, charging 10 cents per mile.

Voucher No 28.

In this, James Tobin charges for three months  
pay at \$125 per month, a portion of the time for  
"accompanying S. R. Broome, G. Bailey and party  
to Anne Lacher, Anne Cult &c." Mr. Tobin voluntarily  
accompanied the party, and was not employed to do  
so by Mr. Bailey or myself; nor did he incur any  
expenses that I am aware of, except perhaps for some  
horses belonging to himself which he was taking down

to Sonoma Valley. It is barely possible he may have expended \$15 or \$20; but I do not see how it could have been more. In Napa Valley, I paid for our horses before our arrival at Napa City, but took no account of it and made no charge. The amount was \$4.50.

Voucher No. 26.

In June Mr. John went with me from San Francisco to Sonoma Lumber, Sonoma Cult, and back.

My expenses were \$45 or \$50; I charged for mileage only to Scheman, and from Markles back to San Francisco, 334 miles at 10<sup>c</sup>. If Mr. John's expenses were more, I am unable to see in what way they were incurred.

Voucher No. 16.

Mr. Clement was not in public employ and has no right to any payment for the alleged service stated in this voucher. He chose to accompany us voluntarily; is a lawyer in San Francisco, and was taking a pleasure trip, at the request of his friend

Mr. John.

Voucher No 11

No horses were shot for me or Mr. Bailey that I am aware of, at the dates specified or at any other dates. An employe at Some Lakee, paid a regular salary, fixed some old shoes on three or four mules, previous to our departure. Animals may possibly have been shot by Nelson & Doble, but it was either before or after our visit to Some Lakee, and in no way connected with it.

In reference to all other items charged by Mr. Mentay and Mr. John, I have no knowledge of them. The sub vouchers seem to me to be very irregular, and to afford no proof of payment, <sup>in proper account</sup> beyond their face. For example;

John's Sub Vouchers

- 1 - Grayage; Why and for what purpose?
2. - Passage to Petatumu. How their stage fare
- 3 - at same date from Lakeville to Sonoma?
- 4 - Mending rifle. Why should Gov't pay for mending Mr. John's rifle?

21 - What occasion had Mr. John for two beds?

23 - For what purpose was the harness; there were four horses, and a charge has already been made for repairing saddles & saddlery.

16 - Why should 4 lbs of tobacco be charged as a necessary expense?

Besides these there are repeated charges for horse-feed, without any statement of the number of horses fed, the time charged for, or any true indication of the value received. This will also apply to meals for men. In some instances meals are charged for "self and others." How many others, and had they a right to be fed at public expense?

The number of passages of Mr. John and his friends to and from Petahum is extraordinary and requires explanation. He was sent to Point Reyes to gather up cattle. That only required

one passage. The whole amount of travel is  
apparently without object, and the expense  
incurred is beyond all precedent even in California.

I am unable to give further information on  
this subject.

Very respectfully

Yours Obediently,

J. Ross Browne

Special Agent &c.