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SAN FRANCISCO, *June 6, 1851.*

SIR: I have received your favor of 5th, acknowledging mine of 4th instant.

You say that my remark about the money advanced by Mr. King (\$1,000) "is rather ambiguous," and you request me to explain it. I was not aware of any ambiguity in the matter. You informed me that it was essential to your going up to the disturbed district in Eldorado county, that you should have an additional advance of that amount; that the collector would make it on the guarantee of Mr. Larkin, without my assuming any personal responsibility, merely giving my assent, &c.

I went with you to Mr. King, and, as you know, he peremptorily refused you the money unless I would, as disbursing agent of the commission, draw a bill on the department at Washington. Having no direct authority to draw, and expecting—agreeably to my repeated requests—that the money appropriated by Congress for our use would be sent to me *here* in checks on the collector, I agreed to this with some reluctance, and on condition that if the remittances came within two months my draft might be retired *here*. Hence it became proper for me to have some record or memorandum which could explain the transaction, and show that the money was obtained for your use and accommodation, and not mine. If the draft goes forward for payment at Washington, it will be charged to my account, and you will, of course, be debited therewith on my books.

Respectfully, your most obedient servant,

R. McKEE

Dr. O. M. WOZENCRAFT,  
*Indian Agent.*