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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
December 3, 1851.

SIR: In accordance with the laws and regulations in regard to "depredations of Indians on the property of white persons," I herewith transmit a claim of Major James D. Savage for remuneration. The facts set forth in the application are known to me to be true. I was near to the place at the time the murders and robbery were committed among the Indians residing on the Little Mariposa. On hearing of this outbreak on the Fresno, I immediately repaired to the spot, where I found the bodies of the murdered men, and had them interred. The house was stripped of everything valuable, the safe broken open and robbed of its contents. Major Savage had applied to me some time previous for a license to trade with those Indians. I did not then give him formal license, but gave him permission to go on and erect his trading-house on the Fresno, and to trade with the Indians until I could visit that part of the country. I therefore supposed he was "lawfully within the Indian country." I had only reached the neighborhood at the time of the outbreak, and was visiting the Indians of the Little Mariposa. On this occurrence all the Indians of that region fled to the mountains, and a predatory war was the result. Since treaties have been entered into in that region, I have inquired of the Indians engaged in the robbery in regard to the cause. They acknowledged the act, but say they were "hungry, and their heads got bad." I submit the claim for consideration and directions.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

ADAM JOHNSTON,
U. S. Sub-Agent for the Valley of San Joaquin.

To ADAM JOHNSTON,
U. S. Indian Agent, Valley of San Joaquin:

The undersigned respectfully represents to you that on or about the 6th day of October, A. D. 1850, after obtaining your consent to erect a trading-house on the headwaters of the Fresno river, for the purpose of trading with the Indians on said stream, I had erected a house for my goods, and a corral for my cattle, and continued to do business on said stream until about the 17th day of December, A. D. 1850, when the Chouchilla, Chook-chuncy, and Pohuniche tribes or bands of Indians broke out, killing my clerk, Mr. Greely, a Mr. Stiffner, and Mr. James Kennedy, and robbed my store of all goods, broke open my iron safe and abstracted a large amount of money and valuable papers, and destroyed all of my furniture and property.

The losses sustained by me were as follows:

Goods and provisions actually on hand, which were taken and destroyed by the Indians	\$13,000
Money in my safe.....	5,000
Iron safe.....	150
Two riding-mules, at \$150 each.....	300
Twelve head of work-oxen	900

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Two fine horses	\$300
One house, furniture and fixtures.....	1,000
Two canvass tents and fixtures.....	500
At the same time, at my tent on the Little Mariposa, sixteen mules, at \$100 each.....	1,600
Forty head of beef cattle, at \$60 each.....	2,400
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Making in all the sum of.....	25,150
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The undersigned further represents that all of the above-named property was taken by force, with an intent to steal, and that the property was appropriated by said Indians to their own use.

JAMES D. SAVAGE.

I, James D. Savage, being duly sworn, do solemnly aver that all of the matters and things set forth in the foregoing statement are true, and that neither myself, representative, attorney, nor agent, has violated the provisions of the law by seeking or attempting to obtain private satisfaction or revenge in the premises.

J. D. SAVAGE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of October, A. D. 1851.

ADAM JOHNSTON,
U. S. Sub-Indian Agent, Valley of San Joaquin.

I, Anthony Brown, do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I was at the house of James D. Savage, on the Fresno river, on or about the 17th day of December, A. D. 1850, when the Indians of the Chouchilla, Chook-chuncy, and Pohuniche tribes or bands commenced the robbery and massacre as above stated by James D. Savage; that Mr. Greely, Mr. Stiffner, and Mr. Kennedy were killed by said Indians in my presence, and that I narrowly escaped with my life after having my arm broken, my head fractured, and being elsewhere badly hurt; that the attack was unprovoked, and the property was taken by force, with an intent to steal, or be otherwise maliciously destroyed; that all of the matters and things set forth in the statement of Mr. James D. Savage are true in every particular.

A. S. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of October, 1851.

ADAM JOHNSTON,
U. S. Sub-Indian Agent.

I, William H. Hays, being duly sworn, depose and say: that I was at the house of James D. Savage, on the Little Mariposa, about the

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17th day of December, A. D. 1850, and know that the forty head of beef cattle and nine mules mentioned in the claim of James D. Savage were stolen by the Indians, as stated by him. Deponent further states that he was familiar with the business of Mr. James D. Savage, and has been at his store, on the Fresno, before the robbery and massacre alluded to above; that he is satisfied that the attack and robbery was unprovoked, and that the goods were taken by force, with an intent to steal, and that his property was maliciously destroyed by the Indians.

WILLIAM H. HAYS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of October, A. D. 1851.

ADAM JOHNSTON,
U. S. Sub-Indian Agent, Valley of San Joaquin.
