

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, December 23, 1851.

SIR: I have been informed, unofficially, that you returned several weeks ago from California, and have gone to Kentucky. It has been

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so long since the department has received any communication from you, that I am at a loss to account for your silence. I hope you will be able to give a satisfactory explanation of what appears to be a gross neglect of official duty, and you are directed to make at once a full report of all your proceedings as agent of the department, setting forth, particularly, the circumstances under which you took the liberty of drawing on the Secretary of the Interior for such large amounts of money. The report required should be made without delay, as it is due alike to your own character and to the government.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
L. LEA, *Commissioner.*

Col. GEO. W. BARBOUR,
Princeton, Caldwell County, Ky.
