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U.S. ARMY SUBSISTENCE OFFICE

Received March 20th 1865,

Copy of Washington D. C. Feb 19th 1865

Dear Major

After spending a few days in this delectable city and having all I can command to the disadvantage matter of requesting that you discharge Mr. Whalley - This I do after consultation with those in the Comd's General office I know of nothing against Mr. W. justness, or from hearsay, but complaints are constantly made in Washington against him to the detriment of the Dept, not only in Washington but in San Francisco it is better therefore to remove the cause. I would recommend that Andrew MacLean be put in his place who I think who I think in every way calculated to fill the place - There is a bill before Congress reorganizing my Dept. It puts Volunteers in charge of all Depots and Depots in a word says that nobody shall be promoted but those in the Volunteer service and taking away what little rank the regulars have acquired - it is one of the most villainous bills I ever saw - It will put a volunteer in charge of the office in S. F. I shall not go back if the bill passes, if it does not pass I will come out in about 3 or 4 weeks my papers will give me no trouble I think a volunteer Comd's office is sent to S. F. as he must be on duty in California some place -

Your truly,
The Adjutant

Write to Simpson & Sullivan to know the nature of the Charges and
by whom made that I may have the opportunity to refute them
and if possible be reimbursed by Sullivan

801 Pavilion
4330 1/2 Ave
Ft. Collins
Colorado

(Copy.)

Adjutant Office U. S. Army
San Francisco, Cal. March 31 1865.

Lt. Col. M. D. C. Simpson U. S. A.

Asst. Comdr. General,
Dons Co.

From an long acquaintance,
and entertaining the high opinion I believe you do
for me, I am induced to ask your perusal of the fol-
lowing copies of correspondence, respectfully submitting
them to your consideration, for such action, as
you may deem most expedient for the promotion
of my interest.

Extract from an unofficial letter from Capt. Thos.
C. Sullivan, Chief Commissary, Adjutant of this
Department to Maj. R. H. Kirkham, Acting Chief.

Washington D. C. Feb. 19 1865.

Dear Major,

After spending a few days in this deli-
cious city and hearing all I can, I am forced
to the disagreeable necessity of requesting that you
discharge Mr. Whalley. This I do after consultation
with those in the Commissary General's Office. I know of
nothing against Mr. Whalley, personally, or from hearsay,
but complaints are constantly made in Washington
against him, to the detriment of the Department,
not only in Washington, but in San Francisco, it

is better therefore to remove the cause. x x x x x

Yours Truly
W. C. Sullivan

Upon the receipt of which, Major Kirkham, notified me with the kindest expressions of regret, that I must leave, - that as he had so long known and held me in high estimation, he would so far modify matters in my behalf as to permit me to resign, basing it upon his contemplated reduction of the pay of the Commissary Storekeeper to one hundred and twenty five dollars per month. Acting in accordance with this I wrote the following.

Quarters Office U.S. Army
San Francisco, Cal. March 25. 1866.

Major R. W. Kirkham U.S.A.
Acting Chief Camp. Subst.
Wash. D.C.

Having apprized me of the necessity existing, under instructions from Washington, for the reduction of the salary of the Commissary Storekeeper to one hundred and twenty five dollars per month, I have carefully referred upon the matter, and find the amount insufficient for the support of my large family. Obligations to them, therefore, compel me to resign the position so long held, to take effect, with your permission, as soon after the first of

the coming month, as I can conveniently make up my accounts.

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Permit me to recommend as my successor, Andrew McAleer, who I have always found perfectly reliable, and is, I think, in every way competent to perform the duties of the office.

You will confer a favor to accept of my resignation by note - with such recommendation as from your long acquaintance with me you may think proper to give.

With sentiments of the highest regards for myself, I remain,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt,

Thos W. Hailey

And received this reply.

Substence Office, U. S. Army
San Francisco, Calif. March 25 1865

Mr Thomas Hailey
Store Keeper Sub. Dept.
Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst., tendering your resignation as Store Keeper, is received. It is with much regret that I accept of it, for you have long filled the office, and to the entire satisfaction of the successive Chiefs of the Commissary Dept in this coast. Col Simpson, Capt Kellogg, and Capt Willmore.

have also at various times expressed their high opinion
of your talent, industry and integrity. Hoping
you may be successful in whatever business you
may engage in, I shall always be glad to hear of
your prosperity. I am with respect,

Your Obedt Servt.

R. W. Kirkham

Maj & Chief C.S.

To Capt Tho^l C. Sullivan, I have written the following.

Substence Office U. S. Army
San Francisco, Calif. March 31 1866.

Capt Tho^l C. Sullivan U. S. A.
Chief Campy Subst Dept Pacific.

Dear Sir,

Major Kirkham read to me
that portion of your letter to him of the 19th ultimo,
having reference to me. Regarding the cause
which forced you to the disagreeable necessity of
requesting my removal, he kindly suggested (in
order to save me from the odium of being discharged)
that I resign my position, basing it upon his con-
templated reduction of the pay of the Committe-
ry Clerk here to one hundred and twenty five
dollars per month, as being insufficient for the
support of my large family. Further that no one
beyond ourselves need know the true reasons of

my resignation. Appreciating the good motives which prompted the feeling I have acted accordingly and tendered him my resignation which has been accepted by note containing the following flattering eulogium. "You have long filled the office to the entire satisfaction of the successive Chiefs of the Commissary Department on this coast. Coevals such as Capt Kellogg and Capt Sullivan have at various times expressed their high opinion of your talent, industry and integrity." You, yourself, in your letter to Major Kirkham speak of me in rather commendable terms. You say, "I know of nothing against Mr. Mahaley, personally, or from hearsay, but complaints are constantly made in Washington against him, to the detriment of the Department not only in Washington but in San Francisco. It is better therefore to remove the cause." Now if these complaints have no more foundation than those which were made against me to Capt Kellogg previous to his departure, which he took especial pains to investigate, and found to his satisfaction, were malicious in intent, arising from feelings of jealousy, of parties disappointed in procuring contracts, which I had no control in awarding, but which they arrogantly supposed I could influence, I think then, my case is a very hard one indeed, having always faithfully performed my duty.

Perhaps these very same persons, (political partisans,) as I suspect, are the men who have complained against me in Washington, and if so, as Capt Kellogg will be able to inform you, when in possession of their names, their representations are entitled to no consideration whatever.

I request you to do me the favor, to examine further into the charges made against me, and would respectfully refer you particularly to Capt Kellogg, who can doubtless give you more reliable information, than you at present possess, causing you to perceive the great injustice done me. One additional argument I will present. At the time these complaints were made, purchases were made in open market, whereas, now, supplies are furnished under sealed proposals, giving to all competitors an equal chance. Those who fancied they had cause to complain, can do so no longer, and will gain nothing by my removal. Please consider all these points carefully, and, if after deliberation you should deem it justice to institute me in my former position, I shall feel most grateful, and endeavor not to incur public censure, to the detriment of the Department, either here or in Washington. I might request to be informed of the nature of the charges, and of

by whom made, but rather than ask, I prefer to
trust implicitly, to your impartial decision.
With assurances of my continued regards for
yourself, I remain,

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
H. Whalley.

P. S. Copies of Correspondence I have sent to Col
Lupton and Capt Kellogg, friends, with whom please conf.

This is all I have to communicate, my dear
Sir. Should I not be vindicated, by the actions
I have taken, I will at least have expressed
my feeling in the matter, which I decide
in justice to myself should be made known
to you. Hoping for the pleasure of seeing you
again in California, at no very distant day
I am
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
H. Whalley

Subsistence Office, U. S. Army,
208 SANSONE STREET,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 20 1860.

Mr Thomas Shaley
Store Keeper Sub. Dep't.

Sir,

Your letter of 6th day
concerning your resignation as Store Keeper is
received. It is with much regret that
I accept it, for you have long filled
the office, and to the entire satisfaction of
the Successive Chiefs of the Commissary Dept
on this coast. Col Simpson, Col. Kellogg
and Capt Sullivan, have all at various
times expressed their high opinion of your
talents, industry, & integrity. Hoping you
may be successful in whatever business you may
engage in - I shall always be glad to hear
of your prosperity. I am with respect

your obed^t serv^t
R. W. Kitchell
Maj. & Chief. &c.

Subsistence Office, U. S. Army,

201 SANSONE STREET,

San Francisco, Cal.

March 31st 1865.

Major John Kellogg, U. S. A.
Commissary Subsistence.

Dear Sir,

You will learn with surprise, if not already informed of the causes which lead to it, of my forced resignation as Commissary Storekeeper. I have written fully upon the subject to Capt Sullivan with the view of being reinstated, if upon a reconsideration of his determination he should deem it justice to do so. - also sent to Col Simpson copies of correspondence duplicated of which you will please find enclosed. It is rather hard to be deprived of my situation, but perhaps not more so than I should have found it at any other time than the present. I could not certainly expect always to have remained when I was, but to have been turned out, owing to misrepresentations and surmise of political intrigants, without the opportunity of vindicating myself, is indeed rather humiliating to me. The true causes of my removal

was, probably, I never shall know. You may perhaps be informed of them and able to judge whether they be worth the consideration which has been given them, and to assist you to do this permit me to recall to your mind the information given you by Provost. You are aware of the difficulty, indeed the impossibility, to please everybody in making awards of contracts. Some are sure to feel aggrieved and ready to complain without cause.

May not Provost, Smith, Clifford and others I might mention have erroneously imagined that it was entirely owing to me that they could not always tell you what they wished and have made complaints against me in Washington? If so you will know what importance to attach to their statements and so inform Capt. Sullivan. You have before you my whole case. If you can assist me in any way, I feel assured from our long acquaintance and the kindness which you have invariably shown me, you will do so. I am anxious to hear the result. Mrs. Macy is quite sanguine of my success, I can not say I feel so confident knowing the strictness of military discipline which

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never admits of being in the wrong, but I shall have the satisfaction at least of making my feelings known and that I am not perfectly indifferent to the action taken in Washington. I wish to cast no reflection what-
ever upon Col Simpson or Capt Sullivan, for whom I shall always entertain the highest regard, knowing that they have acted with a full conviction of what they considered to be right.

With assurances of my continued esteem and the compliments of Mrs. H I remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

H. R. Harvey

Subsistence Office, U. S. Army,
207 SANSOME STREET,
San Francisco, Cal.

Copy

March 31 1865

Capt John Kellogg.

Commissary Subsistence U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

You will learn with surprise, if not already informed of the causes which lead to it, of my forced resignation as Commissary Subsistence, which position I had so long held. I have written fully upon the subject to Capt Sullivan with the view of being reinstated, if upon a reconsideration of his determination he should deem it justice so to do. Also sent to Col. Newsum copies of correspondence - duplicates of which you will please find enclosed. It is rather hard to be deprived of my situation, but perhaps not more so than I should have found it at any time than the present. I could not certainly expect always to have remained where I was, but to have been turned out, owing to misrepresentations, as I became of political intrigues, without the opportunity of vindicating

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Your Obedt Servant.
H. R. Wallace

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Subaltern Capt. U. S. Army.
San Francisco, Calif. March 1st 65.

Lt. Col. M. D. L. Supt. U. S. A.

Asst Compy General,

Com. Co.

From one long acquaintance

and entertaining the high opinion, I believe you do for me,
I am induced to ask your perusal of the following
copies of correspondence, respectfully submitting them to your
consideration for such action as you may deem
most expedient to the promotion of my interests.

Extract from an unofficial letter from Capt. Thomas
C. Williams Chief Company, 1st Regt of this Dept to
Maj. R. W. Kirkham, Acting Chief.

Washington D. C. Feb. 19 - 1865

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You will confer a favor to accept of my resignation by note - with such recommendation as from your long acquaintance of my character you may think proper to give.

With sentiments of the

highest regards for yourself, I remain
Your obedient servant

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Dear Sir,
Respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servt.,
R. W. Kirkham.

and received this in reply.

Substition Office U. S. Army
San Francisco, Cal March 25th 1865.

Mr Thomas Whaley
Store Keeper Sub. Dept.
Sir,

Your letter of 15th inst. ten-
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It is with much regret that I accept it, for you
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Maj & Chief C. S.

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Capt Thomas C. Sullivan U. S. A,
Chief Commissary Substition
Department of the Pacific.

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I might regret to be injured by the nature of the
charges and by whom made, but rather than seek
I prefer to trust implicitly to your impartial and
wise decision. With assurances of my continued re-
gards for yourself, I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours truly,

Wm. H. Tracy

W. H. Copies of Correspondence have been sent to Col. Simpson and Capt. Kellogg

Should it not be reinstated, ~~the question is that I have done~~
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This is all I have to communicate my dear Sir, should
I not be reinstated, by the action I have taken I will
have at least expressed my feelings in the matter which
I desire in justice to myself should be made known
to you.

I am Dear Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Thos. C. Hacey -

Recd
March 19 1865

Washington D.C.

May 28. 1865. -

Dear Sir:-

I rec^d in due course of mail
your letter come of March 31st, enclosing
extracts from letters by you to Maj
Kirkham, and answer thereto, your letter
to Col^l Sullivan, and also Maj Kirkham,
all on the subject of your removal
from the position of Comm^{dr}, Army Office-
Keeper at San. Francisco. —

I read these letters carefully, and
was very glad to hear that you had
anticipated action by resigning,
and regretted that anything should
have happened to make such a course
necessary on your part.

Ever since both California, & its
natural aptitude, objects have needed
love that you were activated largely
with the duty of promoting themselves.
These objects are a compound with
the imagination or intuition that
you were making money out of
the practice. When the long relations
of friendship that had existed between
you and Gop John Kelly, and the
confidence he accorded actually
express in you, and thought it out
unlikely that you had a greater or
extent looked up the kind needed
from time to time, you could do
all this very well, and without any
dishonesty, in, but an uncalculating
moral,

might place a construction that
not creditable to you or favorable
to the reputation of the Department
over which the Comptroller presided.
Objects are a thing very much in
and talk, that if made it any
practice, while in California, had
such duties myself, for my predecessor
had done otherwise, and the object -
went, in consequence, had suffered
much in public estimation, if
fact you are probably concerned,
from the time of Gop Waller's return
to Washington, and arrived here, there
objects were again being covered
here, and from a greater amount
political influence and power with
etc

present Government. Col^l Sullivan and myself talked the matter over in all its aspects, and though we did not believe the reports in circulation, we nevertheless thought that it was wise to remove the cause of them, and so it was agreed between us that he should write to Major Kirkman suggesting that you should be displaced. This course was taken as the best one to solve a difficulty, for the influence referred to above was operating to the prejudice of the Commissary Department, and all because of these vague reports in circulation regarding the interests of employees of the Quartermaster.

our Company Departments at San Francisco, in purchases made there. I am glad that May Kirkham allowed you to resign, and for the reasons given by you, and am very sorry that disappointed bidders or other enemies of yours, should have had in their power to do you an injury. —

I never doubted your integrity while you served me, and can bear grateful testimony to your zeal, industry and efficiency in the performance of duties entrusted to you. —

And I am persuaded that persons who know you well, entertain towards you the same convictions respecting your integrity of character. —

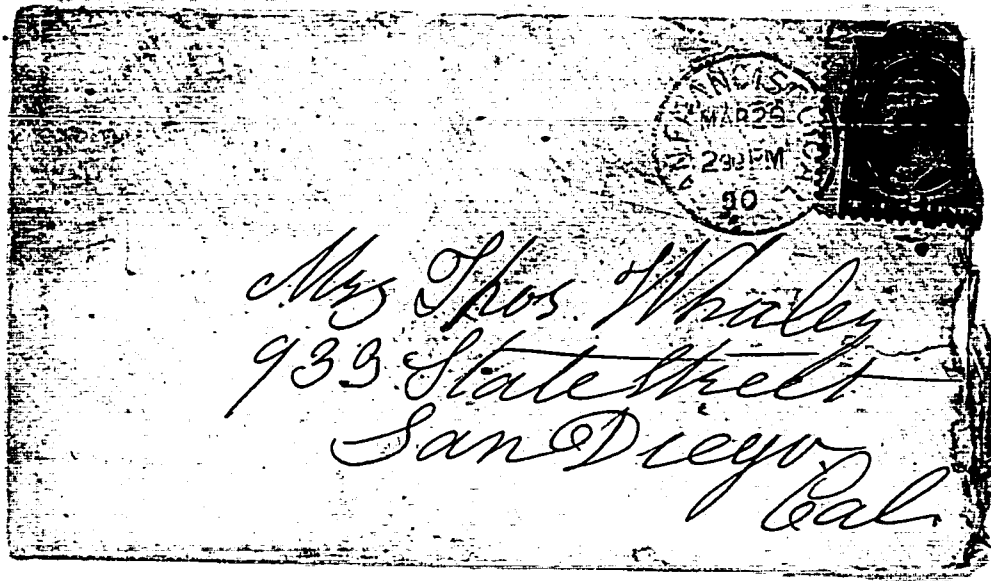
to the death of Col. Kellogg, the commanding
officer, and a valuable officer, and
the word a most estimable gentleman,
His death was quite sudden, he having
been sick but three or four days. —

The fatigues of the campaign were
too much for his infirmed condition,
and when the excitement of the battle
and marches were over, his health gave
away and he rapidly sunk. His
great mental and physical exertions, the
effects of which his infirmed con-
dition could not long resist. —
His body was brought here, and placed
under the charge of a military escort,
accompanied by his wife, and was carried
to his friends for interment. —

I need not think that when the war was
over, I would return to California,
but just now, tho' the war is nearly
closed, do not think it very likely
I shall ever cross the Pacific. —

Remember me very kindly to your
wife and family and to all my friends
in California. Do write to the care
of Mr. H. & C. in your handwriting
addressed to Maj. Kellogg. It came
a few days after his death.
Very truly yrs
Wm. D. Stephens

Wm. D. Stephens
San Francisco
Cal. —



Date	Receipt No.	Case Number	Item	Dist.	Amount Paid
MAR-22-60	325996	2	48682	2 - U	9.00
Receipt shows the amount paid. It is our desire to serve you with courtesy and efficiency, therefore, retain this receipt for your protec- tion as well as ours.					
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P. B. JAMES, County Clerk
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
Phone 239-6061

Gentlemen of the Grand Jury
I must sincerely beg
your pardon, and each of your pardons for
the manner in which I address Mr. & Mrs.
Straff, your Dubois Attorney in your
presence this morning - a few minutes ago -

I also beg to state, that my remarks
were addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Straff, and, that
they referred solely to the argument, as I
understood it: to allow the testimony of all
the witnesses to go before you - upon which
agreement, as I understood it - I had sent
for witnesses which the prosecution wanted but
which the Sheriff did not know where
to find, only, to have them state that
they were not needed.

I was wrong in saying what I did
and, I must humbly apologize to you for
my fault.

There are among you my personal friends
who should know that I had no intention
of offending them, or any of you.

I have apologies to Mr. & Mrs. Straff
and I make the apology to you.

With very respectful
Dear

May 25: 1872

Gentlemen, Yours, &c
Wm. A. Galewood

San Diego April 25 - 1842.

P. Maxwell Esq.

San Fran.

I take the liberty, as an old friend of
our families, to address you upon my private business;
this I will do freely and candidly, relying in great
confidence and believing in your support. I will be as brief
as possible. Without enumerating all my difficulties,
or going into an explanation of their causes, I will simply
state that owing to the continued failure of the Oreg. in this
section of the Country, and the postponement of work upon
the Great Pacific Mail Road, I find myself pecuniarily
injured; not however for any very considerable amount,
but sufficiently so, in the present state of affairs to feel
anxiety, if not entirely to despair of everything I have,
should legal proceedings be instituted against me. I have
long striven to avoid a certainty of this kind, thinking that
possibly, the times would get better, and I might be able
to dispose of some property to advantage, and thus relieve
myself from all obligations: but the present has grown
more gloomy, and I fear that I have about exhausted the
patience of some of my creditors. I must either sacrifice
property - which I have said since 1834 - or raise the
money necessary to pay them. One, or the other of these
alternatives I must submit to. I have real estate upon
the bay, likely to become valuable in the event of San
Diego ever becoming the Western terminus of any Trans-
continental line, as it is probable soon. I should
be sorry indeed to have this property so much depreciated
as to be sold at a nominal sum after possessing it so many

grow and when the chance of it appreciating in value, shortly
as is good. I might raise money here, but the rates of
interest are ruinous, from 3 to 5% per month besides I have
already, during the past two years, disbursed enough in this way,
still being under obligations at 1 1/2 and 3% per month - which
of itself, is perfectly ruinous - and rather than renew them
for like rates, with the uncertainty as to time when I may be
able to pay, would prefer to let everything go. I have therefore
determined to raise the money, if possible, in New York, if it
can be procured at reasonable rates upon the security which I
propose to offer, which I believe can be made satisfactory, and
sufficiently ample for the amount required. It is in regard
to this matter I particularly address you, and desire you
to do me a favor. I wish you would please take the
trouble to ascertain if you can negotiate a loan for me of
thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) upon any portion of the Es-
tate coming from my father, to be returned with interest, con-
sisting annually, optional with me, however, to refund the
principal with interest or the interest alone at the end of any
year after making the loan. You will please inform me what
can be done in the matter at your earliest convenience, and
instruct me what documents are necessary, that I may have
the same properly executed and forwarded to you without de-
lay in order that the negotiation may be made with as little
loss of time as possible. I have mentioned this subject to my
mother, told her of my position and pressing necessities and
requested her assistance and co-operation, to enable you to negotiate
this matter from 30, should you find it necessary, you will please
confer with her with assurance of my kindest regards,
and remain
Yours Very truly,
The Whaley.

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I shall be glad to have you to support
and if necessary, you will please
of my kindest regards,
The Whaley.

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B. H. Howell Esq.

April 20th 1872

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