

CHAS. A. WETMORE, Indian Agent

2 Jan 1872 — May 31 1875

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INDEPENDENT TREASURY CIRCULAR, No. 1.

INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC MONEYS AND OFFICIAL CHECKS OF
UNITED STATES DISBURSING OFFICERS.

Treasury Department,

January 2, 1872.

All public money advanced to disbursing officers of the United States must be deposited immediately, to their respective credits, with either the United States Treasurer, some Assistant Treasurer, or Designated Depositary, other than a National Bank Depositary, nearest or most convenient; or, by special direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, with a National Bank Depositary, except—

- (1.) Each disbursing officer of the War Department, specially authorized by the Secretary of War, when stationed on the extreme frontier or at places far remote from such depositaries, may keep, at his own risk, such moneys as may be intrusted him for disbursement.
- (2.) Any officer receiving money remitted to him upon specific estimates, will at once disburse the same accordingly, without waiting to place it in a depositary, if the payments are due, and he prefers this method to that of drawing checks.

Checks drawn by disbursing officers, upon money thus deposited, should be in favor of the person, by name, to whom payment is to be made, or in favor of such person, by name, or bearer, with these exceptions:

- [A.] Any disbursing officer may draw checks *in favor of himself or bearer* for such amounts as may be necessary [1] to pay sums under twenty dollars; [2] to pay (a) fixed salaries due at a certain period, he may withdraw the necessary amount by checks two days before the salaries are to be paid; (b) to make payments at a distance from a depositary, he may withdraw the necessary amount by check.
- [B.] Any disbursing officer of the War Department, specially designated by the Secretary of War, may also draw by checks payable to himself or bearer the amount of his regular monthly pay-rolls or vouchers, not to exceed five days before the regular date when payment of such pay-rolls or vouchers is due.

All disbursing officers or agents, except Pension Agents, drawing checks on moneys deposited to their official credit, must state on the face or back of each check the object or purpose to which the avails are to be applied. Such statement may be made in brief form, but must clearly indicate the object of the expenditure, as for instance "pay," "pay-roll," or "payment of troops," adding the fort or station, "purchase of subsistence" or other supplies, "on contract for construction," mentioning the fortification or other public work for which the payment is made, &c.

Pension Agents drawing checks in favor of themselves, or in favor of any person other than a pen-

sioner, must furnish a list, containing the names of the persons to whom payment is to be made from the avails, and the amounts payable to each.

Transfer checks drawn by one disbursing officer in favor of another, will be used only to effect a transfer of credit from the drawer to the payee in the depository where they are payable and to which they should be transmitted by the payee for such purpose.

Excepting checks of Pension Agents in favor of pensioners, and "bounty checks," public depositaries are not required to pay checks of disbursing officers made payable in the alternative, to any person or his order. They may, however, pay them when drawn to order if satisfied of the genuineness of the endorsements and sufficient funds remain to the credit of the drawer.

Checks will not be returned to the drawer after their payment, but the depository with whom the account is kept shall furnish the officer with a monthly statement of his deposit account.

No allowance will be made to any disbursing officer for expenses charged for collecting money on checks.

In case of the death, resignation, or removal of any disbursing officer, checks previously drawn by him will be paid from the funds at his credit, unless said checks have been drawn more than four months before the presentation thereof, or reasons exist for suspecting fraud.

Each disbursing officer is required, when first opening a disbursing account, to furnish his official signature to the officer on whom the checks are drawn before drawing such checks.

No. —.

OFFICE OF THE U. S. (Assistant Treasurer or Depository.)

—, —, 18—.

RECEIVED of —, —, —, 1888 Dollars, consisting of —, to be placed to his credit as —, and subject only to his check in that official capacity.

\$ —.

—, U. S. (Assistant Treasurer or Depository.)

A receipt of this form shall be given for every deposit made by a disbursing officer, which shall show, besides its serial number and the place and date of issue, the character of the funds, i. e., whether coin or currency; and if the credit is made by a disbursing officer's check, transferring funds to another disbursing officer, the essential items of the check shall be enumerated; if by a Treasury draft, like items shall be given, including the warrant number. The title of each officer shall be expressed, and the title of the disbursing account shall also show for what branch of the public service the account is kept, it being essential for the proper transaction of Department's business that moneys advanced to a disbursing officer serving in two or more distinct capacities, from different bureaus, be kept separate and distinct from each other, and be so reported to the Department both by the officer and the depository.

These regulations are intended to supersede those of May 27, 1857, November 10, 1866, January 18, 1868, November 23, 1869, July 14, 1871, October 10, 1871, and November 24, 1871.


Secretary.

(See acts of August 6, 1846; March 3, 1857; June 14, 1866.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., 10 Aug. 1874

C. A. Wetmore Esq.
New York -

Sir;

By direction of
the Secretary of the Interior, you are
hereby appointed Special Com^r
to the Mission Indians in
Southern California.

You will
proceed to the Pacific Coast
and make the necessary
arrangements in San Francisco
for making a tour among the
Indians along the coast as far
as San Diego -

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More specific instructions will be forwarded you in a few days. Your compensation will be at the rate of Eight (~~\$8.00~~) dollars per day, while on duty and your actual and necessary travelling expenses.

In travelling over the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Rail Roads, you will not pay your fare in money, but make requisition upon the respective Agents of these roads for one passage, and on receipting for the same, the passage will be granted you.

I am

Very Resptl
J. M. Smith

Chas. P. Smith Comr

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.,

Aug. 11th, 1874.

Sir:

For your information I have to state that in traveling over any of the following subsidized railroads, viz:

Union Pacific,

Central Pacific,

Central Branch Union Pacific,

Kansas Pacific,

Western Pacific,

and Sioux City & Pacific,

it will be necessary for you to make requisition upon the proper officer of any of said roads upon whom you may be obliged to travel over, after having first satisfied him that you are an officer of this Department, by exhibiting to him your letter of instructions, and to give a properly

Certified voucher for such transportation
as may be furnished you.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
W. R. Flinn,
Atty. Gen. (MC)

C. A. Whitmore,
Attor. House,
N. Y. City

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., Aug 14, 1874

Sir:

Your official bond, under your appointment as Special Indian Agent for California, having been received and accepted by this office, I have this day caused a requisition to issue in your favor for the sum of \$1000. To be applied, so far as necessary, in defraying your actual traveling and other contingent expenses connected with the duties of your office.

These funds, of which a tabular statement is herewith, will be placed to your official credit with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New York City, and you will be held to account under your bond for the proper care and dis-

position of the same.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant:

H. R. Lundy,

Atty. Gen. (M)

C. A. Wetmore,
Special Inv. Agent,
New York City.

A. T. Britton.

SUCCESSORS TO Britton, Gray & Drummond,
BRITTON & GRAY,

Attorneys at Law.

H. I. Gray.

Willis Drummond,

Late Com. of General Land Office.

Procure titles from the United States to agricultural, mineral and grant lands.

No. 624 F STREET.

Washington: D. C. Aug. 14th 1874.

Chas. A. Wetmore, Esq.,
Astor House, New York City.

Dear Sir:

We received yours of 13th inst., and have filed the bond with Col. Linn, and he accepted same as good. He will to-day make requisition upon the Treasury Dept., and mark same special - and he says the money will be deposited to your credit in N. Y. probably by Tuesday. His "special" will carry the matter through the mill as rapidly as we could follow it.

We have no charge to make.

Yours Truly,
Britton, Gray & Drummond

No. *For California Special Agency.*

STATEMENT OF FUNDS remitted to *Chas. A. Wetmore, Spec. Agt.* for the *3rd and 4th* quarters of 18*74*

HEADS UNDER WHICH TO ACCOUNT	NAMES OF PLACES AND OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<i>'Incidental expenses Indian Service in California' (1873)</i>	<i>For traveling and truck other contingent expenses of Special Agent C. A. Wetmore as may be necessary to carry out his official instructions and properly conduct the affairs of his Agency</i>		<i>\$ 1.00</i>

*Main Office,
Aug. 14. 1874.*

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

Aug 17th 1874.

Sir:

A Requisition, No. 7270, drawn by the Secretary of the Interior on the Secretary of the Treasury, has this day been sent to the proper Office for a Warrant to be issued for

One thousand ————— $\frac{=}{100}$ Dollars,

for which sum you are held accountable under the following appropriations:

Expenses in California 1875 ————— \$1000-

Respectfully,

E. B. Runk

Second Auditor.

To Mr. A. M. McNamee
— through the
— Treasury

By J. A.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C. Aug. 17, 1874

Sir:

Enclose herewith for your information and guidance in the premises copy of Department General order of the 1st ultimo, and have to direct your attention to the rules contained therein relative to travel on public business.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servant,

R. R. Linn

Actg. Secy. (nr)

C. J. Wetmore,
Special Ind^y Agent,
Astor House,
N. Y. City.

GENERAL ORDER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1, 1874.

Hereafter the expenses of all officers of the Government, or other persons when traveling on duty or other public business for or on account of this Department, or any of the Bureaus connected therewith, will be confined to "actual traveling expenses," usual and essential to the ordinary comfort of travelers, and will embrace the following items of expenditure only, viz:

I.. Fares upon railroads, steamboats, packets, or other usual modes of conveyance.

II.. Hire of special transportation, either by land or water, when there are no regular means of conveyance.

III.. Fittings, tolls, and horse-keeping, when transportation is hired.

IV.. Street-car or omnibus or transfer-coach fare to and from depots and hotels, and, when there are no such conveyances, moderate and necessary hack-hire not exceeding the legal rates; also baggage fees to porters.

V.. Sleeping-car fare for one double berth for each person, or customary state-room accommodation on boats, steamers, &c.

VI.. Lodging and meals in hotels, *en route*

VII.. Hotel expenses, not exceeding four dollars per day, when the detention is incident to, or necessary for, the performance of the duties for which the travel is ordered.

VIII.. Necessary meals, *en route*, but for no other items of refreshment than the ordinary food provided for travelers.

No charge will be allowed for hotel bills when the detention is unnecessary for the execution of the orders under which the journey is performed, nor for meals furnished on steamers or other means of conveyance which are included in the charge for fare.

Every officer or other person traveling as above indicated will keep a memorandum of the expenditures herein allowed, noting each item upon its being made, and the certificate, in the case of an officer, or affidavit, in the case of any other person, to be made on the voucher, will set forth that the different charges in detail therein have been taken from and verified by his memorandum; that they are correct and just; that the amount

charged was actually paid; that the number of days for which the same is charged was necessarily consumed in unavoidable delays incident to travel, and in the performance of the duty ordered or services rendered, and that the journey was performed with all practicable dispatch by the shortest usually traveled routes, under orders, [copy annexed.] or for the purpose of —, [here the object of the journey should be fully stated.]

When unusual routes or expensive means of transportation are charged for, explanatory certificates, setting forth the necessity for the same, must accompany the accounts, and, if approved by the Head of the Department or the Chief of the Bureau, such charges will be allowed.

Any officer or other person traveling on duty or public business as herein provided, over any of the railroads below named, to which grants or subsidies have been made by the United States and from which payment for freight and transportation furnished for Government service is, by the 2d section of an act of Congress approved March 3d, 1873, (U. S. Statutes at Large, vol. 17, p. 503,) directed to be withheld, will exhibit his order to the proper officer of the railroad company and request transportation, and on receiving the requisite order therefor will give the company the necessary voucher for the amount of the fare.

The railroads above referred to are as follows, viz:

The "Central Pacific," "Kansas Pacific," "Union Pacific, Central Branch," "Union Pacific," "Western Pacific," and the "Sioux City and Pacific."

All previous orders of this Department in relation to the foregoing subject are hereby revoked.

C. DELANO,

Secretary.

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., August 15, 1874.

SIR:

The irregular and unsystematic character of vouchers heretofore issued by Superintendents of Indian Affairs, Indian Agents, and others connected with the Indian service, renders it necessary that rules be established for the guidance of all officers of the Government connected with the management of Indian Affairs in issuing vouchers.

Therefore, on and after the first day of September, 1874, all vouchers issued by Superintendents of Indian Affairs, Indian Agents, and all others connected with the Indian service, must conform to the following rules, viz:

I. All vouchers must be legibly dated, and every certificate, whether on the face or back of any voucher, by whomsoever made, to give it validity must also be dated.

II. All vouchers for merchandise, of whatever kind, must state the date of purchase and date and place of delivery.

III. All receipts upon which claims are founded must be dated, and the date and place of delivery of merchandise, of whatever kind, distinctly stated; and the fact must also be stated on such receipts whether they are given singly, in duplicates, or otherwise. The word "original," written on a receipt, will not be taken as proof that but one was issued.

IV. In all cases in which vouchers filed in the disbursing accounts of Superintendents and Agents have been paid by checks, the numbers, dates, amounts, and names of persons to whom payable, together with the name of the bank or institution upon which drawn, must be indorsed upon the backs of such vouchers.

V. Certificates as to the correctness of accounts must, in all cases, have embodied therein, *in writing*, the amount due on said account; and when purchases are made in open market, the certificate must state that the exigencies of the service required the immediate delivery of the articles purchased.

You are requested to give these rules particular attention, as all vouchers issued after the first day of September next, and presented at this Office for settlement, will, if not in strict conformity therewith, be returned for correction.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

Chas. A. Wetmore

R. R. Allen,
Acty Commissioner.

U. S. Spec. Agent.

(Accounts—Form V.)

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Aug. 19th, 1874.

Charles A. Metcalf,
Special Indian Agent,

Interior — Draft No. 2899 for \$ 1,000.⁰⁰ /
on Warrant No. 1409. Has this day been issued from
this Office on Requisition of Secretary of Interior
No. 7270, and transmitted by mail to Asst Treas.
N.Y. New York
to be placed upon his books to your credit.

Very respectfully,

S. D. Spinner

Treas. U. S.

[Signature]



Office of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York May 27, 1874

Received of Treasurer U.S.

Che Howard _____ Dollars,

consisting of P.D. #2899, on Interior M
#1409

to be placed to the credit of Charles Kefauver, M and subject only
to his check in that official capacity.



W. S. Assistant Treasurer.

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(See Acts of August 6, 1840; March 3, 1857; June 14, 1865.)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, January 2, 1872.

GEO. S. BOUTWELL,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York.

Aug 21, 1871

Sir: A disbursing officer whose signature is not known to this office, on opening an account, must furnish a specimen of his official signature, duly verified by some signature known at this office.

His checks cannot be paid nor can a check book be sent him until the above is complied with. A check book cannot be sent until funds are received.

~~In drawing against this office disbursing officers are requested to use~~ all care to make their checks and signatures as uniform as possible; to fill in the amount from the left of the check—taking the usual precautions to prevent the raising of the amount—and not to issue a check on which there has been an alteration made of name or amount without certifying to the correctness of the alteration.

Check books should be kept where unauthorized parties cannot have access to them, and when an officer closes his account any unused checks, if not turned over to his successor, should be returned to this office.

Please inform any officer to whom you may transfer funds to be deposited here of the above.

You will please furnish me with a certified specimen of your signature before drawing my checks.

W. H. White
 Secy. U. S. Assistant Treasurer.

Chas. A. Peterson Esq
 Special Sub Agent
 Astor House
 N. Y.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York, Aug. 31, 1874.

Sir:

Herewith I send you Statement of your Disbursing Account, Please examine and advise me of the result,

and advise me of the result,

Very respectfully,

To C. A. Wetmore Esq. :
Appl. Ind. Bond.

Dr.

New York.

U. S. Assistant Treasury

Dr.

DATE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	DATE.	CHARACTER OF DEPOSIT.	AMOUNT.
-187/24-			Aug 21	By Cash	1000
Aug 29 ~		\$1,000.			
				TOTAL CREDITS.....\$	1000
				TOTAL DEBITS.....\$	1000
				BALANCE.....\$	

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., 25 Sept. 1874.

Sir; -

Referring to Office letter of August 18th informing you of your appointment as Commissioner to the Mission Indians of Southern California, the following instructions are given for your guidance in transacting your duties under this commission.

These Indians have been the subject of special thought and care on the part of the Government for the past year.

On May 1873, Rev. J. E. Ames was made special Commissioner to submit a report upon this subject. A copy of this report is

herewith forwarded which you will find to contain much valuable information respecting these Indians.

The effort of the Department to carry into effect, in part the recommendations of Commissioner Ames failed for want of the necessary legislation. It is supposed that Congress was unwilling to enter upon a plan which requires so large an outlay of funds, and the question now raised is as to what plan involving less outlay can be devised for the relief and improvement of these Indians.

It is supposed that it may be possible to locate these Indians upon tracts of land which will be mainly donated by land-holders who desire to procure the labor of Indians upon their estates, and that for the other provision

may be made to purchase land at low rates upon which they may make their homes, and either till their own land or secure employment from others around them.

In either case the title of the land thus secured for their benefit should be vested in the Government.

It is also desirable, in connection with your special efforts for the relief of these Indians, that you obtain information respecting their previous history and condition. It is thought that the records of some of the old missions may be of value in furnishing such information and if you find it necessary to employ clerical labor, to a moderate extent, in transcribing copies of these records, com-

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compensation for this service will be
allowed, to not exceed Ten Hundred
Dollars.

You will make full report to
this Office upon all matters relating
to this service with such recommenda-
tions as you shall deem most for
the interest of the Indians and the
Government.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Edw. P. Smith.

E. P. Smith
Commissioner

Chas. A. McIntire Esq.
Special Commissioner
San Francisco.
Cal.

Department of the Interior.

Approved

C. H. Johnson

Sept 25;
1874

John G. Downey, Pres.
Isaias W. Hellman, Cash.

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Summers & Merchants Bank
of
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Los Angeles, Cal. Oct. 11th 1874

Chas. A. Hellman Esq.

Dear Sir:

I received
your note of this morning and very glad that
you have been appointed agent for these
poor unfortunate, deserving and unprotected
Indians - I have not the slightest idea
that the party you refer to will touch
any thing that has not money in it -
They have long since seen the necessity
existing in that quarter and have
utterly ignored their existence - This
must be apparent to you - The Government
has stood by and sanctioned the robbery of the
Mission lands that has intended by the Spanish
and Mexican Government for the Knapfites. They
have lashed millions in the deserving human beings there
those noble creatures, now in the name of humanity urge
something in their behalf - Yours very truly
John G. Downey

ROOMS OF THE

Republican County Central Committee

GEORGE STONE, Chairman.

D. C. REED, Secretary.

San Diego, Cal., Oct 23 1874

Mr C. A. Wetmore
Special U. S. Indian
Commissioner

Dear Sir:
We heartily indorse
your views, with regard to the
treatment of the Indians of
this County, and hope you
will be able to carry out
your ideas, believing it
will not only be to the
advantage of the Indians
but also to the white settlers.

Respectfully - Yours -
Geo. Stone

Ch. Rep. Co. Con. Comm.
D. C. Reed
Secy Rep Co. Con. Comm.

Texas and Pacific Railway Company,

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

San Diego, Cal. Oct. 24. 1874.

Mr. Charles A. Wetmore

Com. Mission Indians M.

San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Sir:

Permit me to say that I have read with great satisfaction your article in the San Diego Union, in regard to the future management of the Mission Indians of this County. If you can carry your ideas into practice I verily believe that you will solve the much vexed question "What shall we do with these Indians?"

I sincerely hope the Interior Department will take hold of your plan in earnest and in good time adopt your views.

I am very truly

C. F. Wiggart

Member Republican State

Central Com. California

San Diego, Cal^a
Oct-25 1874

Re. A. Wetmore Esq.

Sir - After hearing
you explain quite fully the plan and
suggestions which you propose to report
to the government in regard to the
Mission Indians of Southern California
I have to say, that I heartily approve the
same, and so far as I can learn
they are approved by every person in the
country, who is at all conversant with
the subject. I particularly commend your
idea of inviting the aid of the Catholic
Church, for the reason that these Indians
are Catholics, and have faith in the Church.
But they have no faith in the Government
of the United States, and have abundant
reason for this want of faith in the latter.
It matters not how admirable the plan
may be, or how well calculated to do.

justice to both whites and indians
it will fail to a great extent, unless
the indians can be persuaded that the
Government will deal fairly and honestly
by them, and secure to them rights
permanently. However any one of us
may be prejudiced against the Catholic
~~Church~~ Church or its religious teachings, all
must confess that it has attained a
degree of success in handling and
governing indians that has not been
approached by our government.

I sincerely hope that your report
will be adopted by the Government
as a basis for its action in the matter
and that action had speedily, so avoiding
the serious trouble that threatens this
country.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
T. W. Powers

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D. C.

Nov. 5, 1874

Sir: Inclose, herewith, for your use while traveling on business connected with this Office, orders for transportation over the Central Pacific Railroad from San Francisco to Ogden, and over the Union Pacific Railroad from Ogden to Council Bluffs.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant:

Edw. P. Smith
Gunnip (M)

C. A. Wetmore
Special Divⁿ Agent,
Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C.

Nov. 9, 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. inclosing an estimate of funds required for the service in the Mission Sp. Agency, during the 4th quarter, 1874.

In compliance with said estimate I have this day caused a requisition to issue for the sum of \$ 488⁺ to be placed to your official credit with the U^y Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco from the appropriations and for the objects designated in the tabular statement herewith, for the proper care and disposition of which sum you will be held to account under your bond.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servant:

C. J. Wetmore, Jr.
Special Commissioner,
San Fr. Ass^t. Treasurer.
Spec. Cal.

E. J. Briggs
Comm^r

No.

for

Mission Special

Agency.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS remitted to

Chas. A. Wetmore, Ap. Com.

for the

3^d 4th

quarters of 18

HEADS UNDER WHICH TO ACCOUNT.

NAMES OF THINGS AND OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE.

AMOUNT.

TOTAL.

"Quadrantial expenses Indian Service in California, 1875" No. 10 applied in payment for services rendered by Charles A. Wetmore as special Commissioner to the Indian Int. in California, @ \$1500 per day

Apr. 9 1876.

"H.F."

(Accounts—Form V.)

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Nov 14, 1877

Chas A. Metmore

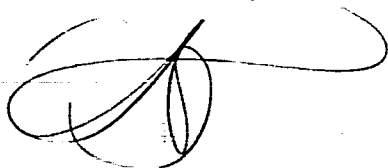
Spk. Ind. Agt.

San Fran. Cal

Interior Draft No. 3612 for \$ 488—
on Warrant No. 2078. Has this day been issued from
this Office on Requisition of Secretary of the Interior
No. 7786, and transmitted by mail to
A. D. San Francisco
to be placed upon his books to your credit.

Very respectfully,


Treas. U. S.



Department of the Interior,

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C.

May 21st 1875

Sir:

The Secretary of the Interior has this day been requested to draw a requisition in your favor, on the Secretary of the Treasury, for the sum of Three hundred thirty nine

51 Dollars,
100

to be remitted to you at San Francisco,

bal. -

being the amount found due you on settlement of your acct as Special Commr.

Any further communications on this subject should be addressed to the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. Smith

Commissioner.

To C. A. Wetmore,
San Francisco.