

July 20th 1836

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Sir

I herewith enclose ^{a copy of} an account and letter received by me in relation to the transportation of the Corralles Indians; ^{from your place to Mexico} The bill presented is for a much greater sum than I feel myself authorized to pay inasmuch as the aggregate number of ~~persons~~ Indians transported was, only, 98, including children.

The claim is based by the Capt of the Steamer, it seems, upon a Contract (whether verbal or written it is not stated) made by you for the transportation of 250 Indians. Of such contract, if one was made, I am as yet totally ignorant, and desire you will inform me of all the facts in connection with the matter.

My instructions to ~~local Agent~~ W. Flett (who had ^{was directed} instructions to show them to you) ^{were} to the direct point that transportation would be provided for those that chose to come, and ~~say~~ that he should apply to you ~~with a request~~ to make the arrangements.

In ~~it~~ order that a just and equitable settlement of the matter may be had, I would be pleased if you will see the Capt of the Steamer, and make with him, such an issue as will be just and satisfactory to all. Some misconstruction has doubtless caused

I have no ~~disposition to make~~ ^{614.1} ^{150.} ^{999.} the subject of a just claim, but it appears to me if an allowance ^{of this kind should be made} the accounting officer would disallow ^{the voucher}, and unless I am legally bound by specific contract I shall feel warranted in protesting against such a charge. The amount of what ^{was} ^{paid} ^{to} ^{the} ^{office}
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