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Monterey July 8th 1852

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 7th inst, informing me that on the Post Return for last month I am reported as "absent without leave," and requiring an explanation of said absence.

In reply I have respectfully to state, that the cause of my "absence without leave" from the Commanding Offices of Monterey Redoubt, was owing to an impression, still existing, in my mind, that a Military Storekeeper, in charge of an Ordnance Storehouse, is entirely independent of the Post Officer, and responsible to the Office of the Ordnance Department (or other competent and higher authority) alone, for the proper discharge of the duties of his office.

1st Lieut I. Hamilton

I am Sir Very Respectfully

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Your Obt Servt

Comdg. Monterey Redoubt

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. (*Military Storkeeper*)Ordnance

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Briscoe Gerard Baldwin Jr.

08/12/1828 (VA.) – 09/28/1898 (Brazos Cty, TX)

Served as Chief of Ordnance of Army of the Potomac under Gen. Robert E. Lee. Paroled as Lt. Col at Appomattox Court House 04/9/1865.
