

Benicia Arsenal

Cal July 30th 1857

Sir,

I respectfully request that you will permit me to recall my refusal to obey your order of 1st inst in regard to take an inventory of the ordnance and ordnance stores at this arsenal. My intention is with your consent to proceed to carry out the order and to present to a common superior protest against the order. As contrary to the customs of the service, and illegal, with a request for such separation as may be proper under the circumstances.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

(Signed) Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance

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To which the commanding officer has acceded. The work therefore of taking the inventory will proceed under the orders and instructions already given. (Signed) F.D. Callender