

BHM 2019 021 42

Benicia Arsenal

July 30th 1857

Sir,

I respectfully request that you will permit me to recall my refusal to obey your order of the 1st inst in regard to taking 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 obdt serv

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordn

Capt F.D. Callender

____ Ordnance

Comandy Benicia Arsenal

----- Decision from Arsenal Ledger -----

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