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Monterey Redoubt Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 30<sup>th</sup>, authorizing me to purchase a Mule & cart for the use of the Ordnance Department at this Depot, and requesting me to make an estimate of amount of funds required for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 1852.

There is a great demand for mules and wagons of every description in Monterey at present and none of either in market. The Quartermaster at this post will sell on next Wednesday at Public Auction a mule and cart, but I think they will sell for two or three times their value. The mule is old and the cart a good deal worn. The Quarter Master will sell these conditionally deferring their delivery \*\* \*\* to any individual purchaser until I can receive information whether you can make any arrangement with the Qr. Master Department by which they can be obtained for Ordnance service more reasonably. Intrinsically they are worth about \$75. The Quartermaster is unwilling to sell them at private sale for less than \$150. They will probably bring at auction \$200.

I herewith enclose an estimate of funds required for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 1852.

You will perceive that I have included some items in the estimate, which should properly have been paid out of funds on hand and been included in account current of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; but as the Watchman was hired without your order, and as after the 15<sup>th</sup> of September it was impossible to hire a watchman or retain the one employed at less than \$2 a day. I have thought best to bring the matter to your notice in the estimate. Appel, the man noticed, as employed first in the capacity of Watchman and afterwards as Watchman & Laborer agreed to act as Watchman at \$1.00 pr. night for a week or two only, afterwards he was unwilling to remain unless employed as Laborer at the usual.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obvt. Servt

Briscoe G Baldwin

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

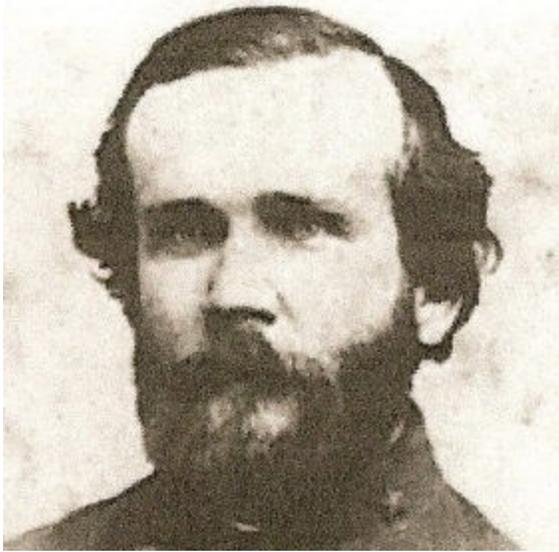
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