

Monterey March 11th 1852

Captain,

Herewith are enclosed duplicate receipts for the Ordnance Stores landed here by the bark "Anita" and also invoices of Ordnance shipped here for Benicia Depot by same vessel

You will please inform me in what situation the Military Storekeeper at this post stands to the Com d! of the redoubt. Is he direct responsible the this office and subject to his command in regard to "Musters" and "Uniform" and are the Ordnance Stores liable to inspection by the Post Officers? I am under the impression that the Ordnance Officers who may be stationed here are not at all responsible to the Post Officers for the preservation of the Ordnance Stores and that (save under rules of Military aspect and prudence) they are entirely independent of these officers.

Capt Burton requires myself and Armourer Masters to Muster with his command, informs the regulations in regard to beards, and has the Ordnance Magazine opened for inspection. I respectfully request your advice in the subject as, although personally, I have no feeling on the subject. I am still desirous that the Corps in which I am attached shall not suffer in it relative position by inattention on my part. In consequence of heavy and long continued rains. I have as yet been unable to examine carefully the field battery. At as early a day as circumstances will permit I shall comply with your instructions in relation to it. Armourer Masters is at present engaged in replacing the beds and repiling the balls and shells that were disarrayed in order to repair the flag staff of the redoubt.

I am respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

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