

Monterey June 8th 1852

Captain

Under date of May the 1st I addressed you at Capt. Burton's instance a requisition for seventeen pintle blocks, for the service of the Redoubt Battery the old blocks being rotten and unfit for resitting. Not having received an answer to my letters I am apprehensive that it did not reach you.

I therefore expect the request that you will at as early a day as practicable send the above mentioned number of pintle blocks. The old pins can either be used with the new blocks, or stored away. Capt Burton informed me that a further supply of Gun Lacker, say six gallons, and a quantity of Linseed oil, say, ten or twelve gallons are necessary for cleaning up the Redoubt guns and carriages, There is no Sperm oil in the Magazines at this place, the small supply I found here having been consumed in oiling the muskets, I respectfully request that a small supply may be sent, I have not made out a formal requisition for the above mentioned stores, because I am under the impression that, this is mainly a branch or dependency of the Benicia Depot, and therefore, that you being informed of any deficiencies that may exist here, have entire control over the supplies that may be sent, and will act at your own discretion. Armorer Mathers authorized either Mr Trader or Sergeant Maguire to sign pay receipts in his name and requests that a draft may be sent me if practicable, for the amount.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Briscoe G Baldwin

M.S.K. (*Military Store Keeper*) Ordnance

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Briscoe Gerard Baldwin Jr.

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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.

Capt. Harry Stanton Burton

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A **pintle** is a pin or bolt, usually inserted into a **gudgeon**, which is used as part of a pivot or hinge. A pintle mount is a fixed mount that allows the gun to be freely traversed and/or elevated while keeping the gun in one fixed position: typically the mounting is either a rod on the underside of the gun (a pintle rod) that mates with a socket, or an intermediary gun cradle that mounts to the sides of the weapon's barrel or receiver.