

Paymaster General's Office  
August 14<sup>th</sup> 1847.

To the Honorable

William S. Marcy  
Secretary of War,

Sir,

I return Major W. H. Russell's papers referred to me for report. It appears from a paper signed by Lieut. Col. Fremont, and dated Camp near New Helvetia October the 8<sup>th</sup> 1846, that he appointed W. H. Russell ordnance master of the California Regiment of Volunteers with rank assimilated to that of Major in the United States Army.

It will be seen by an extract from General Scott's letter to General Kearney (see paper N<sup>o</sup> 1) that the department recognized the service of the California Volunteers, and directed them to be mustered into service (retrospectively) under the act of May 15<sup>th</sup> 1846, if not previously done, and by an extract from General Kearney's order N<sup>o</sup> 2, dated at Monterey March the 1<sup>st</sup> 1847 (paper N<sup>o</sup> 2) it will also be seen that General Kearney ordered the muster to be made. The paymasters in California have been instructed to pay the Volunteers accordingly and

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