I consider the question of the validity of the contracts of 1821 & 1822, a subject reserved by the President for himself to consider, and not submitted to the Commissioners for investigation; nor did they investigate it; therefore I cannot concur in that part of the report which says they did; and I consider all matters in the report connected with this subject as gratuitous and cannot give my sanction to it. So far as the report states the acts, and transactions of the Commissioners, according to their journal, I concur.

John T. Mason, Sept. 20, 1830.