

Department of Justice,

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY,

Washington, D. C., May 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

I have considered your proposal under date of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant, in the matter of the case of the United States against J. S. Smoot et al, I cannot entertain the same not only because I doubt my authority to submit the interests of the Government to arbitration, but because I do not consider that I am justified in recommending in a proper case submitted the acceptance of a sum less in amount than the property will sell for under a decree.

Respectfully,

W. Ragsdale

Solicitor of the Treasury

Hon. A. F. Tuttle  
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully  
refers to O.D.,  
Barnett.

J. M. Weston

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