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+ 1839. Abril 20 San Juan Bautista.

José T. Castro, Prefecto del 1.º distrito.

Informa al Gob. Juan Pta Alvarado sobre  
súplica hecha en 12 Nov. 1837 por Man.  
Larios, pidiendo se le diese posesión de la  
cañada de los Pinacates, fundándose en que  
José Cruz y José M.ª Bossio, á quienes el Gob.  
la habia concedido en virtud de la ley de  
coloniz.ª, se habian marchado al interior  
de la Rep.ª abandonándola sin cultivo  
ni fomento alguno.

El informe es favorable á que se adjudique  
que el terreno á Larios, con la condicion  
de que á los vecinos de este pueblo no se  
quite el uso de sus aguas y maderas.

+ 1841. San Juan de Castro (antes S. Juan Baut.ª)

Feb. 18. Hoy se dio á Cruz Covantes posesion del terreno  
San Joaq.ª (a) Rosa Morada con todas  
las formalidades - devolviendole el expediente

Feb. 19 Hoy se dio á Fran.º Pacheco posesion del  
terreno "Bolsa de San Felipe", el que se le concedio en título  
de 14 Oct. 1840 - se le devolvió el expediente

+ 1842 En. 16. San Juan de Castro.

Manuel Castañares, Secretaris de la prefectura del 1.<sup>er</sup> distrito desde principios del año anterior de 1841.

+ 1842 Set. 22. Monterey

José M.<sup>a</sup> Castañares, Secret.<sup>int.</sup> de la prefectura del 1.<sup>er</sup> distrito desde 4 de Feb.

+ 1839 Aro 16 Pueblo de San Carlos

Marcelino Escobar, Juez interino

+ 1843 En. 4 Méx.

A. Batres y J. de la Vega, en la Tesorería Genl. de Méx. al Tesorero Departam. de Cal.<sup>if.</sup> - sobre bienes de exclaustrados.

Avisan que los bienes de temporalidades de religiosos, ni en los dedicados a objetos de benefic.<sup>a</sup> y caridad, se han puesto a cargo de la Tesorería Gen. Se pide una noticia circunstanciada del estado

que guardan otros bienes en esta Cal., espe-  
cificando valores y arrendam<sup>tos</sup> de las  
fincas; y otras noticias generales sobre  
el particular.

+ 1845 Set. 12 Mont.

Marcelino Escobar, Alcalde 1.º Constitucional y  
Juez de 1.ª inst.ª

Investig. judicial sobre el modo de la muerte  
de José Ant.º Rodríguez, Fran.º Mesa y Fran.º  
González; de la que resultó que se habían  
abogado al tiempo de sacar efectos  
del buque perdido "Estrella de Occidente"  
de Mr John Parrott, por haberlos arrebatado  
las olas.

+ 1839. Mayo 6. San Luis Rey.  
Pío Pico, Admón. al Gob. del Dept.º

Ajunta lista de créditos pasivos de la ex-misión  
seg.ª la entrega q.º le hizo el Comisionado Pablo de la  
Portilla - p.ª conoc.º de la Junta Departam.ª

+ 1839 Mayo 20. San Juan de Castro.  
José Castro, Prefecto del 1.º distrito

Mark West y John Cooper le pidieron  
concesion del parage llamado "Huersta del  
Rey" - pasó a informe del Alcalde 1.º  
de Mont. Simeon Castro, quien on 23  
del mismo mes informó que el terreno  
bia sido pedido anticipadamente por otro.

+ 1837 Mayo 15 Sta Barb.ª  
Cob. Alvarado. Carta de naturaliza

concedida al natural de Tennessee, George  
Nidever, despues de practicadas las  
diligencias p.ª probar su buena conducta  
y moralidad, ante el Alcalde Constitucion.  
Diego Olivera, y Regidor del ilustre Ayunt.  
Santiago Lugo.

+ 1846 En. 13 Mont.

Man. Diaz, alcalde 1.º Constituc. y Juez de 1.ª Inst.ª

+ 1840. Julio 29

Fran.<sup>co</sup> C. Arce, Secret.<sup>o</sup> de la Prefet.<sup>a</sup> del 1.<sup>o</sup> distrito.  
David Spence, Alcalde 1.<sup>o</sup> de Mont.

+ 1839 Oct. 14. San Fran.<sup>co</sup>

Fran.<sup>co</sup> Guerrero, Juez de Paz.

+ 1835 Agt.<sup>o</sup> 22. San Luis Rey

Pio Pico, Comor - al Jefe Polit.<sup>o</sup> José Figueroa

Le transcribo un of.<sup>o</sup> que recibí del mismo Jefe  
Polit.<sup>o</sup> fha 29 mayo, que dice: "Supuesto que  
los hijos del pueblo de las Flores se conforman  
con no recibir auxilios p.<sup>a</sup> su manutención  
con tal de quedar relevados de los trabajos  
de la comunidad y entera libertad p.<sup>a</sup> bus-  
car su subsist.<sup>a</sup>, puede V. acceder á su  
solicitud, luego que el Comisionado le haya repar-  
tido los bienes que tengo ordenados."

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+ 1845 Julio 10 Méx.

Cuevas, Ministro de Relaciones Ex - al Gov: de Cal. Sobre  
Mr. A. Sutter.

Le previene informe que si Sutter "que  
actualm<sup>te</sup> ocupa el predio de Pico y la  
Bodega, en calidad de poblador, aún no lo  
paga", en qué estado está el negocio. (al  
márgen dice que fué contestado el 20 Oct. 1845)

+ 1847 July 23. Santa Clara.

W<sup>m</sup> Blackburn, alcalde, successor to J. L.  
Major.

+ 1847 Augt. 8. Sonoma.

Liburn Boggs, alcalde & Magistrate.

Complains that <sup>J.H.</sup> Nash has not given up all records &c.

+ 1847 Augt 12 San José

John Burton, Alcalde.

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+ 1847 July 5. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.  
George Hyde, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 13 Mont.  
W. R. Langley, 2<sup>o</sup> Alcalde.

1848 Jan<sup>y</sup> 13. San Fran<sup>co</sup>  
J. W. Wecker, Alcalde.  
Robt. L. Ridley, Albalde Alcalde

+ 1848 Jan<sup>y</sup> 27. San Fran<sup>co</sup>  
Timothy Murphy, Alcalde.

+ 1848 March 10. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

Members of town council <sup>+ citizens</sup> petition Gov. Mason  
<sup>+ or Leavenworth</sup>  
to remove George Hyde from office of Alcalde  
& to appoint Dr John Townsend & John C.  
Buchanan.

March 18. E. P. Jones & W. A. Leidesdorff,  
two members of the town council ask for the removal  
of Geo. Hyde from office of Alcalde on charges  
preferred agt. him. Hyde on the 11<sup>th</sup> had  
applied for leave, speaking of secret proceedings  
agt. him.

1848 Apr. 28 Sta Cruz - 28 citizens petition



Gov<sup>r</sup> for removal of Alcalde W<sup>m</sup> Blackburn.

+ 1848 April 29 San Jose

Charles White, Alcalde.

Elam Brown, do in Contra Costa.

+ 1848 May 1. Los Angeles

Stephen C. Foster, Alcalde 1<sup>o</sup>.

1848 July 25 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Thad. M. Leavenworth, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Dec. 18. San Jose

H. Dimmick, Alcalde &c.

+ 1848 Feb. 15 Sacramento

John Sinclair, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Feb. 19. San Jose

Charles White, 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde.

+ 1848 March 4 San Jose

Ch<sup>s</sup> White, Alcalde. Threaten<sup>d</sup> sedition.

Reports to Gov. Mason the organiz<sup>n</sup> of a party, of whom  
Beverly is one, in the Redwoods, who threaten

to attack the prison of Monterey & establish  
an independent gov.<sup>t</sup>

+ 1848 March 24 Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>  
Pedro C. Carrillo, Alcalde.

+ 1848 April 3<sup>d</sup> Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>  
Pablo de la Guerra, acting Alcalde.

+ 1848 Apr. 29. Sta Cruz

A petition sign<sup>d</sup> by 134 persons sent to Gov.<sup>r</sup> to  
Keep Mr Blackburn as alcalde.

+ 1848 May 15 San Buenav.<sup>a</sup>  
Fran<sup>co</sup> Ortega, Alcalde.

+ 1848 July 16. San José  
Chas<sup>s</sup> White, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason

Resigns his office, & makes off. complaint of an assault  
made on him when acting in his official

capacity by one Pacheco.

On 22<sup>d</sup> he reported W<sup>m</sup> Byrne doing duty as Alcalde in his absence.

+ 1848 July 28 Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

Francis T. Lippitt, Capt of 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Regt. Commanding at Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

Reports there are no civil magistrates in Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

+ 1848 March 20 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

W. S. Clark, member of town council.

+ 1848 May 3<sup>d</sup> Los Angeles

Col. J. D. Stevenson, Command<sup>t</sup>

+ 1848 Sept. 10 San Jose

Chas White, Alcalde - to Gov<sup>r</sup>

Reports that Mr Byrne will not act as Alcalde. White gave pub. notice for election of 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde (no one attended). Is willing to serve as such if sustained by a military force.

+ 1848 Sept. 24 San Diego

Juan Bordini, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde declines to continue serving.

+ 1848 Oct. 9 S. Diego.  
Juan M.<sup>a</sup> Moreno, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Oct. 31 Mont.  
Florencio Serrano, 1.<sup>o</sup> Alcalde.

+ 1848 Dec. 29 San José.  
H. Dimick<sup>m</sup> R., Alcalde. (elected 12 Dec.)

+ 1849 Jan. 19 San Juan Baut.<sup>a</sup>

Citizens petition the Gov.<sup>r</sup> for a local alcalde. also  
for powder & lead to punish Ind.<sup>n</sup> horse thieves.

+ 1849 Apr. 28 Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>  
Raim.<sup>o</sup> Carrillo, Alcalde

Complains that his district is without funds or a  
prison & asks for a salary.

+ 1849 May 15 San Luis Obispo  
Miguel Avila, 1.<sup>o</sup> Alcalde.

+ 1849 July 4 Santa Barb<sup>a</sup>  
Ayuntamiento to Gov<sup>t</sup>

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Requests that the appointment of Don<sup>t</sup>. Hill  
 as 1<sup>st</sup> Regidor be approv<sup>d</sup>. - Hill had refused  
 to act under plea of want of capacity, when he  
 had already fill<sup>d</sup> positions of greater responsibility.

Also to app<sup>r</sup> the appointment of Ant<sup>o</sup>. M<sup>a</sup>.  
 de la Guerra as secretary of said Ayuntamiento with  
 salary of \$30 per month.

I am aware that Gov<sup>t</sup> has order<sup>d</sup> the amt. of  
 \$500 to be p<sup>d</sup> over towards expense of erecting  
 a jail in Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> - but makes known there  
 are no funds to begin the work, which will have  
 to be done from the fund<sup>s</sup> - asks further orders.

+ 1849 Augt 10 Mont  
 R. Sanchez, Sindico.

+ 1849 Augt. 20 San José  
 Ant<sup>o</sup>. M<sup>a</sup>. Pico, Prefect.

+ 1849 Augt 29 Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>  
 Octaviano Gutiérrez, act<sup>o</sup> General

- + 1849 Aug. 29 Mont.  
Ign. Esquer, Alcalde. from April 20, via Fr. Serrano.
- + 1849 Sept 11. Sonora Camp  
E. J. Dummett, Alcalde.
- + 1849 Sept 15. San José  
Felix Buelna, Sub. Prefecto.
- + 1849 Sept 16. Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>  
Joaq<sup>n</sup> Carrillo, Prefecto.
- + 1849 Sept 21 Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>  
Raimundo Carrillo, Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst.<sup>a</sup>
- + 1849 Sept. 25 Mont.  
Wm L. Shannon, Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> inst.<sup>a</sup>
- + 1849 Oct. 26 Mont.  
David Spence, Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> inst.<sup>a</sup>
- + 1849 Nov. 9. San Fran<sup>co</sup>  
Horace, Hawes, Prefecto.
- + 1849 Nov. 23, Stockton  
Geo. G. Belt, 1.<sup>st</sup> Alcalde.

+ 1849 March 2 San Luis Obispo  
J. M. Price, Alcalde.

+ 1849 June 15 Sta Cruz  
J. L. Majors, Alcalde.

+ 1849 Oct. 15 Mont.  
Lewis Dent, Judge of Sup. Tribunal

+ 1849 Oct. 18 San Luis  
P. H. Burnett, Juez.

+ 1849 Oct. 24 Sonoma  
Chas P. Wilkins, Prefecto.

+ 1849 Nov. 17 Mont.  
David Spence, Prefecto.

+ 1847 March 3<sup>d</sup>  
Gov. to Bryant, alcalde at Yerba  
buena

Told to inform the citizens that no Legislat-  
ive Council is to convene.

+ 1847 Oct. 5. San Diego  
R. Cluff, Alcalde.

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Objects to the Whisky proclamation of Nov. 29.

+ 1847 Dec. 26 San Diego

D. B. Davis, Capt. of Mormon Volunteers, Command.

+ 1847 Augt 29 S<sup>t</sup>. Fran<sup>c</sup>o

J. F. Reed, Sheriff.

+ 1847 Sept 15. Mont

W. Colton, Alcalde.

+ 1847 Apt. 25 San LeandroSarg<sup>t</sup>. Estrella, Alcalde of Eastern part of S<sup>t</sup>. Fran<sup>c</sup>o Bay.+ 1847 March 17 Sonoma

John H. Nash, Alcalde.

+ 1849 April 20 Sacramento District.John A. Sutter, Sub-Ind<sup>l</sup> Agent.+ 1848 Feb. 15 Sacramento

John Sinclair, Alcalde



+ 1848 Dec. 17. San Luis Obispo  
S. D. Hunter, Ind.<sup>n</sup> Agent.

+ 1847 July 31 Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>  
Father Gonzalez - to Gov.<sup>r</sup>

Asking that the Civil Magistrates & others  
be forbidden from uniting Catholics in marriage  
Contrary to Laws of the Church.

+ 1847 Oct. 30 Sonoma.  
Mariano G. Vallejo, Sub-Ind.<sup>n</sup> Agent.

+ 1847 April 18 Mont.  
Cesario Lataillade, Vice Consul of Spain

Asks permission of the Gov.<sup>r</sup> to exercise his  
functions in Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

+ 1847 Apr. 29 Mont.  
Capt Mariano Silva, of Artillery -

Was taken prisoner of war by U.S. forces on  
7th July 1846 - asks permission to go  
to Mex.

+ 1848 Feb. 2. San Luis Obispo

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Gov. advic. that Gen. Jose Castro will be soon in Monterey -

On the 9th he was inform<sup>d</sup> from Buena Vista that said Castro was on his way to report himself in Monterey.

+ 1848 Feb. 5. Mont.

Cap. de la Torre gave bonds in 5000\$ to keep the peace.

+ 1848 Apr. 4. Los Angeles

Col. J. D. Stevenson. to Gov.

Reporting arrest of Lieut Canfield & Barras of Mormon Comp<sup>y</sup> for circulating counterfeit coin.

+ 1847 June 23 Sonoma

Alcalde Nash. - to Gov. Mason.

refused to obey Gov's Order to give up the records of his office &c

+ 1847 June 20 Mont.

Walter Colton, Magistrate - to Gov.

Reports that Mr. Thompson, 2<sup>o</sup> Alcalde - Sta Cruz  
desires to resign his office & leave the place.

+ 1847 March 15 S<sup>o</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

Edwin Bryant, Alcalde.

+ 1847 Apl. 15 San Luis Obispo

José Mariano Bonilla, Alcalde

+ 1844 En. 16 Mont.

Juan Malvarin, Presid<sup>o</sup> del Trib. Sup<sup>o</sup> del Dep<sup>to</sup> de Cal.

José Mariano Bonilla, Secretario de id<sup>o</sup>

Juan Bta. Alvarado, Gob<sup>o</sup> del Dep<sup>to</sup>

Man<sup>o</sup> Simón Casarin, Secret<sup>o</sup> de Gob<sup>o</sup>

José de Anesti - Juez de 1<sup>o</sup> inst.<sup>a</sup> Mont.

+ 1844 Feb. 26. Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Alcalde

+ 1848 Augt. 5. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

R. M. Sherman, Dickson & Hay, W. D. M. Howard, C. V. Gillespie, A. A. Brinmade, C. L. Ross, James C. Ward, Ward & Smith by Jas. C. Ward, Wm. H. Davis,

petition Gov. R. B. Mason to appoint Jacob D. Hoppe, as first Alcalde of this district. Hoppe having been a magistrate in Missouri, & read law with a practicing attorney in said state - an intelligent man & believ<sup>d</sup> to be honest & competent.

+ 1848 Augt. 7. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

W. D. M. Howard, Administ<sup>r</sup> on estate of W. A. Seiders off.  
to J. W. Leavenworth, 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde for Dist. of S. F.<sup>co</sup>

Will deliver him the docs. relating to the estate as soon as all inventories & valuations can be made ready - in obed. to Gov. Mason's orders, tho' he believes that he, Leavenworth as a creditor of the estate, is disqualified from taking any active part relative to the affairs of the estate.

+ 1848 Dec. 21 San Francisco.

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Alex<sup>r</sup> Perry - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason - cont. - Necessity  
of a Port Physician in San Francisco.

During last 2 months several contagious diseases have been introduced by vessels from abroad. some of these diseases are prevalent & in many instances have proved fatal.

The immense influx of foreigners from the Pacific countries will surely bring with them their peculiar diseases - yellow fever & small pox - yellow fever may be propagated in S<sup>t</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>, as well as other infectious fevers.

It is impossible at present to establish complete quarantine regulations, but precautionary measures may be adopted to prevent a vast amt. of sickness. Vessels having on board contagious or infectious maladies should be directed to moor at some convenient point in bay.

Thinks a port physician should be appointed & would like to be the appointee.

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+ 1848. May 25 San Juan Bta

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Alcalde José M.<sup>a</sup> Sanchez.

Complains that Father José Ant<sup>o</sup> Anzures refuses to allow him to use for a court room the room hitherto occupying for the purpose, altho he has 4 or 5 others.

Accompanies the Father's written answer denying the Alcalde's right to use the room without his consent - and that he needs it.

+ 1848 May 18. S<sup>a</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

Capt. J. L. Johnson, Quartermaster - to Lieut. W. J. Sherman,  
Actg Ass<sup>t</sup> Adjt Gen - Death of W. A. Leidesdorff.

Announces death of Leidesdorff at 10. M. of this date in San Fran<sup>co</sup>, & measures steps taken for the protection of his large interests.

+ 1848 Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

Capt Francis J. Lippitt, Commandg post. to Lieut. Henry  
W. Halleck, Sec. of State of Cal. - Release of a convict.

Reports that

Toxon, the convict, has been released by him, there being no civil authority here, and no place to keep the prisoner in.

Key of the Sargado & the staff of office have been placed of Lieut. Narciso Fabregat, an old Mex<sup>n</sup> Officer, & the landlord of the building, a very respectable gentleman.

Custom House papers of this port all seal'd up & lock'd up in the Sargado.

Fabregat will allow nothing disturbed.

Military Contrib<sup>n</sup> fund turn. over to his successor Capt Smith.

+ 1848 Sept. 16. San Fran<sup>co</sup>

H. H. Barrett, ex-Sheriff of dist. & town of S<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>.

+ 1848 Apr. 28 Sta Cruz

J. W. Powell & 25 others. to Gov<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> B. Mason.

Petition for removal of the Alcalde

Alleg that W<sup>m</sup> Blackburn, the Alcalde, is unworthy of pub. confidence, & unfit for the station: he has assumed power to set aside verdicts of juries; attempted



to control the town council, "arrogating to himself powers superior to theirs; for squandering the pub. money; for denying individuals the privilege of a fair trial by objecting to jurors; for neglecting to bring the guilty to trial after complaint had been made & they had been cited to appear; for partiality & for oppression in various ways". In view of which they petition for the removal of said Blackburn, and for the appointment of James G. G. Dunleavy in his place.

+ 1848 July 11<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles.

Col. J. D. Stevenson, Command South. Milit. Dist. - to Gov. Mason.  
Municipal regulations & taxes for Sta Barbara.

Says that before leaving Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> he regulated the police - there will be no future difficulty in feeding or keeping the Alcaide's prisoners.

Authoriz<sup>n</sup>. Alcaide to levy 5¢ for tavern license, & on stores 1¢ monthly, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July & payable 3 months in advance. Result was receipt of \$120. - on that day - out of which Commissaries' bill of 92¢ was p<sup>d</sup> - balance expended in fitting up 2 rooms in the old presidio for a jail & prison room - this will save the town annual expense of \$150. - besides

relieving the Milit. Authority of all trouble abt. Keeping  
or feeding the prisoners.

Appoint<sup>d</sup> a Treasurer under bonds, of the  
town funds, to be used in paying Secretary &  
expenses of Alcaalde's office, guard for prison  
& prisoners, repairing guard & Alcaalde's office -  
payments to be made by him under Alcaalde's orders.

All of which was satisfactory to Alcaalde &  
the inhabitants.

Saw, whilst in Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>, many of the people,  
heard their complaints, & satisfied all as far as  
possible.

Advise<sup>d</sup> the Alcaalde to pursue a conciliatory course  
& thus render himself popular - he means us wrong  
probably, but his manner is rude & offensive.  
His idea of the dignity of Station is so elevated  
that all who differ with him in regard to his  
official duty, he does not hesitate to threaten  
with imprisonment & confinement in the Stocks.  
I have point<sup>d</sup> out to him the folly of such a course  
& assure him that the President of the U.S. has no  
such powers as he assumed. We are very good  
friends, he has promised to follow my advice;  
if he does, all will go well at Santa Barbara.

+ 1848 April. Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Don Carrillo - to Govr.

Complaint against Pablo de la Guerra for having wrongfully imprison<sup>d</sup> him in the guard-house, merely because he, complainant, denied his authority to act as Alcalde, "his term of service having expir<sup>d</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January"

There were no alcaldes exercising functions of such - the two that had been elected, prior to the time when they should be inducted in office, notifying the public of their unwillingness to serve & never took the oath of office.

+ 1848. Marzo 19. Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Pedro C. Carrillo, Juez 1.<sup>o</sup> y de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst.<sup>a</sup> - Bando. Reglam.<sup>to</sup>  
de policia para Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup> y su jurisd.<sup>ic</sup>

1.<sup>o</sup> Se previene a dueños de casas tengan sus solares limpios y con la decencia posible - si no lo hubieren hecho dentro de 8 días de la pub.<sup>l</sup> de este, pagarán 5<sup>rs</sup> de multa.

2.<sup>o</sup> Galopar y correr a caballo dentro de la poblac.<sup>o</sup> prohibido - el que contraviniese, pagará por 1.<sup>a</sup> vez, 4<sup>rs</sup> de multa - por la 2.<sup>a</sup> 8<sup>rs</sup> y por

la 3.<sup>a</sup> sufrirá 14 días de cárcel. Los R.<sup>os</sup> Padres, los mexicanos y el sacristán están exceptuados.

3.<sup>o</sup> Toda res brueca que se introduzca en la población deberá venir manecornada con un buco, y á mas no podrá procurarse un compañero, p.<sup>a</sup> que á mas de llevarla asegurada de la cabeza, se asegure de un pie, y entre ámbos la introducirán. Los infractores pagarán 1/2 de multa.

4.<sup>o</sup> Jueces de policía nombrados por el juzgado hoy "están facultados por ámbas autoridades á la espectacion de las discorsias y desordenes que puedan originarse" - prohibirán tales hechos, aprehenderán á los delinquentes, mandándolos á la guardia, y dando cuenta á alg.<sup>o</sup> de los Alcaldes - pidiendo el auxilio que necesiten de los vecinos - si estos se resistieren á prestarlo, "los encargados podrán multarlos en 5/8, y si se resistieren á pagar, darán aviso á este juzgado."

5.<sup>o</sup> Se prohíbe el tránsito en la poblac.<sup>o</sup> y sus contornos con armas de fuego ó blancas &c. - Solo se podrán portar cuando sus dueños vayan al campo ó de camino. "el que contraviniere á esta disposic.<sup>o</sup> perderá la arma que se le encuentre, y á mas sufrirá una multa de uno á dos pesos."

6.<sup>o</sup> Los jueces de policía impedirán que se corra á caballo en la población - impondrán la multa á los contraventores, siendo ellos mis-

nos responsables en la citada multa, e estando presentes, faltasen al cumplimiento de lo dispuesto.

Adicion, firmada por E. Addison, 2.º vez, en ausencia del 1.º

Los dueños de tabernas á las 9 P. M. en punto cerrarán sus establecimientos. Se les prohibe, llegada esa hora, el expendio de licores de cualq.ª manera que sea. el que contraviniere pagará 2/ de multa.

+ 1848 Mro 19 Sta Barb.ª  
Pedro G. Carrillo, Juez 1.º y de 1.ª Inst.ª

Jueces de policia nombrados p.ª el p.ª año.  
Estevan Ortega  
Gervasio Ayala  
Inocente Lorenzana.

+ 1848 March 11 San Francisco  
Geo: Hyde, Alcalde - Col. & Gov. Mason

Refers in a private letter to intrigues secretly carried on & culminated in

a petition to Gov. M. by several to have him removed from the office of Alcalde - all reasons alleged for such action declared untrue, & the proceedings of his enemies of a suspicious nature.

Robt. A. Parker, member of the town council, was called in to sign the petition, & he refused, telling the conspirators that their alleged charges were false.

A plan is also on hand to concentrate suffrage on Dr. Townsend, agt. Capt. Tolson, to succeed him (Hyde) when he shall resign.

Has no desire to retain the position nor to advance any friend of his to it.

Renews his application for leave.

+ 1848 Augt. 20 Los Angeles

Col. J. D. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason

On necessity of retaining Stephen C. Foster as Alcalde.

Says that Alcalde Foster is the "most valuable man to the U. S. in this district of Cal., & his services should not be dispensed with, if it can in any way under Heaven be avoided. The people have entire confidence in him,

and his presence as Alcalde will do more to preserve harmony than anything else other than stationing troops here. The Californians 90 of every 100 do not believe that this territory is ceded to the U. S., and they give as a reason that if the territory was ours, we would not abandon it to the Indian depredations by the removal of troops. If therefore, they say thus, when we are disbanded, it will be reduced to a moral certainty when the American Alcalde resigns. I therefore pray you prevent this calamity if you can; the amt. of his salary is of no importance when compared to his services to our country!

1848 March 10. San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Petition to Gov. Mason to remove Alcalde George Hyde &  
2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde J. M. Lavenworth - Charges agt them &c.

Several petitions were addressed to the Gov. this day to remove said Hyde from office, <sup>and also the 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde Lavenworth</sup> signed by large numbers of citizens of the most prominent viz: Victor J. Fourgeaud, E. P. Jones, James C. Ward, J. Brannan, W. D. M.

Wm. H. Davis, Edw. H. Harrison, W. A. Seides-  
dorff, C. L. Ross, E. W. Whitlock, Henry  
Mellus, and a great many others:

### Complaints =

That said Hyde, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde, & Leventworth,  
2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde, dishonor their high & responsible  
offices.

That their town "has fallen into a disgraceful  
state of confusion & become the frequent theater  
of the most revolting scenes - riots, bloody  
street fights, in which serious wounds are  
inflicted on the slightest provocation are of  
almost daily occurrence - law and authority  
are openly defied - the evil-minded are  
thus encouraged in their vicious courses  
and the good left unprotected - the Chief  
Magistrate is publicly insulted on the high  
bench he occupies - insults, which are  
but the expression of public indignation;  
villainy may stalk abroad in the open  
light of day, if it only has boldness enough  
to intimidate our Alcalde, who has publicly  
refused to arrest a criminal who threatened  
his life, because he would thus endanger his  
personal safety.

Such is the condition to which the cowardice,  
inactivity & pusillanimity of our Alcaldes



has reduced the fair and flourishing town of San Francisco - a condition calculated to blight its prospects and render it a pest & a by-word throughout the land.

Moreover, the Alcalde is the associate of that worst class of our citizens, the gamblers, & passes his nights in their company.

On a matter which touches not only the welfare of our town, but of the surrounding country, we are confident that Your Excellency will give our petition the consideration it merits."

The petition ends requesting the Gov. to appoint Dr John Townsend, first, and Mr John C. Buchanan, second Alcalde.

Another petition of same date unanimously subscribed warmly recommends the appointment of Dr J. Townsend to the petition of first Alcalde.

On same date Wm A. Leidesdorff in a private letter to Gov Mason that since the Gov. was last in San Fran<sup>co</sup>, testimony has accumulated & other circumstances have appear<sup>d</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde George Hyde, which have caused him to change his opinion abt Hyde, & prompt him to recommend his immediate removal

from office - goes on saying: "he alone has been the means of creating a state of affairs here, which renders every gentleman in the community liable to be insulted at the corners of the streets, and if resistance is made, he is either shot or stabbed, and the culprit is suffered to go at large & escape the punishment which he, as Judge, should inflict upon him. Mr Hyde has opposed the "Council", and instead of enforcing the laws passed by them, tells the people openly that he will not enforce them, thereby rendering life and property insecure."

That Hyde is suspected of being the author of several scurrilous articles in the "Californian" agt the council & other town officers, including the writer.

That he, the writer, ever since he has been a member of the council, he has been trying to have a law passed to put down gambling - of which Mr McDougal & Mr Lippincott are aware "they being gamblers by profession", for which these persons as well as the Alcalde Hyde are his personal enemies.

+ 1848. Sept. 6. Los Angeles.

Stephen C. Foster, Alcalde - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason.

With drawing his resignation.

Thanks the Gov<sup>r</sup> for the confidence placed in him, and for the highly complimentary manner of its expression. Withdraws his resignation promising to use his best abilities to deserve the Gov<sup>r</sup>'s high opinion of him in the discharge of his official duties.

The absence of some new system of laws & regulations is felt, which he hopes will soon be promulgated.

Alcalde Foster had on the 20th of Aug<sup>t</sup> sent his resignation <sup>of the office</sup>, which the Gov<sup>r</sup> had conferred on him in Dec. 1847

"My reason for resigning is simply this. With the abandonment of this post ends my employment as Gov<sup>t</sup> interpreter, the salary of which is my only reliance for the support of myself & family, and I am about entering on other business incompatible with the duties of an office as arduous as that of Alcalde of a district like this: that he intends to remain in Cal. & will always try to be a useful citizen of his country, the U.S. - would continue discharging the duties of Alcalde till Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

+ 1848 Dic. 7 Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Magistrado - al Gob: Mason - sobre una  
causa criminal.

Avisa que ya tiene nombrado el "Jury" p.<sup>a</sup>  
el juicio del res de que se trata. (Domingo  
Hernández?) Pide que el Gob: le mande  
conducir al Juzgado juntamente con el testimonio  
de las declaraciones tomadas por el aluzgado  
y otro soldo de la guardia que lo aprehendi.

+ 1848) Dec. 18. San José

K. H. Dimmick, Alcalde - to Lt Sherman. Election  
of Alcalde. Execution of criminals

Reports that White, the Alcalde, having resigned,  
he was on the 12<sup>th</sup> chosen, and took charge  
of the office & official staff.

Immediately caused 3 men charged with  
robbery & wounding another man, <sup>with intent to kill</sup> to be arrested.  
On Saturday they were tried, the evidence being  
positive were convicted, & will be hung  
today. Will make full report to Gov: stating  
"why the sentence was so speedily executed".

+ 1848 Dec. 9. Mont.

Alcalde Florencio Serrano - al Gob<sup>o</sup> - Sentencia  
de un res.

Dice que ayer sentenció á M. Guild,  
por robo que cometió en la casa - aduana,  
á recibir 30 azotes en las espaldas descubiertas;  
que el res ha suplicado mucho que se com-  
mutase la sentencia, á lo que no se accedió  
por falta de facultad en el juez; entonces el  
suplicó se suspendiese la ejecución de  
la sentencia hasta hoy. Varias personas  
han intercedido por él, entre ellas Col. Burton,  
y Lieut. Ord. quienes aseguran que siempre  
Guild tuvo buena conducta antes - y llaman  
la atención á la larga prisión que ha sufrido,  
y á la pérdida de sus pequeños intereses -  
y finalmente, que Guild no es ladrón de  
profesión, y que su delito fué efecto del licor  
que le dominaba. Le recomienda al  
Gob<sup>o</sup>, "único tribunal en quien ha facultad  
p<sup>a</sup> absolverlo si lo creyere posible".

+ 1848 Sept. 22 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Alcalde Leavenworth - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason - Charges against  
the late Alcalde George Hyde, C. L. Ross &c

Says he has advised his friends to give Geo: Hyde, C. L. Ross & those they influence or represent "ample rope to hang themselves with, which will save us all the trouble of punishing them" - that their assertions will be proved false by the declarations of writers & majority of citizens. "They have both narrowly escaped the Calaboose & are hindering the administr<sup>on</sup> of justice."

+ 1848 Dic. 19 Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Magistr<sup>o</sup> - al Gov<sup>r</sup> - Sentencia de  
dos reos por desafio.

Acompaña el veredicto <sup>unánime</sup> de un jurado de Ciudadanos en la causa seguida a Salvador Nieto por haber disparado un pistoletazo a Nicolas Silvas - La sentencia fue que por haber provocado Nieto a Silvas a desafio y descargado una pistola contra él, sufra la pena de 6 meses de obras públicas; y Silvas por haber aceptado el desafio saliendo de su casa <sup>con arma ofensiva</sup> p.<sup>a</sup> él, sufra la de 3 meses - y q.<sup>o</sup> desde mañana tendrá efecto otra sentencia.

El Jurado lo compusieron Ant.º M.ª Osio, Estevan Munrois, Ign.º Esquer, Teodoro Gonzalez, Francisco Perez Pacheco y Gabriel de la Torre, y tuvieron a la vista las declamaciones de los testigos y demas antecedentes.

\* 1848. Apl. 18. Mont.

Col. R. B. Mason, Gov.º. Establecidos Court for the trial of three men for uttering counterfeit money.

Gov.º Mason, by virtue of his authority appointed Stephen C. Foster & Abel Seams, Judges, "to hold a special court at Los Angeles on such day as may be appointed by such Judges for the trial of Ruel Parras, C. C. Canfield, Samuel Myers & others of the Company of Mormon Volunteers, late in the service of the U. S. charged with passing counterfeit coin purporting to be the coin of the U. S."

J. Temple was appoint. by the Court, Clerk & act. as such during the trials.

The accused were tried separately, and the trials were conducted by the usual mode of procedure in jury trials in the U. States. the prisoners being also allow. the benefit of

counsel.

The trials began on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

C. C. Banfield, pleaded not guilty.

The Jury after an absence from court of 5 hours in charge of the Sheriff, signified that they had agreed upon a verdict - being called into court, thro' their foreman render'd a verdict of "Not guilty," and the prisoner C. C. Banfield was immediately discharged from custody.

The next trial was that of ex-Lieut. Ruel Barras - commenced May 19 - jury empanelled & sworn. - This trial occupied the Court till the 23<sup>d</sup> May inclusive. Prisoner confessed having play'd at monte with a few pieces of counterfeit coin, lost, redeemed them, play'd again & finally threw them away. After a fair trial & being heard thro' counsel. The Jury brought in their verdict on the 22<sup>d</sup>, that he was guilty "of having passed said coin knowing the same to be counterfeit coin"

The prisoner on the 23<sup>d</sup> was sentenced "to five years' hard labor in such secure place of detention as His Exc.<sup>y</sup> the Gov.<sup>r</sup> may direct. At the same time, from the palliating circumstances which appear upon the trial



as well as the youth of the prisoner, the Court recommend him to the mercy of the Gov. for such mitigation of the sentence as he may deem proper"

Trial of Samuel Myers began on the 22<sup>d</sup>. He pleaded "Guilty to so much as relates to passing the false coin in San Diego on or abt the 14 of March 1848, with the exception of the words "knowing them to be counterfeit". Not guilty to the remainder of the charge.

The Jury return a verdict of "Not guilty" & the prisoner was set at liberty.

(Caulfield's trial record occupies 4 pages - Barras' 37 - & Myers' 4.)

1848 March 18 S<sup>t</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

E. P. Jones } members of the } to  
Mr. A. Leidesdorff } town council } Gov. Mason.

Charges agt. Alcalde George Hyde

That Hyde has with quibbles consumed two months in his defence, availing himself of the privilege the Gov. allow. him - examined & cross-examin. witnesses on matters foreign to the question at issue - till he exhausted

the patience of the Council - and of the Committee of citizens. the latter have concluded to withdraw from further prosecution - most of the witnesses have gone away. Council have been able only to close the testimony on the first two charges.

1<sup>st</sup> "He has alter<sup>d</sup> the N<sup>o</sup>s of the lots on the map of the town now hanging in the Alcalde's office, which bears the signature of Jasper O'Farrel, town surveyor, thus rendering it valueless as a pub. doc.

2<sup>d</sup> He has set <sup>aside</sup> petitions for lots, one dating as far back as the magistracy of Alcalde Bartlett, and grant<sup>d</sup> the same lots to other & later applicants.

Hyde after consuming 2 months, finally very coolly told them that he admitted them to be true and attempted to justify himself by the bold assertion that he had the right to commit these acts."

They believe it impossible to make a full report by the board of councilmen - Messrs Howard & Glover never attended one meeting for the investig<sup>n</sup>.

Mr Parker declines signing any more papers directed to the Gov<sup>t</sup> - think<sup>s</sup> he has already said enough.

Mr Clark, for reasons of his own, does not unite with them for making a report.

+ 1848 March 9 S<sup>th</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

Alcalde Hyde - to Gov: Mason - private letter - defends  
his official conduct & promises his resignation.

After referring to some charges preferred agt  
him which he pronounces slanderous, he  
assures the Gov: that he has tried to preserve good  
feeling & never allow<sup>d</sup> himself to be swayed  
by favoritism or private considerations of any  
kind.

That he has grown disgusted with his situation & desires  
to resign it - that his enemies have had ample  
time to convict him of wrongful acts, & have  
failed completely, tho! "they are not gentlemen  
enough to retract what they have advanced, because  
ridicule would be successfully turn<sup>d</sup> upon them."

That the town-council allow him \$50.  
monthly for recording deeds as clerk - if he needs  
aid, he must pay it himself. "That, & the other  
trifling sum I receive, is no compensation  
for the risks & insolence, contention & slander,  
with which I have to contend."

That by first of April he will be able  
to leave the office, & intends to resign it - asks  
Gov: Mason to allow him to give up the office  
to W<sup>th</sup>: Deavenworth, the 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde, to act in my  
absence, while I visit Monterey, at which

place I shall tender my resignation. My object is to prevent any remarks in the papers, well knowing what their purport will be. In this case I can quietly leave the office?

Says Mr Seidersdorff, with whom he was formerly on friendly terms, has join'd his opponents from motives of interest & supposing him connected with the "Californian" paper (which is unfounded) is very bitter against him - "If he (Seidersdorff) or his associates can show just reasons & truthful circumstances to convince you of the necessity, I very cheerfully agree to submit to such a sentence."

+ 1848 Apr. 29 San José

Charles White, Alcalde to Gov. Mason.

Inquires if a debt contracted in the U. S. may be collect'd in Cal. - Cases have been brought before his Court, & he does not know whether he has a right to adjudicate upon them.

Elam Brown, appoint'd Alcalde for Contra costa, claims to have the same rank & authority as any other Alcalde Contra costa has hitherto been under the Alcalde of San José. Desires instructions to know if Contra costa is now separate & independ't.

Don Jesus, Chief of an Ind<sup>l</sup> tribe, appeared with some of his people, was kindly treated. Said that some of his neighbors were constantly committing depredations, stealing horses, women, & children - he wished to wage war agt them. Was told the Govt would not sanction his making war; but if the others attacked his villages, he certainly had the right of defence & of killing the invaders whilst fighting; but prisoners must be brought them the Alcalde. Don Jesus acquiesced. is a good, trusty Ind<sup>l</sup>. quite influential. his people numerous.

\* 1848 Feb. 6. San Diego

Robt. Clift, d<sup>o</sup> Mormon Val<sup>l</sup>, Alcalde - to Gov Mason

Resigns his office.

Believes there is very little chance of the men agreeing to remain till end of the year.

\* 1848 Feb. 6. Los Ang<sup>l</sup>

Alcalde Foster - Ind<sup>l</sup> depredations

Gives notice that to keep the Indians

who are constantly raiding on the ranches and running off their horses, in check, the Commandy officer has consented to keep an arm<sup>d</sup> force under an experienced officer at Cajon Pass, until the season for Ind<sup>n</sup> dep<sup>r</sup> is past.

Owners of ranches called upon to furnish the horses assign<sup>d</sup> to each, for such service, under penalty of \$10 for each failure to comply with this order.

+ 1848 Jan. 13 Mont

Wm. R. Longley, 2<sup>d</sup> alcalde

Appoint<sup>d</sup> by Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason. accept<sup>d</sup> office this day in letter to the Gov.

+ 1848 Dec. 14 Sacramento

Sam. Brannan, "People's Alcalde"

Encloses to Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason proceedings of the trial before the "People's Court of Cal<sup>a</sup>", of C. E. Pickett for the killing of Mr. R. Alderman. Pickett was acquitted.

+ 1848 June 29. San Buenav.<sup>a</sup>

Isaac Callahan, Sub-Alcalde.

Appoint. by Gov. Mason - subject to instructions  
from Alcalde Pedro C. Carrillo, of Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

+ 1848 Jan. 12 San José

James W. Weekes, Alcalde. to Gov. Mason - frauds by  
James D. Hutton, late surveyor of the District.

Requests that a special tribunal be constituted  
to try said Hutton for obtaining money under  
false pretenses and violation of official duties,  
in this that he certified the lots he surveyed  
to contain 500 acres each, and they have since  
been re-surveyed by the present <sup>official</sup> surveyor C. S.  
Lyman & found to contain only from 200 to  
380 acres.

Hutton said to be now surveyor in some southern  
district by app't. of the Govt., & therefore out of  
this Alcalde's jurisdiction.

On 31 Dec. a majority of the late Junta of the pueblo,  
consisting of W. Fisher, Salvador Castro, Che<sup>s</sup> White, José  
Noriega, Ant.<sup>o</sup> Señal & Dolores Pacheco, together  
with the late Alcalde John Burton & the present

alcaldes met to consider the matter, and all but Surool & Parkes (tho' they did not dissent) pronounced the acts of S. Hutton, a fraud upon the community, from whom he obtain'd. considerable sum, for his services.

Requests the Gov. to appoint the Special Court to try the case, & some person to prosecute Hutton in the name of the people.

+ 1848 Jan. 29 San José

Alcalde Wacker - to Espartero - Horse Stealing

Reports that horse-stealing has been going on strongly in his district during last week. Ant. Surool has lost 50 horses - the Bernels & Galindo as many more.

Surool reported that the robberies had been attributed to Indians, but this could not be ascertained. There was one fact worthy of notice that two Bernels were attacked by 6 foreigners arm'd. with rifles - the Bernels fled & were pursued.

+ 1848 Jan. 31 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Capt. Jas. A. Hardie, of 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Regt., Command.



+ 1848 Jan 27 Sta. Rafael

Timothy Murphy, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Jan. 22 San F.<sup>co</sup>

Geo. Hyde, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde

Officer Gov Mason has taken under Gov.'s orders  
appointed a "Subalterno Alcalde" for the mission  
Holmes, viz: Robt. J. Ridley.

+ 1849 Sept 20. Dry Diggings (Arroyo Seco)

J. B. Donaldson, President } of a pub.  
Francis J. Russell, Sec. } meeting  
of citizens.

Notify Gov. Riley that when he issued his  
proclam<sup>n</sup>. for election of officers the popul<sup>n</sup>  
was quite small, owing to the dry season, the  
necessity for such officers was not felt,  
and there was no election. But that  
since that time it has become numerous  
& daily increasing from overland travel,  
and for the preservation of peace & order,  
public officers are deem<sup>d</sup>. indispensable.

Prompted by the Gov's order, & in the hope that he will approve their <sup>the citizens</sup> action, passed resolutions.

1<sup>st</sup> That the Presid<sup>t</sup> of the meeting appoint 3 Judges of an election to fix time & place within 5 days, somewhere in this vicinity & give notice for holding an election of 2 aldermen & a sub. Prefect for this district, which election shall be held "subject to the ratif<sup>n</sup> of the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Cal."

2<sup>d</sup> The Judges & clerks to certify results of same to the Gov<sup>r</sup>.

Presid<sup>t</sup> & Sec. of this meeting to certify this & the preceding resolution, accompanying the election returns, to request the Gov<sup>r</sup> to ratify the proceedings of the election & to commission the officers so elected.

They expect the population of the district to swell to thousands this winter. Ask the Gov<sup>r</sup> to address his answer to Sacramento city.

1849 . . . . . Benicia. Dist. of Sonoma.  
Chas. P. Wilkins, Prefect of Dist. of Sonoma to Gov. Riley

Want of a civil officer much felt by citizens of town & valley of Napa. In all legal cases they have now to go to Sonoma or Benicia - thereby sacrificing time & money.

+ 1849 Aug. 7 S<sup>th</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

H. H. Bancroft Collection  
Bancroft Library

Peter H. Burnett - to Gov - Gen B. Riley.

Accepts the unwrought by him office of Judge of the Sup<sup>r</sup> Court, to which people of S<sup>th</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> & San Jose have elected him - Will, as soon as his family are sufficiently recover<sup>d</sup>. to leave them, meet the other Judges at Monterey.

+ 1849 Oct. 25 Stockton

Thos. B. Van Buren, Prosecut<sup>r</sup> Attorney - Dist. of S<sup>th</sup> Joaq<sup>ua</sup>  
to H. W. Hallock, Sec. of State - Need of funds for jud<sup>l</sup> expenses.

Citizens of this town have already voluntarily contributed \$7000. - for prosecution of criminals, hoping to be re-imburs<sup>d</sup> by Gov<sup>t</sup> at some future time - their treasury now exhaust<sup>d</sup>. - citizens now paying for municipal regul<sup>ns</sup>, includ<sup>g</sup> a large hosp<sup>l</sup> & the purchase of a prison ship - latter alone at an expense of 4000\$.

Request, that an order be issued to pay the City of Stockton at least 6000\$ from civil fund.

A portion of the civil fund should be placed in Stockton.

The above facts corroborated by  
Geo: G. Bolt, Judge of S<sup>th</sup> Instance & Salisbury Halq, Sec<sup>y</sup>

+ 1849 Oct. 18 San José  
Peter H. Burnett. to Gov Riley

Resigns his position of Judge & President  
of the Sup<sup>r</sup> Trib<sup>l</sup> of Cal.

+ 1849 Nov. 7. Kelimus Riv<sup>r</sup> (Willow Bar)  
P. M. Foley, Alcalde. On gulches & their distrib<sup>n</sup> for mining.

Advices of his election as alcalde for the  
district. asks for Gov's ratif<sup>n</sup> & instructions.  
Desires to know what are the limits of his  
district, as well as his term of office.

"The subject of gulches (ravines) is now one  
of much interest to the miners on this river, as it  
has commenced to rise! . . . as a protection  
to the industrious miners, it is proposed to  
permit the first discoverer of a rich gulch to  
work 27 feet front on each side of the ravine with  
an indefinite depth, and all others 18 ft. each side  
& front with the indefinite depth; but at all times providing  
that no individual shall retain but the right to work but one  
depth so as to prevent monopoly by rich companies, who  
hire labor at a much lower rate."

+ (1849) ..... Mont.

In. A. Sutter & other Delegates

from Sacramento dist. to present convention  
say to Gov. Riley, no choice of Prefect  
for that district was made by the people,  
and as such app. by the Gov. becomes necessary,  
they recommend Elisha O. Crosby for the position.

+ 1849 June 15. Sta Cruz

J. L. Majors - Alcalde - to Gov. - sale of property by priest.

Indians complain the priest is trying to  
sell houses in the mission, which were built  
expressly for their use - which he has no right  
to do, as they say. Natives of the place say  
the Inds. were supposed to be the lawful owners  
& had the right to sell or barter the property  
at their pleasure. Inquires if the priest  
has the right to dispose of such property.

W. E. P. Hartnell, on 16<sup>th</sup> replies  
the Gov. is in S. Fran<sup>co</sup>. - opened the letter to Gov.  
(according to Majors' request). Can give no official  
opinion on subject - but does not hesitate  
to state his private opinion - "the priest

has no right at all to sell any real estate in the Mission Sta Cruz, whether belonging to the Mission, to Gov<sup>t</sup> or to the Indians; and I think it is your duty to prevent, as far as lays in your power, any such sales from being effected, until the Gov<sup>t</sup>'s pleasure be known."

+ 1849 May 13 Los Angeles

Alcalde Foster - to Gov<sup>r</sup> - Execution of an Ind<sup>n</sup> criminal

Juan Antonio, a neophyte of San Gabriel, charged with many murders, burglary, theft, aiding & abetting horse thieves of the Tulares &c &c, capturing several times, &c but escaped each time - had been a terror to the community during 15 years -

was captured, tried by him & a jury of 6, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. execution took place on 10th Inst. @ 5 1/2 P.M. - consolations of religion afforded the prisoner - the curate accompanying him to scaffold.

\* 1849 May 22. Los Angeles

Alcalde Foster - to Sec. of State Hallock - Election of  
Municipal officers.

Reports election of municipal officers for  
rest of this year in due form of law, which  
took place on 17 Inst. On 20<sup>th</sup> oath of  
office was administered to the elect by him, Foster,  
as acting alcalde - on 21 records, office &c.  
were deliver<sup>d</sup> to the new 1<sup>st</sup> alcalde - all  
enter<sup>d</sup> that day upon discharge of their duties

José del C. Lugo - 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde

Juan José Espilveda 2<sup>o</sup> - "

José López,

Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz

Tomás Sanchez

Fran<sup>co</sup> L. Campo

Jhu Temple - Sindico.

} Regidores

\* 1849 Oct. 15 Mont.

Lewis Dent, Judge or Minister of the Sup<sup>r</sup> Tribunal of Cal.

Resigns his office into hands of Gov Riley,  
being unable to attend to its duties.

+ 1849. No date - no place.

G. D. Dickinson Prefect of San Joaquin<sup>th</sup> dist. - to Gov: Riley.

Dickinson.

Asks for Mex<sup>an</sup> law books in order to be able to administer justice under the laws of Mex. as is required of him.

+ 1849 Nov. 20 Mount.

Prefect David Spence - to Secy of State Halleck

Dr King, U. S. Army, elected 3<sup>d</sup> Regidor, cannot act as such under Mex<sup>an</sup> law, which forbids that any military officer shall be a member of an Ayuntamiento.

As he, Spence, will have to decide the matter, wishes to know if King can, under laws of the U. S., act as a town councilman.

+ 1849<sup>85</sup> Nov. 8. Sacramento city.

Jm E. Shannon, Judge of 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. of Sacrament<sup>o</sup> Dist.

Resigns his office into hands of Gov: Riley. Speaks of the necessity of having in this dist. a Judge of 1<sup>st</sup> Instance with criminal jurisdiction - recommends Robt. A. Wilson for it.



+ 1849 June 29. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

Commodore Tho. A. Cateby Jones - to Gov. P. Riley -  
Troubles in San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

Confidentially tells him that constant appeals are brought to him ag<sup>t</sup>. the Chief Alcalde Dr J. M. Leavenworth - has not interfer<sup>d</sup> with him but render<sup>s</sup> him all possible aid. But must say, "he is so personally obnoxious to the community that it is impossible for him to give satisfaction in anything".

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"The security & tranquillity of this community cannot be restored without a change in the office of Alcalde & the restoration of the records to the keeping of that office according to the ill<sup>l</sup>. laws."

Rodman M. Price on same day writes to Gov. Riley that "Leavenworth is a troublesome fellow & this community would be well rid of him".

Capt. L. L. Tolson on same date also writes to the Gov<sup>t</sup> that Leavenworth's doings will arouse again the old machinery of discord that it was his intention to get up such troubles as will give him a new hold on his office, or make the present one lucrative.

+ 1849 May 15 San J. Co

Alcalde Leavenworth - to Gov. Riley.

Tenders his resignation to take effect upon the election of another magistrate.

+ 1849 Aug. 20 San José

Ant. M. Pico, Prefect of Dist.

+ 1849 Aug. 21 San José

Prefect Pico - to Sec. of State Halleck.

Submits for Gov's approval app't of  
 N. B. Smith as  
 Felis Bielna as Sub-Prefect.  
 of this district.

+ 1849 Aug 29 Sta Clara

Geo. W. Bellamy, 2<sup>d</sup> alcalde.

Elected last Feby. Recommends prompt action on Gov's part to provide the dist. with authorities for coming winter, or the place will be in a bad condition.

+ 1849 Nov. 9 San F. Co

Horace Homes, Prefect of Dist.

Henry Reed, Secretary of Prefectura.

+ 1849 Oct. 24 Mormon Camp

Michael A. Tubb, Alcalde, Mormon Camp, in Stanislaus  
Placer, San Joaquin District.

+ 1849 Nov. 23 Stockton

Geo. S. Belt, Judge of 1<sup>st</sup> Instance - San Joaquin Dist.

Resigns his office into Gov. Riley's hands.

+ 1849 Oct. 29 (Mont)

Mariano Malerin, Sec. pro-tem.

Superior Tribunal recommend to Gov. app't of  
1 additional Judge of 1<sup>st</sup> Instance for San José,  
suggest J. T. Richardson as a proper person  
for the office - and that said Judge have  
exclusive jurisd<sup>n</sup> of all civil causes.

H. H. Bancroft Collection  
Bancroft Library+ 1849 Oct. 6. San Fran<sup>co</sup>Mr. G. Leary, 1<sup>o</sup> Alcalde - to Sec. of State of Cal.

Asking that the town authorities be placed in possession of the adobe building situated upon the plaza, now occupied by the Collector of the port - it is the property of the town, and the high prices demanded for rooms suitable for pub. offices, render it necessary for the town authorities to occupy their building.

+ 1849 Sept 25 Mont.

Mr. E. Shannon, Judge of N<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>o</sup> Dist. of Sacramento Dist.

Resign his office into Gov Riley's hands.

+ 1849 Aug. 1 Town of Vernon (Dist. of Sacram<sup>to</sup>)

E. G. Field, Chairman

Geo: W. Chase, Sec.

} of a pub. meeting

Resolutions to constitute a municipal gov<sup>t</sup> & select a delegate to Convention at Monterey

Officers elected

Delegate Elisha O. Crosby - 54 votes - no opposition

Alcalde Gilbert A. Grant.

Sheriff D. B. Hamilton

over

Town Council.

James Leirig - Geo. W. Crane  
 Frank Lawton - Elisha O. Crosby  
 Lewis L. Bradbury - W. Summerhays.  
 Henry Allen.

+ 1849 Aug. 2. Sonoma

Israel Brockman, Sheriff.  
 Peter Campbell, Justice of the Peace.

+ 1849 Aug. 8. S. Fran.<sup>co</sup>

John Townsend,  
 G. B. Post } Committee of the town council  
 B. Simmons } of San Fran.<sup>co</sup>  
 Rodman M. Price } to Gov. Riley.

request, by order of said council, "the loan of public funds for which the faith of the town is shall be pledged, & to be returned whenever the Gov. of the U. States shall demand it, the loan to bear an interest of 6 per cent per annum, & to be applying to building a jail or prison house & a hospital"

The town unable at present to raise the funds and those buildings absolutely necessary.

+ 1849 Julio 4. Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

Raymundo Carrillo, Alcalde  
Ant<sup>o</sup> María de la Guerra, <sup>Regidor</sup> Secret<sup>o</sup>.

En nombre del Ayunt<sup>o</sup> hacen presente al Gob<sup>o</sup> la necesidad de que el Sr Hill, 1<sup>o</sup> Regidor, desempeñe su cometido, no admitiéndole las excusas que ha presentado de incapacidad que son infundadas. "Pues, de lo contrario, sería abrir una puerta p<sup>a</sup> que los demás que componen el Ayunt<sup>o</sup> abandonaran sus puestos."

En otra comunicacion dicen que al Reg<sup>o</sup> Secret<sup>o</sup> se le han asignado 30\$ mensuales p<sup>a</sup> gastos de oficina, y piden la aprobacion del Gob<sup>o</sup>.

+ 1849 Mayo 31 Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

Carlos Ant<sup>o</sup> Carrillo, Sindico - Cuenta del Ayunt<sup>o</sup>

Cobrados

Derechos de 3 tabernas a 5\$	15.
id de 2 tiendas 1	2
id de 1 billar	2.50
id de 1 pago de monte de los Indios	1
Existencias anteriores	150.25
	<u>170.75</u>

## Salidas

Gasto del Juzgado, alquiler de cárcel y pago de carceleros . . . . .	\$57.75
5.º del síndico perteneciente a la entrada de este mes. . . . .	1. —
Gasto de escrit.º del ayunt.º y pago de su secret.º . . . . .	30. —
	<u>\$82.75</u>
Resid.º que queda . . . . .	<u>88. —</u>

+ 1849 June 21 S.º Fran.º

Edw.º H. Fitzgerald, Brev.º Major & A.º J.º M. — to Sec. of State Halleck

In reference to the bill of 600/ presented by Alcaide Leavenworth of S.º J.º for the expenses of an express from here to Monterey employ.º by said Alcaide, assumes the Sec. he could have had the service perform.º for 200/ — wants instruct.º what sum to allow for it.

+ 1849 July 20 Santa Cruz

J. L. Majors, Alcaide  
 J.º H. Hardy, J.º Anderson,  
 Griffith L. Furkins, Eli Moore.  
 James Boncher, Sec.º  
 Composing the town council.

+ 1847 June 28 San Francisco

Wm. A. Leidesdorff, Frank Ward & numerous  
other citizens: — Petition to Gov.

Represent that many surveys of ranches  
& towns were made by Mr. Jasper O'Farrell,  
& since the country has been taken by U.S. "no  
regular record has been made, which may at  
any time be referred to."

That said O'Farrell has been Departmental  
Surveyor under the Mex. Gov. for abt. 3  
years & has kept his records accordingly.

They recommend O'Farrell's re-apt., if only  
temporarily, as one well qualified for the office.

+ 1846 Apl. 23. Mont.

J. S. Escamilla, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Sept 29. Mont.

Wm. R. Garner, Clerk of the First Alcalde's Court.

+ 1848 Jan. 31 Los Angeles

J. D. Hunter, Sub-Ind. Agt. — Efforts for improv. cond. of the Indians.

Says that



he has been raising a small crop of wheat in the mission farm at the Pala, & had induced the Indians to do same on their own hook.

\* 1848 March 2 & Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Pedro C. Carrillo, Chief Magistrate - to Gov. Mason - Foxon's crime -  
Complaint against Col. Stevenson's interference.

Ben. Foxon, English, arrested for murder of Augustin Davila, a Mex.<sup>n</sup>, on 22 March near Mission Sta Ines. - he delivered himself up to said Magistrate, & was turn<sup>d</sup> over to Capt Lippitt, Command<sup>t</sup>, for safe keeping. Inquires if Foxon is to be tried under Mex.<sup>n</sup> law & procedure, or to have a trial by jury under Am. law.

Reports that Col. Stevenson, Command<sup>t</sup> at Los Angeles, sent an arm<sup>d</sup> force which arrested Man<sup>l</sup> Anquisola, one of the inhabitants of Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup> & carried him off to Los Angeles, without giving any notice to the magistrate.

Wants to know if Col. Stevenson, has Gov<sup>r</sup>'s sanction to order him (Carrillo) & his people - for he has sent an order to have Fran<sup>co</sup> Badillo forwarded to him: and that Badillo has refused to go.

+ 1849 May 29. San Fran<sup>co</sup>

J. M. Leavenworth, Alcalde - to Gov. Riley. Synopsis  
of various political mov<sup>ts</sup> in that place &c.

The place & vicinity filled with small politicians who expect to realize gain from funds to be raised by taxation, & "the pickings of a large estate to be managed by them" (Seidersdorff's?)

That the Alcalde's offence is "that he has a name and family to be hurt by yielding to an unworthy course, and hence the effort to get rid of the office in this District. Hence also the movement in this Sonoma District to array the people against the Military Gov<sup>t</sup>, as they call it. There is some talent, and the estate of Seidersdorff, as now controlled, enlisted in the mov<sup>t</sup>. It must, however, wither before the decided and discriminating course which I am given to understand the Executive has fixed on. This course will be sustained by the leading influence in both districts. If we can get a press to speak sound doctrines.

Goes on saying that he has held an office which has not compensated his sacrifices, "Scandal & falsehood have deprived me of an even chance, except in a contest at the polls, and for political honors I have no ambition. I view to my enemies a triumph that they got

me betw. two fires, to compel me to surrender  
the Records to them. I have waited, and still  
patiently wait for a good deliverance, silently  
and quietly, and also wait to see such as are  
the enemies of the Alcalde, now identified with  
the legitimate law party, pass away, and the  
prevalence of law & right here. My friends regard  
my suspension as temporary, and believe you will  
remove it upon such information as is before you;  
for myself, escape from scrutiny is not sought,  
but, with an abused press, accusers in the  
dark, and a tribunal of my enemies I  
cannot contend; from this, humanity should  
save me.

It is my intention to ask a fair  
investig.<sup>n</sup> of any criminal charge by an open  
accuser. You will be surprised that none  
such have made themselves heard here yet.  
My accusers were first heard in Monterey, and  
they remain unknown here.

In relation to the welfare of the town,  
we need a town council. I venture to suggest  
as a measure of expediency that the council  
of 1848, all resident here, resume their municipal  
functions; they are sound men, have not  
mixed in the exciting elections, and I  
find will act if the Alcalde be directed to

recognize them, and to them I shall cheerfully  
defer as a competent & unbiased tribunal  
for any investig<sup>n</sup> you may order"

In the case of the late Alcalde Hyde,  
the Council persecuted him with delay and  
frivolous charges, which can be corrected.

Another view suggested. "If the only  
charge named is disposed of by facts submitted,  
or otherwise sufficiently met, <sup>the notice for</sup> pending, the election  
of a 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde. I will submit my acct<sup>s</sup> and vouchers  
to the council now holding <sup>over</sup> as such, and if satisfactory  
to them retire from the office as I desire".

\* 1849 May 16 S.<sup>m</sup> Fran.<sup>co</sup>

Robt. A. Parker } to Gov. Riley.

E. P. Jones } Represent that they were  
Wm. S. Clark } members of the Town Council  
B. R. Bucklew } of S.<sup>m</sup> Fran.<sup>co</sup> for 1848, com-  
Barton Almy } posed of 6 persons.

"That they have been with the Hon. J. M. Leavenworth,  
Alcalde of the district during the past year,  
one of the most difficult and embarrassing  
periods in the history of a newly acquired <sup>Territory</sup> ~~country~~.  
That his general character for integrity, prudence,

intelligence, energy & promptness in duties, is good.

His suspension from office has surprised them, and caused painful regret to the majority of citizens of the town & dist. "which has twice placed him in the office (altho' not by his own request) at elections order: by the legitimate authority of the Territory" (Gov. Mason's).

Considering his suspension a pub. detriment, petition for its removal, and that he be again called upon to discharge his duties as Alcalde, "as the legitimate authority of the district."

+ 1847 May 18 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs

Henry A. Ford

R. Semple

Benj. Kelley

and 33 others, petition  
Gen. S. W. Kearney to  
appoint W. B. Ide to  
some office - he being a competent  
land surveyor & possessing the requisite  
instruments, and also desirous of  
practising his profession in the Northern  
Dept. of Cal.

+ 1847 May 30 S<sup>t</sup>. Francisco

Wm. A. Leidesdorff - to Gov. Mason - Party in  
favor of independence of Cal. from U.S.

Says that the persons opposed to Mr. Hyde as Alcalde, are open advocates of Cal. being an independent Gov<sup>t</sup>, and not a territory of the U.S.. They are anxious to get possession of the office to execute their designs. That party are sustain<sup>d</sup> by the common influence. They must be watched, and W. A. Leidesdorff, will notice carefully every thing that occurs, and inform the Gov<sup>t</sup>.

+ 1848 May 3. Los Angeles

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Vicente Guerrero, 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde of Los Angeles.

+ 1848 May 22. San Luis Obispo

John Mich<sup>l</sup>. Price, Alcalde.

\* 1849 Sept. 1 Mont.

Geo: C. Westcott, B. Capt. 2<sup>d</sup> Infantry - to Sec. of State Halleck  
On state of missions Santa Clara & Jose.

In obedience to orders proceeded to said mission to report upon represent<sup>ns</sup> made to the Executive, as to the managt. of the missions & their property by the Priest in charge.

Directed his attention principally to the mission buildings & property, and to the manner in which the priest had fulfill<sup>d</sup> the trust confided to him by Genl. Kearney on 22 March 1847.

By that decree the above named missions (and 2 others) and every thing in & belonging to them<sup>s</sup> were placed under the charge of the Catholic Priests until the proper tribunals could be establish<sup>d</sup> to decide upon various titles and claims made to these missions & property - and the priests as agents of the U.S. Gov<sup>t</sup> are to be held responsible for the preservation whilst under their charge. Their power was limited to the taking care and preserving from waste. Their control to be only such as the priests could exercise "when the U.S. flag was first rais<sup>d</sup> in the territory." - they had previous to that been deprived by the Mex<sup>n</sup> authorities of all control or power in the administ<sup>n</sup> of the temporal affairs of the missions.

Father José M.<sup>a</sup> del Refugio Suarez del Real, missionary of Sta Clara, was under Genl. Kearney's decree charg<sup>d</sup> with <sup>both</sup> that of San José, & has been since.

At a public meeting held at Sta Clara, 21 July, Father Real was charged that he, with or without the cooperation of his superior Father Anzar had disposed of buildings & other property of the missions Sta Clara, San José, Santa Cruz & San Juan, in contravention of the orders of the Gov<sup>t</sup>, and "in entire disregard of the duties of the aforesaid priest as curator or guardian of the rights of the Indians thereof."

It was also reported to the Gov<sup>t</sup> by citizens of San José 2<sup>d</sup> July 1849 that under authority of the priest or his agt. buildings belonging to the mission were being torn down - the property neglected & going fast to destruction.

All these charges have prov<sup>d</sup> true.

The Priest in charge of San José & Sta Clara has "most shamefully & wantonly violated his trust" - he should no longer be allow<sup>d</sup> to control the property, but remov<sup>d</sup> at once - his acts, when not sanctioned by the proper authority since the acquisition of the country by the U. S., should be declared null & void - all property transferred the grantees must be made to surrender to Father Real's successor.

Does not approve of the missions being placed



of any citizen or citizens. Such agent would either require a large salary, or a heavy percentage of the receipts. One gentleman said the agency could be taken, & after defraying the expenses of the missions, keeping buildings in repair &c., "the agent could afford to pay into the Gov't Treasury from one to two thousand Dollars a year. This is a very liberal offer when it is supposed that the two orchards and vineyards alone, will yield an income of \$25000 to \$30000 during the present year." The property would not fare better than under Father Real's management.

Father Real has been recalled to Mex. & Father Estanislau de het appointed his successor.

Recommends as best course to pursue under the circumstances is to place the missions under Father de het at least for the present, under explicit directions as to their management - and that he be held to strict accountability for all funds rec'd, & required to make returns at stated periods of all receipts & expenditures, as well as of condition of the property & its affairs.

(The report is accompanied with several docs bearing upon the subject. It is a very long, clear, & apparently exhaustive report.)

+ 1848 May 17 Los Ang.<sup>s</sup>

Abel Stearns, Sindico Procurador of the Ayunt<sup>o</sup> - to Alcalde Foster.

Municipal revenue & expenses

Amt. collect<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 4 months of this year . . . . . \$ 173. -

from duties impos<sup>d</sup>. by a territorial law on stores, taverns,  
billiard tables & liquors.

Fines impos<sup>d</sup>. by Magistrates for petty offenses may average  
\$25 per month, making a total of \$68. - per month.

The average will probably not be larger the rest  
of the year.

Expenses actually necessary will not fall short  
of \$135. per month, for rent of rooms for courts,  
salaries of jailor, alguacil, clerk of court, superint-  
end<sup>t</sup>. of prisoners in pub. works, paper, prison irons,  
& repairs on jail - leaving a deficit of \$67 per month  
which must be cover<sup>d</sup>. by some tax on people of  
district.

+ 1848 May 16 Los Ang.<sup>s</sup>

Alcalde Foster - to Gov<sup>r</sup>. Mason - Municipal affairs.

Says that since the Gov. appoint<sup>d</sup>. him Alcalde  
"displacing thereby the newly elected authorities, an  
unfriendly disposition on the part of the very

qualified persons, has left ~~my~~ judicial business very much confused & behindhand from the want of competent subordinates". Now he has the relief of a second Alcalde, José Vicente Guerrero - Caspius no one willing to act as Secy or Notary Public.

The jail very insecure - a new one should be built costing 1000\$, but the funds cannot be raised.

Has refus<sup>d</sup> to dispose of town lands - doubts its expediency.

Proposes direct tax on property in district worth from \$1,000,000 to 1,500,000. - to direct the \$1000. - assess<sup>d</sup> by a committee of citizens.

A large portion could be rais<sup>d</sup> by voluntary subscription, but the bulk would fall on the foreigners.

The lands of the municipality might be leased from year to year, and would probably yield 1000\$ yearly.

Accompanies a petition of the 13th sign<sup>d</sup> by a considerable number of prominent citizens asking that the sum of 1000\$ be assign<sup>d</sup> them for municipal needs out of the Civil Fund, by the Gov<sup>t</sup>.

\* 1848 June 22 S<sup>th</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>

W. D. M. Howard, S. Brannan & ab<sup>t</sup> 20 more citizens

Petition the Gov<sup>t</sup> to appoint an alcalde in the place of John Townsend, whose

absence from the dist. will be longer than is comfortable with its interests. Say that such app<sup>ts</sup> should no doubt be made from among civilians, "but in consequence of the present anomalous state of affairs here", & the absence of a large number of residents, they propose Lieut. Edw.<sup>d</sup> Gilbert, of the 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Regt., as a fit & proper person for the place.

+ 1848 July 22. San José  
 Wm. Byrne, actg Alcaldé.

+ 1848 July 16. San José

Alcaldé Chas. White - ~~man~~ to Gov. Mason - Arrang<sup>t</sup>  
with Ind.<sup>l</sup> Chief - Hostility of Californians in dist.  
to foreigners - Salvo Pacheco.

Reports that José de Jesus, chief of a tribe of San Joaquin Ind.<sup>l</sup> sent him a messenger that he was coming to the town on 13 Aug<sup>t</sup> with a n<sup>o</sup> of his people & would bring several women & children that he had lately captured in wars with neighboring tribes - that he had had two palavers before with the same chief & 4 or 5 other chiefs - at the 1<sup>st</sup> José de Jesus acknowledged he had been at war with the former Gov<sup>t</sup> of Cal.

and gave assurance of his determination to keep the peace with the present Gov<sup>t</sup>, and thus neither he nor his people would steal any more horses or commit depredations of any kind. Confidence was placed in his word, and some presents were given him — passports were given him & his people to pass unmolested in the dist. — the Californians protested ag<sup>t</sup> it saying he was an outlaw & should not be protected — but José de Jesus thus far had kept his word, and not only abstain<sup>d</sup> himself from steal<sup>g</sup> horses, but when called upon, assisted in ferreting out other horse thieves. He is an intelligent Ind<sup>?</sup> & influential amongst neighboring tribes — his friendship may be used to advantage.

He goes on relating the attempts made by a native Californian named Pacheco (supposed to be Juan Ign<sup>o</sup>, & a son of Salvio Pacheco) to murder first a foreigner, and then, himself, the Alcalde, both of whom had to seek shelter from his murderous knife, and from being trampled upon by his horse.

"I got inside of Mr Webber's rails for protection, and called on two Spaniards to take him to the guard house, which they, as I expected, refused."

"Salvio Pacheco, who is a man of property, and (after the U.S. flag was raised and established)

was imprison<sup>d</sup> on suspicion of encouraging the people to arms, and, I believe, is still encouraging them to insubordination; but he is a man capable of acting his part well so as not to be easily detected; he has in his train a host of ignorant believers, and is called a philosopher, and on the whole, in my opinion, is a man who needs watching."

Respect of the son he says that when Capt. Burton was Alcalde, he order<sup>d</sup> Pacheco, for some offence, to be sent to prison. Pacheco step<sup>d</sup> to the door, jumped on his horse & bid defiance to the judge & his people. There were marines station<sup>d</sup> here then, but for want of horses could not pursue him. He should be brought to justice by all means, or others will follow his example, and foreigners will not be safe. That several persons have ask<sup>d</sup> him (the Alcalde) to condone Pacheco's offence & he would in future behave himself. But such a course would be bad policy. Ask<sup>d</sup> the Gov. to send at least 30 or 40 men - (a smaller number would be destroy<sup>d</sup>?) to support law and order among these people - "a military officer should be Alcalde in the absence of the foreign population - there is not enough of moral honesty in any Californian that I am acquainted with to administer justice where a foreigner's interests are at stake" - No foreigner will take the office;

without risking his life. "Whatever person may be appointed I should be warn<sup>d</sup> to be on his guard, for these people will make all the professions of friendship in the world to him & his gov<sup>t</sup>, when at the same time they would cut his throat, if they could. I speak not with prejudice ag<sup>t</sup> them - it is a fact that I have been accused by foreigners of partiality to the natives, and have in all cases, consistent with justice conformed to their usages, believing it to be the desire of our Gov<sup>t</sup> to treat them not as enemies, but to win them over by kindness & a faithful administ<sup>n</sup> of the laws."

Concludes tendering his resignation of the office on the plea of duty to his family demanding he should look out for his life, for as soon as punishment is inflicted on Pacheco, <sup>the latter</sup> his friends will attribute it to him, and put him to death. He <sup>does & leave</sup> ~~leaves~~ forthwith.

\* 1848 Sept 10 San Jose  
Alcalde White to Gov<sup>r</sup> - ab<sup>t</sup> the Alcalde's office.

On receipt of letter from the Secret<sup>y</sup> of State accept<sup>g</sup> his resign<sup>n</sup>, he called Mr Ryne & offer<sup>d</sup> him

the office, badge &c - but he refused to take charge.

He then gave public notice, under the Gov's Proclam<sup>t</sup>., for an election of Alcalde, giving 15 days time - but no regard was paid to it by the people.

Wants to know if he is obliged to serve until a successor takes charge. Is willing to act until civil Gov<sup>t</sup> is finally established (which he hopes will be soon), provided a sufficient military force is established in San José.

+ 1848 Augt. 30 San Fran<sup>co</sup> district  
Alcalde J. M. Leavenworth - to Gov. Mason - on his  
election as Alcalde.

Encloses papers relating to such election held at San Fran<sup>co</sup> Augt 29th., pursuant to Gov's instructions of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 22<sup>d</sup>. & notified the people on 23<sup>d</sup>.

" The Alcalde will be sustain<sup>d</sup> by the popular voice electing him, in the discharge of such duties as your Ex<sup>c</sup> may think proper to leave unqualified. And I respectfully solicit an opportunity of showing to my friends, that I can be just



to myself, my enemies & my country.

Notice for election given to the pub.

"Whereas His Excellency R. B. Mason, Gov.<sup>r</sup> of Cal.<sup>a</sup> has given contingent or discretionary direction to the Undersigned, dated State Dept., Territory of Cal., Monterey Aug.<sup>t</sup> 4, 1848

(which reach<sup>d</sup> this office Aug.<sup>t</sup> 22, 1848)

I, therefore, J. M. Seavenworth, magistrate of the District of San Francisco, hereby give public notice to the Resident citizens to meet at the office of the Alcalde in San Francisco, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Aug.<sup>t</sup>, betw. the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. & 4 o'clock P.M., and deposit their votes by ballot for a person to fill the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde of the Dist. of S.<sup>t</sup> Fran.<sup>co</sup>

Given under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Aug.<sup>t</sup> 1848 - J. M. Seavenworth, 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde of the Dist. of San Francisco."

The Judges of election were K. H. Dimmick R., Wm Evans & John S. Norris - they certified that said J. M. Seavenworth had 99 votes, & L. D. Hopple, 76 votes - Seavenworth was declared first alcalde, on said 29 Aug.<sup>t</sup> -

On the same day W. D. M. Howard, Wm H. Davis, C. P. Jones & 40 others address a petition to the Gov.<sup>r</sup> protesting agt the election, declaring the same illegal, for following reasons.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Before the election John Townsend, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde, has returned & was ready to resume the duties of his office.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Gov's proclam.<sup>n</sup> announcing peace directed that due notice should be given for elections - such notice has not been given, as only two days intervened betw. day of notice & that of election - many legal voters were thus shut out
- 3<sup>d</sup> Legal voters were rejected at the election, such as those who were formerly Mex<sup>n</sup> citizens
- 4 Those holding the election declaring persons who have not resided in the dist., entitled to vote, whereas those persons who had been absent but a short time at the gold places, having landed property here, were denied the privilege of voting.

Ask the election to be set aside, and a new one ordered.

+ 1848 March 20. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

W. S. Clark to Gov. Mason - Abt. Alcalde Hyde

Referring to the recommend<sup>n</sup> sent to the Gov.<sup>r</sup> by Parker, Howard, Leidesdorff & Jones, claiming to represent the town council, for the removal of Alcalde Geo. Hyde, says.

that he, Clark, is a member of that body:

that the communication of those gentlemen does not express his views & is not in accordance with facts as developed in the evidence rec<sup>d</sup>. upon the charges preferred agt. Hyde - that there was no meeting of that body to investigate those charges since last Dec<sup>r</sup>. & the action of those 4 members was not public - he, Clark, was not present, & was not inform<sup>d</sup> of the matter at all - I am willing to be responsible for the acts of those gentlemen under the circumstances.

\* 1848 May 26 Los Angeles

Col. Stevenson, Command of South. Milit. Dist. Removal of a Justice

By virtue of his authority removes Francisco Ortega from office of Alcaide of San Buenaventura; orders him to turn over office, badge & property of the Alcaidia to the successor appoint<sup>d</sup> Isaac Callahan.

\* 1848 Nov. 13 Sutter's Fort.

John Sinclair,

C. E. Pickett

H. A. Schoolcraft

} Judges of Election to Gov<sup>t</sup>.

Announce that Doctor

J. Bates, and J. S. Fowler, were on the 11<sup>th</sup> elected 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde respectively, for dist. of Sacramento.

Whole N<sup>o</sup>. of votes for <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Alcalde 49, of which Bates obtain<sup>d</sup>. 39.

Whole n<sup>o</sup>. of votes for 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde 29, of which John S. Fowler obtain<sup>d</sup>. 27

+ 1847 Aug. 22 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Alcalde Roggs of Sonoma - to Gov. Mason - on irregularities of his predecessor Nash.

Reports that Nash surrendered the best of the records, but has not accounted for any funds belonging to the town & dist. of Sonoma.

His records of grants of lots show that his acts were all wrong. he would say almost fraudulent in relation to sales of said lots.

He has made out deeds for lots since he has been out of office - many other irregularities are noticed - There is no way of correcting them, in the interest of innocent parties, except by the Gov. appointing a Special

Commission composed of persons of ability & strict integrity - the corrections must be made before any more lots are sold or titles issued - for Nash, among other things undertook to alter the original map or plan & has created much confusion.

People are anxious to continue improving or to complete those already begun.

+ 1847 Sept 6. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

E. Ward Bell, Inspector of hides & tallow.

Wm Richardson, harbor master.

+ 1847 April 29 Monterey Redoubt.

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Wm Sherman, 3<sup>d</sup> Artillery - to Capt Turner - on nature of existing Gov. in Cal.

Says that he fully agrees with Alcalde Walter Colton, that as a military officer he (Sherman) is not amenable to his Court for any act he may do in this country. President's Message, Secret. of War's Report, and facts as they exist in the territory all show that the "that the nature of this Gov<sup>t</sup> is military, and that civil law only exists so far as it is consistent

with the military operations, subordinate to the Gen. in command. Were it otherwise, a native Alcalde might upon an alleged offence arrest & imprison any military officer, no matter how high his rank, and thus defy an entire army. For these reasons & others, I do not consider myself responsible to the civil law as it exists here, but to the proper military authority I am fully bound."

\* 1847 Sept 27 La Paz (L. Cal)

Lieut. Col. Henry S. Burton, N.Y. Vol<sup>s</sup> to Sec. of State Halleck. Mont.

Can't send acct. of customs rec<sup>d</sup>. in this country during 2<sup>d</sup> q<sup>r</sup>. of 1847 - none were rec<sup>d</sup>. - From time people here capitulated to Capt Montgomery of U. S. Ship "Portsmouth" till writer's arrival no business was done - there was <sup>any</sup> force here to sustain the pub. auth<sup>n</sup>.

Collectors at La Paz, Angel Lebriza, and at La Paz, José, Miguel Celozga, had each a salary of 700<sup>00</sup> per year.

Former Sec. of the Gov<sup>t</sup>. still employed by him (Burton) with 700<sup>00</sup> per year - under same proviso as the collectors, "if the revenue will permit of the expense." He is of great assistance - an interpreter is employed at 50<sup>00</sup> per month.

He has created a "Juzgado 1.<sup>a</sup> Instancia".

"By the politeness of Fray Ramirez of Arllano, Padre Presid.<sup>te</sup> in this Peninsula, I have been able to form a tolerably accurate estimate of the amt. of popul.<sup>n</sup> in A. Cal. I give it in the different jurisdictions."

Jurisd. <sup>n</sup> of La Paz	2000	souls
San Ant. <sup>o</sup>	1000	"
Santiago	1300	"
San Jose'	3000	"
Todos Santos	1500	"
Loreto	1000	"
Comand. <sup>n</sup> , Mulege' & S. <sup>n</sup> Ign. <sup>o</sup>	1000	"
	<u>10800</u>	"

of these 200 are Indians, very much scattered. In the portion of the country betw. an E & W. line pass. g. thro' San Ign.<sup>o</sup> and the frontiers of A. Cal. the amt. of popul.<sup>n</sup> is 2000."

+ 1848 Feb. 4 In Aug.<sup>o</sup>

Col. Stevenson. Instrum.<sup>n</sup> to Auxilio Alcalde Hilario Morillo,  
for San Ant.<sup>o</sup>, S.<sup>n</sup> Rafael & immediate ranches.

To require all idle Ind.<sup>s</sup> or other persons who have no masters or employers to find a home or employment, or they must be arrested & set to labor for the public.

or for such persons as will give them employment for their food & necessary clothing -

To promptly punish, "according to the laws & customs of the country," all thefts & violations of the peace & good order in the dist.

He is to publish his app<sup>t</sup> in the part of the country over which his jurisd<sup>n</sup> extends.

+ 1847 May 18 N. Helvetia

In. A. Letter to Gen. S. W. Kearney - On Ind<sup>n</sup> affairs.

As sub. Ind<sup>n</sup> Ag<sup>t</sup> will cooperate earnestly in ending Ind<sup>n</sup> depredations & troubles on this frontier.

Indians in this vicinity peaceable for a number of years past have taken no part with the famous horse-thieves who infest the frontiers to the South. on the contrary, render friendly & efficient service in checking the evil designs of other tribes farther off.

For years he has done his best to cultivate friendly relations with Ind<sup>n</sup> tribes far & near, & even made sacrifices to that end, as well as to keep order among them.

Those relations "extended even to the head of the Sacram<sup>to</sup> Valley, & 70 or 80 miles up the San Joa<sup>qu</sup>." tho' unfortunately often interrupted, owing to bad conduct of hunters, trappers, "and even some of the frontier residents, who with little or no cause would shoot



them, steal away their women and children, and even go so far as to attack whole villages, killing, without distinction of age or sex, hundreds of defenceless Indians?

We'll dispatch couriers to the distant chiefs to come in, cease hostilities & become obedt.; "explaining to them the change of Govt., the kind intentions and feelings of the President, their Great Father towards them" - that if they won't submit, force will make them - however, timely presents will avert the necessity of chastising them.

There are Ind. towns high up the San Joaquin riv. made up of vagabonds & runaways from Missions &c - they are the depredators now & must be punished.

Ind. in this immediate vicinity, fond of cultivating the soil - they should be presented with strong hoes, axes, blankets, brown cotton &c.

Great quantity of ground ploughed this year for the Ind. - they will have fine crops of corn, pumpkins, melons &c - some have even wheat fields.

+ 1847 Apr. 19 San Diego

J. J. Warner - to Gen. Kearney - On Indian affairs

Indians in vicinity of lower part of Red riv. &c

embracing the Caherillas Mts of this & S. of San Bernardino pass, form a large body, friendly to Am. Govt., but accustomed for years to raid on property of inhab. - will no doubt continue the practice - if pursued by troops "innocent and friendly ones might receive that chastisement which was intended for the aggressors." This would unite all the Chiefs, not in close alliance now, and render their reduction extremely difficult - their hostility would be very injurious.

Recommends prompt app. of a compet. Sub Ind. Agt. to reside, if not among them, near by, & preserve peace betw. Ind. & the inhab., as well as with one another - at same time "prevent any confederation betw. the Chiefs by employing in the event of any depredations by the Ind. of one Chief or Village, a sufficient n. of the other Chiefs to procure & deliver over to the proper authorities the aggressors." His troops will be unnecessary.

This the policy outlining the best to pursue - it will save expense to Govt. & make the Ind. immediately on our frontier "serve as sentinels, if not as a barrier agt. those inhab. of Red Riv. & its tributaries."

+ 1847 July 12 N. Helvetia.

Inl. A. Sutter. to Gov Mason. Indian murders in Sacramento valley & other outrages by whites.

Reports that Paul Smith was sent here by citizens of the Upper Sacramento valley that Antonio M. Armijo (Calif.), Smith & Inl. Egge (foreigner) & residents of Sonoma dist. - 2 weeks previous visited a ranch, abt 60 miles N. of Fort Sutter - were kindly recd. by the Inds, furnished food &c - after remaining 1/2 hour, they commenced an attack on the defenceless Inds, Kill'd 13, took 37 prisoners whom they carried away as slaves - the case was laid before Alcalde of Sonoma & this dist.

Yesterday a Chief of the "Yusumney" tribe dwelling on the Cosumney riv., 20 miles from here, complain'd that the Californians Ref. Altamirano (alias Rey) & Higuera came to his village on 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. & claim'd some horses that St. Revere of U.S.A. had left with them together with ranching papers - took the horses, whipped the Chief severely, cut up his hut, & otherwise abused them. Orders were issued to arrest those men, but they escaped.

+ 1847 Aug. 15 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Capt. Tolson, Assist. Dr. Master. to Gov. Mason - Arrest  
of Ind. Murderers

Reports that Gov.'s orders have been carried out. Armijo, Smith ("Growling Smith") & John Egger have been arrested, one at Sutter's, one at Sonoma, & the other here.

Some expenses already incurred, & if the prisoners are brought to trial, many more must be, for attendance of witnesses, traveling expenses which must be paid on the spot. - Some one should be empowered to settle such accts, without referring them first to Hd Quarters, thus facilitating the business of trial &c.

+ 1847 Dec. 20 Fort Sacramento.

Sutter to Sec. of State Halleck. Statistical & other  
inform<sup>n</sup> on the dist.

With much difficulty complies with Gov.'s order of 18 Sept. last, to furnish statist. inform<sup>n</sup> on this dist. "comprising the country E. of the San Joaquin & Sacramento rivers -

There is no mail & it is difficult to communicate with the interior.

"The tame Indians are what is call. Christ.  
Ind., & those who have been civilized since the  
settle<sup>mt</sup>. of this valley by the Whites, and are em-  
ploy<sup>d</sup>. in the shops of the fort and as vaqueros,  
and working men on the diff<sup>t</sup>. farms - many of the  
wild Ind. also come into the settle<sup>mt</sup>. at harvest  
time and assist in gathering the crops

The wild Ind. are those who live in their ranchos;  
those as far as the base of the Mtns are only taken  
in this census. The Western side of the Californian  
Mtns is thickly settled with wild Ind. who are  
generally at war with the numerous small tribes at  
the base and do not visit the valley - their number  
I am not able to give. The Ind. contain<sup>d</sup>. in this  
estimate are divided into abt. 70 small tribes  
speaking some 20 different lang<sup>s</sup>."

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No schools in this district - the white popul<sup>n</sup>. being  
scatter<sup>d</sup>. over a country betw. 3 + 400 miles in extent.  
a school house will be built next year in a town  
now being laid out 3 miles below the fort."

One flouring mill by water power in operation -  
another & the saw mill will begin work in abt  
one month. Horse power mills & the Tannery have  
been in oper<sup>n</sup>. several years.

Dwelling houses principally of adobe - occupied  
by farmers.

Wheat rais.<sup>d</sup> in dist. this season abt 14000 fanegas  
there are no data to estimate crops of barley, corn,  
peas, beans &c.

+ 1847 Sept. 1. San Aug.<sup>o</sup>

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - abt. San Luis Rey Ind.<sup>o</sup> &  
property of the mission.

On 25 Augt had meeting at San Luis Rey  
with Ind.<sup>o</sup> - abt 150 men + women - explaining to  
them thro' one of the Chiefs, an educated Ind.<sup>o</sup> speaking  
Sp. the intentions of U. S. Gov.<sup>t</sup> - they appear<sup>d</sup> well  
pleas.<sup>d</sup> with the app.<sup>t</sup> of a Gov.<sup>t</sup> ag.<sup>t</sup> among them,  
also with the arrang.<sup>t</sup> for their welfare - promised  
obedience to the ag.<sup>t</sup> - were assured of protection  
if well behaved, + of punishment if they acted badly -  
they were assur.<sup>d</sup> of strict justice being done them.

Call.<sup>d</sup> 5 of their Chief men in a room - ask.<sup>d</sup>  
them "where the <sup>furniture +</sup> mission property that had been remov.<sup>d</sup>  
could be found." They inform.<sup>d</sup> 300 sheep had been  
remov.<sup>d</sup> to San Juan Cap.<sup>o</sup> mission - 3 yoke of Oxen,  
50 packs + Jennies at other places - Copper + iron  
Coop Kettles + Copper Stills of value, household furnit.<sup>re</sup>  
&c at different places - most of which will no  
doubt be recover.<sup>d</sup> by the ag.<sup>t</sup>, and his action  
must not be interfer.<sup>d</sup> with by Alcaldes of other Missions.

distances being very great, he must act fully as well as promptly in all matters relating to his duties as Ind.<sup>s</sup> agt. - he ought to be clothed with powers as Special Alcalde. Thus he will be able to arrange Mission affairs in a short time.

"The San Indians have rais'd a large crop of corn, enough they all say to carry them thro' the winter. I visited all their settlements at Santa Margarita, San Luis, Tamacula, Temaycall, and others on my way to & from S<sup>o</sup> Luis Rey, going by one & returning by another road, and I really saw more evidence of comfortable living among them than I saw at most of the ranches of Californians who are regarded as rich men."

+ 1849 Aug. 4 Sonoma

Sub. Ind.<sup>s</sup> Agt. Vallejo - to Gov. - Murder of an Ind.<sup>s</sup> - outrages upon Indians frequent & unpunish'd. - String<sup>t</sup> Measures needed.

On 3<sup>d</sup> Inst. learn'd an Ind.<sup>s</sup> had been shot - visited the place of the act with Lt Anderson then Command<sup>g</sup> the Post - found the Ind.<sup>s</sup> dying - next day investigated the matter.

Murder committed by Bonj. Kelly of Sonoma - a man of good stand<sup>g</sup> & respectability - cause, an alleged insult & attempt<sup>d</sup> violence by the Ind.<sup>s</sup> to Kelly's

wife. Prior to the killing, the Ind.<sup>s</sup> had been tried, before the magistrate & sentenced to receive 100 lashes - "after the infliction of the punishment and discharge of the Ind.<sup>s</sup>, Kelly in comp. with several other persons went in quest of him, and upon finding him, Kelly deliberately drew a pistol and shot him thro' the head inflicting a mortal wound."

Murders & outrages agt Ind.<sup>s</sup> frequent & committed with impunity - measures must stringently be adopted to stop that lawlessness, or else this community will be greatly endangered by retaliation on the part of the Ind.<sup>s</sup>

o 1847 Oct. 30. Sonoma

M. G. Vallejo to Gov. Mason - On Ind.<sup>s</sup> & their Character -  
Futile efforts to civilize them.

(Orig. in Sp. Translation on margin by Wm. E. P. Hartnell, Gen. Supt.)

Most Excell<sup>t</sup> Sir: I have sought at all times the means of regulating the manag<sup>t</sup> of Ind.<sup>s</sup>, as well for their private benefit, as to amalgamate them as far as possible with the whites, and that they might be mutually useful to each other; but



in a lawful and decent manner agreeable to the education of the age; but in spite of my vigilance & profound meditations I have found no other but rigor - a strange thing certainly, but it is an undoubtful truth.

This race of people appear to be a peculiar race, and altho' in their youth capable of the best education, when they pass this age, there is no moderate way of inducing them to leave their miserable manner of living like brutes, and consequently they are incompatible with our manners & customs.

The young Ind<sup>s</sup> seeing this example are naturally inclined to their customs, and it is very difficult to break them of the habits which they have practised in their tender age & the attraction towards them is irresistible, notwithstanding persuasion, conviction and the ambition to which they might aspire to better their condition in society, be presented to them in the most clear and simple manner.

U. S. Gov<sup>r</sup>, have been for many years the protector of this singular, unhappy, and degraded race, which, if it requires indeed, all the protection of Gov<sup>t</sup> to civilize it & free it from atrocious vexations, it is at the same time necessary that it should feel the weight of an iron hand, for otherwise, the white race will perish, they will lose confidence, their property

will suffer greatly, and this handsome portion of Upper Cal. will begin to suffer from the Indians of which hitherto they have been merely witnesses, and which now begin here with all the force of which they are capable.

Vagabondism, scandalous drunkenness, robberies, wounds & murders are committed by the Ind<sup>s</sup> in this jurisdiction with great frequency, and immorality & prostitution is the consequence.

Illy understood liberty has broken the reins of subordination; and if this, in civilized society, is an evil of great consequence, what must it be when civiliz<sup>n</sup> is wanting?

My opinion, therefore, is that Y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> dictate the necessary measures to stop the above mentioned evils, beginning in the first place by imposing fines and imprisonment on all those who sell spirituous liquors to Ind<sup>s</sup>. — Secondly, that the persons in whose employ the Ind<sup>s</sup> are, be made responsible for them, except in criminal cases: Thirdly, that they deliver up to <sup>the</sup> competent authority all seditious Indians. Fourthly, that a place be appointed in each pueblo for gathering together such Indians as have no fixed residence, so that their conduct may be closely watched, appointing also aldes from amongst themselves who shall have the oblig<sup>n</sup> of making a daily report of occurrences

to the nearest authority: and Fifthly - to have a spacious and strong prison built, for shutting up those who do wrong, making them labor at pub. works; and that a military cavalry force be established to be destined solely for the persecution and vigilance of the Ind<sup>s</sup>, which force ~~should~~ at present consist of not less than 15 Men at this place. The proclamation of Gov. Ewing lately so wisely published respecting passports, to remain in force.

Please to accept &c &c.

1847 Oct. 17 San Diego

Genl. C. Davis, Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Comp. Mormon Vol<sup>s</sup>. Command at S<sup>th</sup> Diego -  
to Col. Stevenson - On affairs of San Diego mission.

Occupant of the mission states he was left in charge of the mission & property Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1846 by Father Vicente P. Oliva, now residing at Miss<sup>n</sup> San Juan.

A power of attorney from Sr. P. Oliva to Jose Ant<sup>o</sup> Estudillo shows he still claims jurisd<sup>n</sup> of the property.

D<sup>o</sup> Santiago Arguella has also a claim, purporting to be a sale to him of the mission by P<sup>o</sup> Pico, when he was Gov<sup>r</sup> of Cal.

Accord<sup>g</sup> to the best inform<sup>n</sup>. upon Cal. affairs,

the claim founded upon that sale is not valid - besides, the order for the delivery of the property has not been executed

Alleged bill of sale to S. Argüello from Gov. Pico.

A full conveyance and sale to D.<sup>n</sup> Santiago Argüello of the mission of San Diego in consideration of his long pub. services, and assistance given Gov.<sup>t</sup>, for which he has not been indemnified, on the following conditions, viz:

1. He shall pay to the creditors the creditors of the mission
2. From date all expenses to support officiating Curate & pub. worship, to be paid by Argüello
3. No one to allege lesion enorme - any excess in value to remain in favor of the purchaser, no one offering sure therefor.
4. Excepted from above sale the Church and all pertaining thereto, and the residence of the officiating priest.

Does purport to bear signature of Pio Pico.

"Remarks: Said mission still in possession of the officiating priest Vicente P. Oliva, Don Santiago told me in a private conversation in June last that he had not claim possession awaiting the action of the Am. Gov.<sup>t</sup> - that he did not think the Gov.<sup>t</sup> had a right to dispose of the property of the Ind.<sup>ns</sup> in this manner; but that as others

as others were buying missions, he might as well have one too supposed to have been given Aug. 8, 1846, but ante-dated."

\* 1847 June 7 Mont.

J. L. Alverenhout French Consul - to Gov. - Arms & horses seized by U. S. Vol. 5 from 2 Frenchmen.

Presents the claims of two Frenchmen from whom some officers acting in name of U. S. Gov. took a number of arms & horses giving them receipts or docs to legalize their right to the payment.

States further that the troops under St Maddox took away from house of Mons. Peter Richard at Sta Cruz a quantity of arms & eight horses, and from his mill several sacks of flour & grain, all done during Richard's absence - on his return he ask<sup>d</sup> Maddox for vouchers, and the latter instead of complying, had him imprisoned 2 days.

On 25 Feb. Richard made his complaint to Mr Colton, Alcalde at Monterey; but as nothing had been decided as yet, the Alcalde merely insisted on the recognizance of the flour & grain, leaving the matter of the arms & horses to the

decision of Commodore Stockton.

The Commodore has been here several days, & Mr. Colton having decided nothing abt. Richard's claims, they are laid before the Gov. to obtain justice.

Then there is the claim of M<sup>r</sup>. Arneλλαubé, who notwithstanding his having receipts given him by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. P. Brenard & Ch. M. Weber, has not obtain<sup>d</sup>. their legaliz<sup>n</sup>. by the Sup<sup>r</sup>. officers.

Requests the return of many of the articles which must still exist here & the payment of the rest.

Gov. Mason having demanded a report on the subject from M<sup>r</sup>. A. J. Muddox, Lt. U. S. Marine, lat. Comm<sup>dr</sup>. of the Central Dep<sup>t</sup>. Cal. - was informed: referring to his orders from Commodore Stockton and other evidence (all accompanied) - "This Frenchman" (Richard) "did not enjoy any immunity by which he could make his premises the store-house, or place of deposit for arms of a people ripe for revolt, and most of whom were openly in arms. Had he been dispos<sup>d</sup>. to have acted a neutral part, he would have saved his premises from a rigid examination, he would not have left those premises in the possession of the enemy, who of course denied the existence of arms there, but which were found there nevertheless."

As to the horses, St Maddox does not admit that any were taken from Richard by him, "as I made it a point of duty to give receipts in every case - nor did he make any such claim when in my camp, altho' he volunteered to go out with an escort & point out where horses could be found - an escort was sent with him and were out a whole day; but he did not show any, nor were any taken by the party."

St Maddox denies having taken any grain from Richard. - Some flour was brought by R. to the camp & a receipt given him - he, Richard, alleged & certify<sup>d</sup> before Mr Martin "that the grain at his mill belonged to a Mr Linares, who was in arms ag<sup>t</sup> the U.S." - that having subsequently ascertain<sup>d</sup> the flour belong<sup>d</sup> to Mrs Linares at Mont., she was p<sup>d</sup> for it.

Richard when he first visited his (Maddox's) camp, <sup>to demand the arms</sup> was very insolent & abusive, threaten<sup>d</sup> with the powers of his Consul & was therefore consider<sup>d</sup> a partisan, and detain<sup>d</sup> in the camp long enough "to prevent his giving information of my mov<sup>t</sup>s to the enemy."

Maddox asserts this is not the first time the French Consul has taken up baseless claims of his countrymen & tried to get them recognized by our authorities. Every act of the military

officers in enforcing measures has been "in a conciliatory manner and with a desire to protect the interests of neutrals, and even when there were well-founded suspicions agt. them, to make the restriction in light as was consistent with a due regard to the pub. safety."

Among the docs. accompanied with the above is a copy of letter from Commodore Stockton, dated on board U.S. frigate "Congress" Oct. 17, 1847, in these words: "An insurrection has broken out in the South, and I am informed that the insurgents are seizing indiscriminately saddles, horses & all munitions of war that they can lay their hands on. In anticipation of a similar movt. in your Dept., you are hereby authorized & ordered to seize all horses, saddles and munition of war that you may find, which will be likely to fall into the hands of those who may be disposed to revolt, giving receipts for all articles taken from persons friendly disposed."

Docs. B & C. are copies of letters from Lt. Alon. Martin & Capt. Josiah H. Swan to Maddy, corroborating the latter's statements.

Docs. D, E, F, & G accompanied by Maddy are copies of a letter from General Moerkhout & other papers - abt. a claim that



the Consul made in behalf of a Frenchman, which  
the latter subsequently recanted. - Submitted to prove  
that Moerenhout was somewhat given to prefer  
baseless claims -

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1847 May 3 Santa Clara.

Geo: W. Bellomy - to Gen. Kearney, Gov of Cal.

Sufferings & complaints.

Relates a long story of wrongs suffered at the hands of natives and even at the hands of the Am. authorities in return for reliable information furnished them regularly from time to time on the state of affairs in the dist., and for other services of a mechanical nature rendered. Complains of Burton the Alcalde, formerly a run away sailor, who has by false decisions & false imprisonment made him suffer - Assures the Gen. he has suffered <sup>in 10 months</sup> more ~~of late~~ for three years before.

Concludes: "I am clear of opinion now, if we had continued the Bear Flag we would now be in better condition in this vicinity."

1847 Aug. 16. San Francisco

M<sup>rs</sup> A. Leidersdorff, M<sup>rs</sup> D. M. Howard, E. P. Jones, and a large number of other residents.

Petition Gov. Mason to appoint John Townsend, Alcalde, to succeed George

Hyde, who, it was understood, was on the point of resigning said office.

Another petition states that the 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde in office at the time the Am. flag was hoisted, has since that event declined to act. and that M. Leavenworth is recommended for the position.

+ 1847 June 27 San José

George Hyde, to the Govt. - on Mormon news paper assertions.

Sends a copy of the "Star", the Mormon paper, containing a hit wgt. line, Hyde, under a very smooth art. upon military gov't.

Asserts that the Mormons abuse him because they are aware that he exerts his whole power & ability to stem their influence.

+ 1847 June 29 Sonoma

Alcalde Rogge to Govt.

All efforts to get the town records from Nash, the former Magistrate, unsuccessful - he refuses to surrender them.

1847 June 20 Sta Cruz  
Wm Thompson, 2d Alcalde.

Walter Galton, Chief Alcalde of Monterey reports to Gov. that inasmuch as said Thompson intends to leave Sta Cruz dist., it is necessary to appoint an energetic person to take his place.

+ 1847 June 20. San Fran<sup>co</sup>  
Capt J. L. Folson - to Gov Mason - disorderly  
condition of the town, causes

Disorders & irregularities prevailing in the village constantly on the increase - at this time it is one of the worst of its size he has ever seen.

Town full of drunken Ind<sup>s</sup>, Harnakus, runaway sailors &c. - always on Sundays, & frequently on week days most disgraceful scenes of fighting, intoxication & clamor seen. No adequate measures adopted to suppress them, or to punish the offenders. Orderly people will have to resort to mob law for protection of life and property. - "for the last three months the duties of the alcalde have been performed

with culpable remissness. About a week since Mr Hyde, the present Alcalde, left the place without leaving any one to attend to his duties, and within that time the village has been the scene of the most disgraceful disorders.

In San José it is even worse than in San Francisco.

Whale ships soon expected in San Fran.<sup>co</sup> & if the Alcalde don't make an effort to stop disorders, vessels will be left without crews - owners will suffer, and the reputation of Gov.<sup>t</sup> "be degraded."

There is no excuse for not preserving order here, for a military guard is within a stone throw of the Alcalde's office, and is always at his service if he meets with resistance.

+ 1847 June 23 Sonoma

John H. Nash, Alcalde. to Gov.<sup>t</sup> Mason. - abt. pub. records.

Declines to comply with the Gov.<sup>t</sup>'s order of J. Just. requiring him to deliver to Mr L. M. Roggs, certain papers and records belonging to his office, "until it shall be shown to me, in a just & proper manner, that I have not the legal right to exercise the proper functions of the first Magistrate of the district of Sonoma." declines

to recognizing Rogge as Alcalde.

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+ 1847 June 18 Mont.

Alcalde Colton - to Gov: Mason.

Asks a small military force, for abt. 1/2 hour, to break up a faro-bank in the town, producing much misery & distress among its victims.

+ 1847 Augt. 22 Santa Cruz

Alcalde W. Blackburn - to Gov: Mason - execution of criminal.

Has heard from Judge Colton of Mont. that he, Blackburn, transgressed his power in causing the execution of the murderer Pedro Gomez. In the absence of laws to govern his conduct, & of military force to guard prisoners, & of the necessity of troubling the residents to stand guard <sup>upon a very poor prison,</sup> he had to do the best he could. The murder was a most shocking one, & he had the criminal "executed as soon as decency would permit after his trial."

\* 1847 May 30 San Francisco.

Major James A. Hardie, Command of North Milit. Dist. to Col. Mason  
Proceeds of a pub. Meeting relative to appt. of Geo. Hyde as Alcalde.

Encloses a placard calling a pub. meeting that took place at time appointed. - the notice was of so objectionable a character that he deemed it his duty to attend, and to remark in the early part of the evening "that any attempt on the part of any persons in the district which I command to exercise the right of selecting an Alcalde, when one already is legally appointed by Gen. Kearney, would meet with the decided reprehension of the military authorities in the district, and that no such attempt could be permitted; and added that Mr Hyde would have all the moral & physical support of the U.S. forces. He also expressed the hope "they would confine themselves to an exercise of the privilege of petition to the Gov. without any asserting of rights or other insubordinate act." The resolution offered was much discussed & lost by a large majority - another resolution "expressive of confidence in the judicial abilities & fairness of Mr Hyde" was passed & the meeting adjourned.

The placard was a printed one, and read:

"The People's Voice stifled by intrigue.  
People of San Francisco, rally for your rights!!!  
A majority of your number have petitioned the

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Gov<sup>r</sup> of this Territory to appoint John Townsend Esq<sup>r</sup> to succeed Edwin Bryant Esq<sup>r</sup>, as Alcalde of this district. Intrigue has defeated the voice of the people - George Hyde is appointed!!! Will you submit to this? The unrevoked Proclamation of Gov<sup>r</sup> Stockton gives you the privilege of electing Alcaldes for yourselves - The laws of California guarantee the same Right.

Assemble at Brown's Hotel at seven o'clock this evening, and assert your Rights =  
San Fran<sup>co</sup> May 30th 1847. = Many of the People?

\* 1847 May 27 Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Kearney - on jurisdiction of Alcaldes of Alcalde, & on judicial powers of Alcaldes in general.

Does not know how far his jurisdiction extends. Gen. Vallejo says it embraces all the territory outside of the Bay & this side of the Sacramento river. that Alcaldes at Rodera, San Rafael & Napa are under Alcaldes subordinate to the Alcalde at Sonoma. Would like to know if records at Mont. throw light upon subject.  
Understands <sup>an Alcalde's</sup> judicial authority in actions for debt extends only to \$99<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> - frequent applications to him occur for larger sums. Believes large claims should await the establishment of proper



tribunals, unless special power is given to alcaides, if necessary, to try cases exceeding that sum.

In criminal causes should the Constitution of the U.S. be considered in force here - it requires indictment by a Grand Jury. - Would it not be proper in all criminal cases to call a grand jury of the vicinago to be empannelled for the purpose of indicting?

Ever saying there is no prison where to have prisoners in safe keeping - hitherto they have been placed in charge of the military, but the Capt here dislikes to take charge of them.

\* 1847 May 29 Sonoma

J. W. Scott - to Gov. Mason - abt Alcaide Nash.

Says he Km. Nash well - is unfit for Alcaide. "his conduct here lately has been ridiculous, denying your authority, and calling upon a certain class of people to stand up in bold defiance for their rights."

1847 May 26 Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs. to Gov. Kearney - abt. Alcalde Nash's  
conduct, and pub. matters in the district.

The archives of this dist. are yet in possession of Mr Nash, for he has access to them tho' they are deposited in the garrison. he has the key that unlocks the case containing them - refuses to surrender them or point them out - still claims to be rightfully an officer, and has even exercised the powers of Alcalde at least in one instance, "by permitting a suit to be instituted before him and tried, and this trial was held in daytime in a room in the garrison".

Nash & his supporters have held a meeting & are circulating petitions for signatures, praying the Gov. to reinstate him - and yet, in the same breath condemn the Gov.'s action in having removed him. The masses of the people do not act thus - it is all the work of a lawyer Green, Nash himself, and "artificial stimulus, viz, brandy". The whole thing is manufactured -

Nash's behavior, temperament, prejudices & lack of proper attainments disqualify him.

To put down Lawyer Green, the Nashes, and such, recommends the Gov. to station in Sonoma an

officer of regular army of U.S. and a <sup>reliable</sup> company of regular troops. It is proper to do so as this is the only military post north of the bay.

Respecting deeds for town lots, Gen. Vallejo seems to be the only person competent for making titles to lots in the town of Sonoma, the site of which was already granted & confirmed by the Mex.<sup>n</sup> Gov.<sup>t</sup> to the inhabitants of the pueblo. "I do not see that the change of Gov.<sup>t</sup> could change his position in this respect. all the deeds made for lots taken up in this town, before the U.S. took possession of the country, were made by him - the former Mex.<sup>n</sup> Alcalde never pretended to exercise the power at this place." He transferred to Wash the map & papers thinking he had nothing more to do in the premises, but he was in error - "he could not transfer his authority to another, any more than I could transfer my authority as Alcalde to another." He ought to be again placed in charge with the same powers he had under the Mex.<sup>n</sup> Gov.<sup>t</sup>

Mr Wash, as Alcalde, has sold lots & rec<sup>d</sup>. money for them & is not under bond - a Receiver of pub. money of the town should be named & placed under bond, and Mr Wash be made to disgorge the pub. funds.

+ 1847 June 5 San José

Ant. Sural, Dolores Pacheco, José Noriega, José  
Fernandez, Julian Hawks, Wm. Fisher, Isaac Bonham,  
& Felix Buena, constituting a Junta  
of the Pueblo

Petition Gov Mason to appoint at once an  
Alcalde for the place, as the present incumbent  
John Burton, is unwilling to continue  
serving - also that a small force be  
stationed here to uphold supremacy of the laws,  
and ~~check~~ <sup>decide</sup> the constant disputes between  
foreigners & natives abt horses & other properties  
"taken during the late war." A corporal's guard  
may be enough under the Alcalde's control -  
otherwise no Alcalde can serve.

+ 1847 May 22 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Jm Pellett, and a large number of residents  
Americans, Native Californians & foreigners.

Petition Gov Kearney to app<sup>nt</sup> George  
Hyde Alcalde of San Fran<sup>co</sup> to fill vacancy  
occasioned by resignation of Edwin Bryant,  
having full confidence in his ability & integrity. Another

petition numerously signed, with many prominent men among the signers, recommends John Tompkins to succeed Edwin Bryant

\* 1847 May 15 Pueblo de los Angeles

Col. Stevenson - to Brig. Gen. Kearney - abt Civil Authority in San Bernardino Dist.

Indians in the dist. quite troublesome - people need protect themselves, if there was a proper officer to enforce the laws.

An act of the Legislature confirm'd by Gov Pico Pico 4 March 1846 made Guaiya, San Bernardino, Negrolitan, Lompoc, Huapa & Cucamonga into a separate dist. - Benj. Wilson was appointed Jues de Paz - Wilson having resign'd Louis Robideau was appointed by Commodore Stockton as Gov. of Cal., Aug 20. 1846. Stockton caused an election - Robideau was elected, Sept 15, 1846.

Alcaldes of Los Angeles claim jurisd<sup>n</sup> over the dist. & have appoint'd a subordinate Justice, who is inefficient - neither he nor Robideau are obeyed -

It is necessary that a Justice with full powers be appointed to check Ind<sup>n</sup> depredations & preserve peace in the neighborhood. There are reliable

Men in the district, Wilson, Robideau & others  
friendly to Am. occup<sup>n</sup>, whose arms were taken  
away by the U.S. troops - now have no means  
of defence agt Indians & other depredators  
of their property. If arms are return<sup>d</sup>, then  
they can protect themselves.

\* 1847 May Sonoma  
Wm B. Ide & abt 70 more

Held a meeting & resolved to address  
the Gov<sup>r</sup> - they did so recommending John  
H. Nash to be continued as Alcalde of the  
dist. State that those who have asked  
for his removal, have misinformed the  
Gov<sup>r</sup>, prompted by personal animosity,  
and without consulting pub. interests.

That Nash was elected by a large majority  
of the citizens of the dist. all of whom are well  
satisfied with his official conduct. That he  
has discharged the duties of the office discreetly  
and faithfully

+ 1847 May 1 San José

M <sup>rs</sup> Fisher	—	Jose Noriega
Isaac Branham	—	Ja <sup>s</sup> W. Weber
Solomon Pacheco	—	Ant <sup>o</sup> Surool
Jose Fernandez	—	Julian Hawks
Elis Puelna	—	Charles White.

Represent to Gov. Kearney that they were elected by the people of the dist. as a Sunta for the better regulation of the same.

That the Alcalde has shown them two letters from the Gov. respecting a case in law betw. Gabriel Castro & Ant<sup>o</sup> German, wherein the Gov. decides the case "taking hearsay for testimony, and perhaps that of an interested party."

Your memorialists would take this opportunity to inform Your Exc<sup>ty</sup> that we have every confidence in Your Excell<sup>ty</sup>'s administ<sup>n</sup> of justice; but we would at the same time recommend that Your Exc<sup>ty</sup> would not admit the statem<sup>ts</sup> of any individual to set aside the legal proceedings of law, when the off<sup>l</sup> proceed<sup>gs</sup> can be obtained by demand<sup>g</sup> them."

John Burton, the Alcalde, on send<sup>g</sup> the foregoing on the 3<sup>d</sup> says he laid the letters before the Junta, because he felt his rights invaded; that he has seen & when few would be willing to do so, and has done

his duty to the best of his ability both to the Gov.<sup>t</sup>  
& people -

That he told the Junta "if the rights of the Court  
were invaded by letting aside legal testimony  
and taking hearsay for the decision of cases,  
I was unwilling to serve any longer"

+ 1847 May 2. San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

Edwin Bryant, Alcalde - to Gov Kearney

Resigns his office to take effect as soon  
as his successor can be appointed.

+ 1847 Apr 16 San Diego

Henry D. Fitch, Justice of the Peace.

+ 1847 June 29 Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs - to Gov Mason - Mont.

Mr Reed has enter'd upon his duties as  
Sheriff.

Nash, the former Alcalde, refuses to deliver  
the town records - he gave up a few, but the important  
ones, without which the Court cannot act, he has concealed.



Neither Mr. Roggs, nor Capt. Brackett, the Com-  
mandant, can do any more in the premises.  
Gov. will have to adopt measures, and make  
such an example of Nash that others will  
hereafter be deterred from a similar course.  
Nash places the Gov. & all others in authority  
at defiance.

+ 1847 July 2. San Francisco.

Major Hardie - to Gov. Mason - disorderly  
state of the place.

During Alcaide Hyde's absence - disorders  
and licentious conduct of the vicious were  
so great that they could not be overlooked &  
peace & security of good citizens demanded  
that they should be abated - To effect it he  
gave an acting appt. to Mr. Frank Ward  
as Alcaide to discharge duties as such officer.  
Appt. to cease on return of Mr. Hyde - which  
was done on Tuesday last that Hyde came back.

+ 1847 Feb. 26 Sonoma

Alcalde Mr. H. Nash - to Gov Kearney.

Urges the necessity of providing the office of the civil Magistrate with an interpreter & translator of the Sp. lang. to facilitate admint.<sup>n</sup> of justice to all, native & foreign.

Most of the important business this side of the bay is transacted at Sonoma - most of the property holders are Sp. entirely unacquainted with Am. customs, manners, laws & lang. His ignorance of the Sp. lang. hinders him from discharging his duties properly.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 San José

Charles White & 6 others - to Gov Mason

Protest agt the admission of James F. Reed and John Murphy, as members of town council, on the plea that they were not elected by ~~the~~ any considerable vote - most of the voters having taken no part in such election - that they are not residents - have no avocation except gambling - & Reed acknowledges killing a man - says that in self defence which may or may not be true - he has not undergone a trial. That James W.

Weeks, appointed Alcalde for the dist. is entirely unfit for the position. They abstain from bringing forward charges agt him, because they do not wish to injure him unnecessarily; but if he is not removed, they are prepared to prefer the charges.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 San José

Alcalde Weeks - to Gov Mason - Election  
of municipal council

Reports the following persons duly elected on 15 ult. (sic) - (only two or three natives attended) as town council.

José Noriega - Salvador Castro -

James T. Reid - James Campbell

Robt. B. Meigh - John Murphy,

+ 1847 Oct. 5. San Diego

Robt. Cliff, Justice of the Peace -

+ 1847 Nov. 21, San Juan Bautista

José M. Sanchez, Alcalde - to Gov:

advises having turn. over office to Julian Vizca, duly elect. to succeed him.

\* 1848 Ap. 17 San José

Alcalde White - to Gov. Mason - on trials by jury.

Referring to his decision in the case agt. Pedro Badillo, says, he tried & sentenced him without a jury, because, in a former case of a man accused of selling liquor to the Ind.<sup>ns</sup>, contrary to Gov.'s proclam<sup>n</sup>, he call<sup>d</sup> a jury of 6 men, half foreigners, & half Californians - there were two witnesses, who clearly prov<sup>d</sup> the fact, and yet his countrymen would not find him guilty - called another jury in same manner, which ended like the first, in refusing to find against their countryman. Eventually he sentenced the culprit to the lowest penalty, but afterwards remitted a part of the sentence.

\* 1847 Dec 5. Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs - to Gov. Mason

Reports following persons duly elected on the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst, under Gov.'s instructions to form town council.

Quin Fine, John G. Ray, John Lewis,  
Jacob P. Lease, Essa Beasley, H. A. Greene.

Asks Gov. to issue his certif<sup>s</sup> to them that they may act.  
Supposes their powers same as those of Council of San Fran<sup>co</sup>.

+ 1847 Dec. 26 San Diego

D. C. Davis, Capt. of Mormon Vol<sup>s</sup> - Command<sup>r</sup>.

+ 1847 May 26 Sta Barb<sup>a</sup>

St Col. Henry S. Burton, Comm<sup>r</sup>. - to Gov Kearney - Elections  
of Alcaldes.

Under instructions of Col. Mason, inhabitants of Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> met on 25 Ap<sup>r</sup>. "for the purpose of electing 3 persons to receive the votes and to be the judges of an election to be held in Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> on the 2<sup>d</sup> of May 1847 for the purpose of choosing 7 electors &c"

The 7 electors chosen on 2<sup>d</sup> May - Subsequent Sunday they elected Pablo de la Guerra, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde, & Luis Carrillo, 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde.

"There has been some little feeling manifested by the Alcaldes respecting their oath of office". For want of a proper person to administer the oath, it has not been administered either accord<sup>g</sup> to Am. or Mex<sup>n</sup> Law.

Guerra call<sup>d</sup> the people of Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> together and swore before them to administer justice according to best of his ability - and requir<sup>d</sup> same oath from the 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde.

"Then I offer<sup>d</sup> the app<sup>t</sup>s sign<sup>d</sup> by you. . . . .  
They declined them, saying, that by the Mexican laws, the Alcaldes rec<sup>d</sup> their app<sup>t</sup>s from the

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seven electors and not from the Govr.

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+ 1847 Oct. 30 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs

M. G. Vallejo } to Govr Mason - Proceedings  
in trial of Anto Armijo, Robt Smith & J. W. Eaker,  
accused of murder of Indians.

Accompanying the papers of proceedings had in these cases, in conformity to Govr's order of 19 Aug<sup>t</sup> last. - Showing all the facts the Court was able to elicit from the testimony.

The accused had fair & impartial trial by intelligent & respectable juries, and were acquitted of the charges ag<sup>t</sup> them. & then set at liberty.

Send also statement of fees & other charges for jurors, witnesses & officers - total amt. \$1789.50 which does not include what was due to Capt. Jno. A. Sutter & the Sheriff of Sacramento.

In a letter of 27<sup>th</sup> same month, Capt. J. E. Brainerd, Commandy at Sonoma, reported to Govr Mason that those persons, accused of Ind<sup>n</sup> murders were tried separately on the 25 & 26, & acquitted. "It seems that Capt. Sutter did not even take an affidavit

against these men until some time in the present month: as you will perceive the affidavit is very singular & imperfect." That the men wished the Gov.<sup>r</sup> written to on their behalf to obtain redress for their long confinement, loss of their lives, & injuries their crops sustained from neglect. Armijo was the only one who claim<sup>d</sup> compensation for loss of crops.

The above trial took place under an order of Col. Rich<sup>d</sup>. B. Mason, Gov.<sup>r</sup> of Cal., appointing Mariano G. Vallejo & Jno. A. Sutter, citizens of Cal. & Sub. Jud<sup>s</sup> ag<sup>t</sup>s. "Special Commissioners or Judges to hold a Court at or near Sutter's Fort on the Sacramento at such early day as may be most convenient for the trial of Antonio M. Armijo, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Smith (commonly called "Howling Smith") and John Egger, each and severally charged with the murder as well as the capturing & carrying off into slavery of several peaceable Indians some time abt. the latter part of June or early in July 1847."

A. M. Morrison was appoint<sup>d</sup> by the Court Clerk to record its proceedings. Geo. M. Kinstry Jun<sup>r</sup>, Sheriff. H. A. Green, Counsel to the Court. Edmund P. Crosby, Interpreter.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Gov.<sup>r</sup> Mason appointed G. W. Boggs of Sonoma, an additional

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"Special Commissioner or Judge" for the trial of the accused. The Commissioners or Judges to meet on 25 Oct. at Sonoma, "a change of venue being hereby made to that place instead of Sutter's fort as before directed."

The trials took place in Sonoma. L. W. Roggs & M. G. Vallejo, acting as Judges. Capt. Sutter did not attend, being prevented by illness.

\* 1847 Oct. 18 San Luis Obispo.

José Mariano Bonilla, Alcalde. to Gov. Mason.

Assures him of his strong desire to cooperate in the good work of preserving order & administering justice, but that the necessity of seeking means for the support of himself & family, forces him to change his residence, & resign the office of Alcalde & judge which he has been discharging during the last year & more. Begs the Gov. to appoint his successor, or to order an election by the inhabitants.



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\* 1847 Sept. 15 Mont.

Commodore Shubrick - to Gov. Mason - abt retaining Walter  
Colton as Alcalde of Mont.

Is aware of the importance of Mr Colton's services in existg state of Affairs in Cal. as Alcalde of Mont., & will not withdraw him at present. Requests, however, that the Gov. inform him as soon as possible when a suitable person may be obtain<sup>d</sup> to take his place, as his services in the Squadron are also needed (he was a Chaplain)

\* 1847 . . . . . no date - Benicia City

(Endors. - rec. Dec. 31. 1847)

E. H. Von Pfister, Stephen Cooper & 2d others - Information  
of a new district with an Alcalde.

Petition the Gov. to form a new dist. not to extend within 12 miles of town of Sonoma, with the natural boundary Napa river.

Describe Benicia, & say the settlement & business are rapidly increasing, & at times there is great need of an Alcalde.

Dist. to embrace - Beginning at the embarkation at head of tide water on the Napa river with the river to its mouth, thence up the Straits of Carquinez

and the Suisun bay to mouth of the Sacramento, thence up the Sacramento to the head of the present dist. of Sonoma; thence with the top of the Mountain to the Gap or Valley leading from Suisun to the Loscal ranch; thence with the place to place of beginning including ranch of Cayetano Sney out to Napa river.

\* 1847 Dec. 19 Los Angeles

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - On election of improper persons for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Alcaldes. Necessity of annulling such elections & using the appointing power

Elections for Alcaldes took place yesterday afternoon - parties elected very improper ones - they are unfit for the office - well known to be among the worst citizens, "as well as most violent enemies to the American Authorities."

Palomares, chosen 1<sup>st</sup> Alcaldes, during the last outbreak took the body of an American (one of Gillespie's men), who had been killed in battle, from the grave where it had been buried, and dragged it by the neck to a ditch where he threw it swearing it should not have Christian burial."

The other, Sepúlveda, "is an ignorant Scoundrel" - had himself chosen because he has a suit in the Alcaldes' court, "involving a large amt. of property in which the orphan families of two ~~families~~ <sup>Americans</sup> have a  $\frac{3}{5}$  interest." If he & Palmares are alcaldes, Sepúlveda's relatives will be sure to suffer. He is well known for many infamous acts.

That he has been requested by many respectable persons to urge on the Gov. to appoint the Alcalde Forster, Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> instancia. Thus he will have the entire review of the Alcaldes' acts.

+ 1847 Dec. 3. San Juan Capistrano

John Forster, Alcalde. to Gov. Mason. his resignation & reasons

Says he has endeavored to do his duty to the best of his ability. but finds it necessary to resign his Commission - because he has been interrupted in the discharge of it - the law had been taken out of his hands by the Ind. Agt., "who has established a Court for the trial of cases at San Luis Rey, paying no attention to my repeated protestations & solicitations to him to have those cases brought before me, as being the proper authority." . . . . .

Complain, further that in his instructions he was required to call, in case of need, for assistance on the Military - he has done so on two occasions, and his applications were ignored - the effect of the Ind.<sup>o</sup> Agent's influence, or of counter orders from higher Authority.

In either case, the Alcalde's authority has become null.

Many abuses are being committed; Ind.<sup>o</sup> depredate, and others who are not Ind.<sup>o</sup> - Many suffer, among them some who have been good friends to the Americans - they wish these things laid before the Gov.<sup>r</sup> feeling convinced that they will be stop'd as soon as known.

+ 1847 July 3<sup>d</sup> San José

Jose W. Weeks & others - to Gov.<sup>r</sup> Mason

Object to the municipal elections effected in the town as being illegal. Recommend the Gov.<sup>r</sup> to appoint 3 Californians, & 3 Am.<sup>o</sup> to act as town councilmen. following persons proposed.

Dolores Pacheco, José Noriega, Salvador Castro,  
J<sup>r</sup> Fisher, Geo. Campbell, & Julian Hanks.

1847 Dec. 1. San Aug.  
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Recommends that as Henry D. Fitch, now returned to San Diego, does not want to act as Alcalde, the next one Lieut. R. Clift, must continue in charge, & as he is very popular with the people, should be retained for next year.

1848 Feb. 5. Mont.

Gab. de la Torre	} Principal, and securities bound jointly & severally in sum of \$5000. - to U.S. Authorities in Cal.
Ant. Mendez	
Ign. Esquer	
James Stokes	
Thos. O. Larkin	} Conditions of the obligation:
Wm. R. Garner	

If said La Torre obtain during present war betw. U. S. & Mex., from taking any part, either by counseling, aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly in any revolutionary or other measures calculated to disturb the pub. quiet of Cal., then this oblig<sup>n</sup> to be null & void, otherwise to be of full force & effect in law." - Witness to the bond W. E. P. Hartnell

+ 1848 Nov. 15. Honolulu

R. C. Wyllie, Minister of Foreign Affairs - to Gov Mason  
Hawaiian Council

Advises appt. by the King of Geo. Trail Allan to be Consul for all ports in Cal. & requests that he be allow<sup>d</sup> to act until an executor can be obtain<sup>d</sup> from U. S. Govt. -

+ 1847 Dec. 28 San José (Confidential)

J. S. Ruel - to the Govt. on affairs of the people.

Matters which were originally bad, are growing worse & worse - large portion of the popul<sup>n</sup> lazy, addicted to gambling, have no visible means of livelihood, & of course must support themselves by stealing cattle or horses.

Neither <sup>the strictly upright,</sup> the former Alcaldes Burton ~~nor~~ <sup>nor</sup> Weeks command the respect which an Alcaldes ought to among the inhab<sup>t</sup>.

Wanted an Alcaldes "who is not afraid to do his duty and who knows what his duty is - also a town Council to carry out the laws, and see that he does his duty."

Capt Fisher would make a very good Alcaldes, but could not be prevail<sup>d</sup> on to accept the position.

The best one after him to appoint is Mr Charles White, who is competent and understands the lang. & has experience in the duties having been some time in the Alcazã with Burton as clerk.

Election of a new town-council is impossible. The appt. coming from the Gov. will have a good effect on the native people.

As to the petition for troops to be stationed here "if a promiscuous body of 25 men of N. Y. vol. should be sent here, they would in a short time bring about the very state of affairs which we are all so anxious to avoid. However, I am confident that if a sergt. with six picked temperate men could be sent here to guard the prison & prisoners and aid the Alcazã in arresting refractory convicts, they would do much good, as it is now impossible to keep a prisoner after arresting him."

1847 Feb. 26 Los Angeles

J. C. Fremont, Gov. of Cal. - Pardon to Juan B. Moreno

By virtue of his power, "and in the intention of contributing to the tranquillity of the territory by the return of its citizens to their families and homes", granted

a full pardon to said Moreno "for any acts committed during the recent hostilities, ag<sup>t</sup> the Gov<sup>t</sup> of the U. S., and do further assure to him a free passage and entire security of property and person.

+ 1847 Feb. 10 Mont.

Capt Mariano Silva } officers of Mex.  
Lieut. Macedonio Padilla } formerly in service in Cal.  
to Commodore Shubrick. ask for a passage to Mex.

Hacen presente que desde el 7 de Julio del año p<sup>o</sup>do que las fuerzas Am.<sup>as</sup> ocuparon a Monterey, se les ha considerado a los colic<sup>o</sup>lantes como prisioneros de guerra por el Comodoro Stockton - firmaron su parole, y como hombres de honor la han cumplido hasta ahora - durante estos meses no han recibido ningun socorro p.<sup>a</sup> su subsist.<sup>a</sup> del Jefe que los puso en la clase de prisioneros de guerra.

Suplican que el Comodoro Shubrick les de pasaje en alg.<sup>o</sup> de los buques de su mando a Mazatlan, San Blas o Acapulco.



o 1848 July 12. Head-qr. South. Milit. Dists - Los Angeles.  
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason. Arrival  
of Pio and Andrés Pico.

I have the honor to announce the arrival of Don Pio Pico at San Juan Capistrano on Sunday last - he is expected here today or tomorrow. I do not learn that he has any communications for you.

Don Andreas Pico has called upon me with a letter (a copy of which is enclosed) from the Mex. Genl. Command of the South Mex. Dept., address'd to the Military Command. in Cal. - it was sent to Don Andreas as the last known Mex. Command. in the country. Don Andreas will inform this officer by the first opportunity that this country is entirely and peaceably in the possession of the American Authorities, and that altho' he was the last Command., he is now, not only without a Command, but by the treaty, with Fremont, is upon his parole and cannot assume the least direction or control of milit. matters.

1848 July 30 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

W. D. M. Howard

C. V. Gillespie

Jas. B. Ward

Committee of a meeting  
of citizens of S.<sup>th</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup>  
to Gov<sup>r</sup>. Mason - on receiv<sup>g</sup> gold ore as security for duties

Accompany the proceedings of a meeting held last evening at the City Hotel - and request that the matter be immediately taken into consid<sup>er</sup>ation & acted upon.

Resolutions adopted at the meeting.

1. That Gov<sup>r</sup>. be petitioned to appoint one or more assayers to test the quality of the gold taken from the placers at the Sacramento.
2. Gov<sup>r</sup>. be ask<sup>d</sup>. to extend the time allowed for the redemption of the gold dust deposited as collateral security for payment of duties, to 6 months, so as to allow time for the import<sup>n</sup>. of coined money into the country for that purpose.
3. Gov<sup>r</sup>. be requested to appoint a competent person to superintend the conversion of gold into ingots of convenient weights, the same to be stamped with the person's name furnishing the gold to be cast, the weight, and if possible, its fineness in reference to standard - the said officer to keep a record of all

gold cast, the expenses of casting to be defrayed  
by the person furnishing the raw material. (Not  
Carried)

\* Appointment of a committee to petition Congress  
to establish a mint in this town - the petition  
to be circulated in the Sacramento Valley, <sup>& elsewhere</sup> for  
signatures. The said Committee to consist  
of C. N. Gilbopie, Jas C. Ward, W. D. M. Howard,  
& Capt. Joseph L. Tolson, U. S. Army.

+ 1847 Dec. 8 Mont.

Gov. Mason. to Mrs Hetty C. Brown S. J. Co  
on divorces.

Neither he nor any alcalde possess any  
authority to grant a divorce. . . .

"If your husband has abandoned  
you and left the country with no intention  
of returning and without providing  
you with any means or resources what-  
ever, I am of opinion, there being no law  
in Cal.<sup>a</sup> that I can either find or hear of  
on the subject of divorces, that he should  
be viewed as tho' he was dead so far  
as you are concerned."

+ 1848 July 27 Mont.

Walter Colton, C. Wolter, Milton Little, J. Watson,  
Talbot H. Green, D. Spence, J. S. Ruckel, Tho. O. Sarkin  
& José Abrego  
Citizens of Mont.

petition the Gov. that gold wrought in the  
convenient shapes, may be rec. at the C. House.  
& end saying, "unless it can, importations must  
cease, or ruinous sacrifices be made."

+ 1847 Feb. 26 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs, Presid. } of a public  
J. H. Nash, Secretary } Meeting -

A committee of 5 appoint. to lay before  
Gen. Kearney the resolutions of the meeting,  
viz: H. A. Green, J. H. Nash, M. G. Vallejo, Capt.  
Grigsby, & M. E. McIntosh.

Resolutions:

"That the attention of Gen. Kearney, the Gov. & Commander  
in Chief be earnestly & respectfully called to the subject  
of giving to the North side of the bay of San Francisco  
a fair and equal represent. in the proposed  
Legislative Council, according to the number

of the white population, compared with other sections of Cal., the importance of their various interests & the extent of habitable country. We hesitate not to state upon the best authority, that there is at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>d</sup> of the whole white popul.<sup>n</sup> of Cal. that reside North of the bay: and, indeed, it is well known that at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the volunteers engaged in the late contest in Cal., claim the North side of the bay as their future place of residence. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend to the Commandy Gen., if the same comes within the purview of his powers, to increase the council to 15 members, & to grant to the north side of the bay, 5 of that number, and to give to the people the right of electing the said members. If, however, the granting of this request should be incompatible with the Gen. in Chief's instructions from the Gov.<sup>t</sup> of the U. S., we would then & in that case, respectfully present to him the names of Gen. M. G. Vallejo, L. W. Boggs, Capt. John Grigsby, Stephen Cooper, Capt Richardson, as suitable persons to be appoint<sup>d</sup> members of said council."

And that if the Gen. could not appoint so many members, then elect as many as he may think proper from the above named. (There is an endorse.

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mt. - "March 3<sup>d</sup>. Wrote to Mr Bryant, Alcalde at Yerba Buena, to inform all concern<sup>d</sup>. that there would not be a legislative Council." /

The Alcalde Bogg, same day, laid another petition before Gen. Kearney to station a portion of the U. S. land forces in Sonoma (from 50 to 80 men) which would accrue no other expense to the Gov<sup>t</sup>. than their transportation, as barracks exist here belonging to U. S. - provisions plentiful & cheaper than at Yerba Buena.

Also request the establishment of a regular mail from Yerba Buena to Sonoma & to the Sacramento.

The petition sign<sup>d</sup>. by M. J. Vallejo, H. A. Green, M. J. McIntosh, John H. Nash, Jno. Grigsby, Committee of the pub. meetings.

1848 Nov. 25 (Mmt)

Gov. Mason. to C. C. Kemble. on organizing Gov<sup>t</sup> for Cal.

(a private letter)

It appears I did not convey to you my exact meaning in the conversation I had the pleasure to have with you last evening; what I wished to convey was this, that if on the receipt of the intelligence that Congress had adjourn<sup>d</sup>. last summer without organizing a territorial gov<sup>t</sup> for Cal.<sup>a</sup>, that then the people

should organize a temporary gov<sup>t</sup> for themselves; that this intelligence (the Adjourn<sup>t</sup> of Congress) it was expected would be rec<sup>d</sup> by the St Mary's now due & daily expected.

+ 1848 Sept. 18. Oregon City.

Geo: Abernethy, Gov: of Oregon - to Gov: Mason of Cal. On  
Supplies of Ammunition & Condition of Oregon.

Rec<sup>d</sup> the liberal supply of Arms & ammuni<sup>n</sup> sent him by Mason - all stored in said city - "Should the jurisd<sup>n</sup> of the U.S. be extended over us, or troops come out for our protection, will immediately on their arrival turn all over to the proper officers".

Difficulties with Ind<sup>s</sup> ceased - the murderers fled, others enter profess<sup>d</sup> friendship for U.S. - probably prompted by fear.

White male popul<sup>n</sup> all gone off to mining region - not less than 3000 leave this valley for Cal. - most will return, having left their families behind - apprehensive of consequences of this exodus if the Ind<sup>s</sup> begin their hostilities again.

Immigrants this year have not been molested on their journey by the Ind<sup>s</sup> - last year they were robbed & maltreated from the time they struck the Columbia riv. until they left it.

The rec<sup>d</sup> of the ordnance & ordnance stores sent by you gives a feeling of satisfaction to every American in the territory - it looks as if they were not deserted by their country, and they so express themselves "----- Should the Indians trouble again "we feel that we are well supplied with arms and ammunition".

+ 1848 Aug. 22 Mont

W. E. P. Hartnell, Gov<sup>t</sup> Translator & Interpreter to Gov<sup>t</sup>

Owing to excessive increase in prices of commodities, since the discovery of gold in the placers, his present salary is insufficient to support him decently - asks it be increased to \$2000. - per annum, and that he be allow<sup>d</sup> privilege of obtaining his rations out of the Commissary's stores at Gov<sup>t</sup> prices.

+ 1848 Aug. 3 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

C. V. Gillespie, Notary Public for this dist<sup>ct</sup>  
by Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason's appt.



+ 1848 July 31. Benicia City

R. Temple - to Gov. Mason. On regulating weights for gold

Gold now almost entire currency in Cal. - there being no law to regulate the weights, there is much confusion.

Sent to the mines, to Yerba Buena & to Sonoma to get the true weights. Weight got from Sonoma, the ounce weighs  $\frac{13}{16}$  more than a gold ounce or 16 dollar piece. the weight from the mines  $\frac{6}{16}$  more -

Gov. should stop "this enormous swindling machine and protect the poor laborer".

Says he is reg. gold at the regular weight of 16 $\frac{1}{16}$  to the ounce, "others are taking it by a weight almost double as heavy."

+ 1847 July 14 San Fran<sup>co</sup> - (U.S. Ship Columbus)

Commodore James Biddle - to Gov. Mason. Abt. John H. Nash,  
late Alcalde at Sonoma - & John Ricord, late Attorney  
Genl. at Sandwich Isl<sup>ds</sup>

Says Nash is on board his ship - has requested Commodore to intercede with Gov. on his behalf - is sensible of his error & if forgiven will behave peaceably - will be sent to Mont. on a U.S. ship which will have a good effect on this part of the country.

Says John Ricord is a notorious scoundrel.

who ran away several years ago from U. S. with a large sum of money belonging to another - has been cause of much vexation & trouble to Am<sup>s</sup> in Sandwich Islands. A villain that should not be trusted - he intends to come & settle in Cal. - he will try to influence himself in the Gov<sup>r</sup>'s favor: "for Heaven's sake, for <sup>you</sup> own sake, for the sake of the peace & quietness of the country, give him no employment or countenance whatever."

+ 1848 - Apr. 4 - Los Ang<sup>s</sup>

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Reports arrest of Lieut.<sup>s</sup> Canfield & Barcus, Serg<sup>t</sup> Myers, & a man named Rockwell, the pt<sup>s</sup> three of the Mormon Volunteers for circulating counterfeit coin - Charge preferred agt them - ask for a military Commission to try them.

(The first 3 were finally tried by a special Court composed of Alcalde Foster & Abel Stearns, & a jury - Canfield & Myers were acquitted - Barcus convicted, sentenced to 5 years hard labor, but recommended to Gov<sup>r</sup>'s mercy)

+ 1847 March 2. Sonoma

Chas. E. Pickett to Gen. Kearney - on Admin. of Justice  
in Sonoma thro' Cal.

Courts as at present constituted bring justice,  
so called, into dispute.

The old man acting as Alcalde in Sonoma  
is ignorant, conceited and dogmatical, govern-  
ed by whims, without any regard to law, (refers  
to Jnr. H. Nash) "even when plainly shown him,  
unless he be told how to proceed, by a contemptible,  
ignorant, low bred, peffifogger here by the name  
of Cron, who has obtain'd a strong influence over  
him" . . . . .

"The present unlimited and illegal powers & prerogatives  
assum'd thro' the country by the different Alcaldes,  
will give rise to much confusion & litigation hereafter,  
as every one of those improper decisions will have to  
be tried de novo, besides giving rise to suits for  
damages agt. the magistrates. This is all the better  
for my line of business, but as it is wrong, I would  
gladly waive my interests to see things better  
regulated."

Will continue writing on events & all matters connected  
with Gen. Kearney's administ. in Cal., furnishing  
correct information, if his gratuitous correspond.  
is acceptable to the Gen.

+ 1847 March 20 Mont.

Col. R. B. Mason - to Gen. Kearney - on missions  
of San José & Santa Clara - Horse thieves, &  
Necessity for a post on the San Joaquin river.

Visiting the missions, examination into the complaints of Padre Real - found emigrants in possession who have injured the buildings very seriously, by removing doors, windows, tile &c - the vineyard also damaged - At San José the emigrants did not even ask for the keys to enter the buildings - they broke open the doors, & took entire possession of the Mission, except the Church, not even leaving the room occupied by the priest when he visits the mission - Much damage done here as at Santa Clara -

There is no need of stationing troops at pueblo de San José - they could not prevent the Ind. stealing the people's horses in that section - Indians come in small parties of two or three from different directions, meet at some preconcerted place & commence their <sup>carrying off some times 200 or 300 head of stock</sup> operations - they are in constant communication with those at the ranches - Recommends that a company be stationed on West bank of San Joaquin river. Understands there are three passes thro'

the Mtns by either one of which the Inds. must pass  
in their retreat with the stolen horses before reaching  
the San Joaq.<sup>n</sup> - Centre pass begins near San  
Juan mission - North<sup>n</sup> one near San Jui - the  
South<sup>n</sup> S. E. of San Juan. "A small garrison  
near the centre pass where it goes out of the  
Mtn. on the San Joaq.<sup>n</sup>, could, by having two thirds  
of it mounted effectually guard all three passes."

It might be good policy to add to that Comp<sup>y</sup>  
"abt 30 native citizens of Calif.<sup>n</sup>, mounted volunteers,  
to serve 12 months, with the same pay & rations,  
& allowances for horses & clothing, as are allow<sup>d</sup> by law."

\* 1847 March 23 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

C. E. Pickett - to Gov. Kearney - opinion on pub.  
affairs, men & measures.

Something must be done quickly to avert  
the horrors that yet await this unhappy land -

All is turmoil & confusion - it is to be feared  
that even the establishment of a good gov<sup>t</sup> & a proper  
code of laws will not give the country peace &  
quiet. there is good reason to suspect treasonable  
& revolutionary mov<sup>ts</sup> are on foot, which must  
be nipped in the bud.

Gov<sup>r</sup> must not expect to obtain correct information

in streets & houses of Mont. & San Francisco; "where you are surrounded - and allow yourself, I strongly suspect to be influenced by reason of the mark they wear - by a dishonest & scheming set of Tories & traitors to our country, truth, principle, & honor". They led Stockton & other naval officers into errors which damaged their reputations, "that have forever damaged them".

No honest truth to be found in such men, except in very, very few, and these are "the lower or uninfluential portions of society".

In the country conversed with the western immigrants ("whom as a body I can almost trust here") & they think as he does.

"The most of Fremont's army, since released from his wild, lawless, & traitorous control, will be found here too on the side of order, good law and the supremacy of our flag."

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Promises to give him facts when the Gen. comes up.

"The mad, lawless & tyrannical schemes and acts of Fremont, Stockton, & other officers of the Navy on shore, have produced a like warmth in the hearts of many true Am<sup>s</sup>, at least towards supporting any longer our flag here under the stain & ignominious manner in which it has as yet waved

over Calif. - and those opposed to our supremacy, many of them Native Americans, are being emboldened by this to make their threatening boasts of future success in planting another standard in place of ours." = One great cause of discontent now, "the reckless & dishonest course pursued by the Navy in reference to property purchased or taken & money obtain<sup>d</sup>. for gov<sup>t</sup>. purchases. There has been a most ignorant & infamous proceeding in this business, and the whole country is now suffering much distress in consequence of it."

The Alcaldes throughout Cal have been, since the raising of the flag, "but a mockery to law & justice; assuming and exercising prerogatives & powers far beyond any clothed them by the Mex<sup>n</sup>. or U.S. laws. They have acted in the triple capacity of legislative, executive & judicial, and the most of them tarnished these sacred offices by a total disregard of all law, justice, reason, and right. I would advise you, <sup>to suspend</sup> at once these courts, or have published the laws defining their duties, which ought to have been done before the offices were filled."

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For the position of judges, it will be difficult to find the proper men in Cal. Gov<sup>r</sup> Boggs is probably the only man, he knows of, fit to fill the Sup<sup>re</sup> Judgeship.

Mr Bryant, alcalde of S<sup>t</sup>. Fran<sup>co</sup>, is a man of education, honest & pure, but for all that unfit for judge or legislator. "His reasoning faculties are bad, as he can't trace a subject from cause to effect, or from effect to cause to save him - not even the simplest & plainest."

Hastings has too little talent - besides, strongly suspected of being leagued with the oligarchs.

Jones has talent enough, but is a Mammon, and a villain of the deepest dye.

Russell is a mere bag of puffed up, bloated wind, whose app<sup>t</sup>. to office of any sort, every body will oppose.

Your only recourse will be to look amongst those lately over the mountains, with whom you will find men, who, tho' possessing less book-learning than some others, are yet strong minded, upright, and have a correct education & clear conception of the main principles of law & equity?



+ 1848 July 11. Los Angeles

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - Proceedings abt.  
a cannon stolen in Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup> - inhabitants  
made to pay for it - their feelings, & sacrifices  
to pay the fine - settlement of the matter - celebration  
of 4<sup>th</sup> of July - particip<sup>n</sup> of the Californians &

Pursuant to orders went to Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup> on  
19 June - arriv<sup>d</sup> 21. Interview<sup>d</sup> chief inhabitants,  
suggested their offering a reward of 100\$ to learn  
where the gun was - that reward offer<sup>d</sup> to any  
one who would inform Padre Gonzales, under  
secrecy of the Confessional - the Padre assured  
he would not be required to reveal informant's  
name -

On morning of 26 June caused an order with a  
list of all inhabit.<sup>s</sup> of 20 years respu.<sup>s</sup> to be publish<sup>d</sup>  
thru' the town of beat drum, and posted copies at  
the usual places - up to 1<sup>st</sup> July he had collected  
but 100\$ - On 2<sup>d</sup> July made an account on  
real & personal property of the town, according  
to best inform<sup>n</sup> - sent each person a note  
stating amt<sup>t</sup> of his account, requiring paym<sup>t</sup>  
by 7 P. M. July 4. - result was the paym<sup>t</sup>  
of abt. 250\$ - made levies upon the property  
of two - one, a Mr. Dren, Irish but naturalized  
citizen of Mex - the other Mr. Scott, firm of

Scott & Wilson, who refused to pay his share because he was not a citizen of Mex. - both were insolent & rude in their refusals.

Several persons promis<sup>d</sup> payment as soon as they could raise the money - time was allow<sup>d</sup> them - and several had to sell their cattle & horses at sacrifices - which was really painful - Amt. collect<sup>d</sup> \$ 365. - and Capt Lippitt was charged with the collection of the balance, which will be done in all the week.

When he reach<sup>d</sup> Sta Barb<sup>a</sup> it was evident the inhabitants were determin<sup>d</sup> not to pay the fine - and he was informed of it - he assured the principal inhabitants, such a course was foolish, for however painful it was to his feelings, he would enforce the order, and seize property enough to cover the full amt. - they could in no way escape the payment. The result has been satisfactory & the people have behaved better than any portion of Americans at home would have done under similar circumstances.

The two Alcaldes Pedro C. Carrillo & Ardisson protested agt the payments, in consequence of holding Commissions under the Gov. -

They resigned their Commissions, but he did not accept the resignations, advising them not to attempt to protect the Gov's

dignity, which they seem<sup>d</sup> to consider vulnerated, for the Gov<sup>t</sup> could take good care of his own dignity - he advised them, & even requested they should go on discharging their official duties.

Mr Scott's protest was answer<sup>d</sup> by telling him it would be referred to the Gov<sup>t</sup>.

Only two persons were exempt from the fine - both Americans - who produced evidence of services render<sup>d</sup> here to the U.S.

In another long letter, of same date (July 11) Col. Stevenson assures Gov<sup>t</sup> that he is perfectly satisfied no Californian has any thing to do with the disappearance of the gun belonging to the Brig Elizabeth.

The gun together with 2 cannonades were sent to the beach by Capt Lippitt on being advised by the Brig's master that he was ready to take them on board - but the master neglected to take them - they lay on the beach 5 or 6 days; finally offer<sup>d</sup> to sell the gun to Capt. of Brig Louisa - bargain completed except the gun had to be deliver<sup>d</sup> at Monterey - but somehow the gun had disappear<sup>d</sup> the same night -

Capt of the Elizabeth had failed to pay his men - they were dissatisfied & made threats.

to destroy any of his property they could lay hands on - for he had been spending money recklessly, & they supposed he had sold the gun to get more money to squander - it is believed they concealed the gun - there were marks that the gun had been dragged sideways on the beach to the edge of the water where it disappeared. - There is very good reason to believe it was done either by the sailors or the laborers of the vessel. -

The 1000\$ reward would have brought out the matter if any Californians had had any thing to do with it - for the gun could not have been moved but by the united efforts of at least 10 men.

The inhabitants deeply feel the disgrace cast upon them by the suspicion of their being cognate of such an act, a great deal more than they feel they were made to pay.

He has tried to allay the feeling - the loudest in expressing indignation are the Americans

During some of his visits to the families of the principal inhabitants, a great desire was expressed to hear a band of music - none had been heard except Commodore Stockton's when the town was taken - then they only play Van Kee Doodle & Star Spangled Banner.

Determin. to gratify them dispatched

a wagon to bring the leader & about one half of his band, and some of his best music, especially all the old Sp. music he had. Band arriv<sup>d</sup> evening of 3 July - sent it in charge of an officer ~~conducting~~ playing French, Sp. & Mex<sup>n</sup> pieces - next morning all came to thank him for the music; not only promised to pay their fines, but to attend with their families the ball given by the officers that evening. That day the principal inhabitants also were present at the celebration by himself, his officers, men & other Com<sup>d</sup> of the Nat<sup>l</sup> Anniversary, & ~~express~~ manifested much interest & gratification. In his remarks he had to speak of Am. victories in Mex., but he did it without wounding their feelings, & expatiated upon the kindness & hospitality of the Californians, & of the friendly relations existing betw. them & the Americans since a legitimate Gov<sup>t</sup> & Commander was in the country. For these remarks they thanked him warmly - and on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> when he was leaving the town all the principal natives came to take leave of him.

Ends hoping the Gov<sup>t</sup> will think as he does that the Californians were innocent of the disappearance of the gun, and "will find it consistent

with propriety & a sense of duty to return the fine, or do something to relieve them from the distress which the people of Sta Barbara consider as now resting upon them".

(Accompanies I do e<sup>s</sup> connects with the subject)

\* 1848 Feb. 8 Los Ang<sup>s</sup>

Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - App<sup>t</sup> of alcaldes  
and auxiliary justices.

Has filled the blank in the app<sup>t</sup> of Alcaldes for San Bernardino with the name of Ant<sup>o</sup>. Prieto, a Lower Calif<sup>n</sup> of excellent character & friendly to U.S.

Another person has been named to him for San Juan, but has not appointed him not being satisfied abt his character & fitness - when satisfied on those points will appoint him.

Has appointed some auxiliary justices with limited powers to arrest criminals, punish Indians & others, & for suppressing sale of liquor to Indians under Gov's proclamation? Power of making such app<sup>t</sup>s was always vested in the Commander of the dist - and so he took the liberty of making them without troubling the Gov.

The Am. Alcalde of Los Angeles, (Foster)

gains the affections of the people, "by the promptness of decision, energy of character, & devotion to business & the interests of the Community."

Subordinate Officers that have been usually appointed by the Agent, have been appointed upon his recommendation - "Men of character and energy have been selected, and all have entered promptly and actively upon their duties; and at this time I do not believe there is a man of property in the pueblo dissatisfied with the existing state of things."

+ 1848 Sept 3. Upper Mines

Gov. L. W. Hastings - to Gov. Mason - accepts  
Judgeship for North. Dist. - Wonderful state  
of the region.

Accepts the Judgeship for North. dist. tendered him by the Gov., altho. agt. his interests, in his desire to see some system of laws & gov. established.)

Murders & robbery are of frequent occurrence in this region. Selling liquor to Indians is freely practised by many whenever it suits their purposes of gain.

+ 1848 Sept. 8 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

John Townsend, G. V. Gillespie, S. Brannan, and  
26 other prominent business men in the place

Petition the Gov<sup>r</sup> to order an election for two members of the Common Council to fill the vacancies occasioned by resignation of Glover & death of Seiderdorff. - The Council now reduc<sup>d</sup> to 4, have held no meeting for want of quorum or other causes.

It would be well that members of council, when necessary, could have authority to preside as Justices of the Peace.

It is also necessary to appoint a harbor master for this port - the power of appointing one might be conferred on the Common Council with authority to enact necessary regulations to enforce his orders.

Recommend app<sup>t</sup> of 3 Port Wardens to choose Harbor master, and to examine such persons as desire to serve as pilots - Collector of Port to be ex-officio member of Board of Port Wardens.



+ 1848 Aug. 9. Los Ang.<sup>s</sup>

Stevenson to Gov. Mason - Comd.<sup>n</sup> of San Diego Mission

No person willing to remain long in charge -  
If mission is left in present state, the property will  
soon disappear. The moveable should be at  
once sold & proceeds paid into the Civil Fund.

Some old Ind.<sup>s</sup> still remain who claim  
support from the mission's property - if claim is  
just "they might receive a beef ration from the  
post, or an arrangt. might be made with some  
citizen of San Diego to take a few cattle and  
maintain them during life." Property worth some-  
thing now - in a few months there will be nothing  
left.

• 1848 July 11. Los Ang.<sup>s</sup>

Stevenson to Gov. Mason - Civil Govt. - troubles with  
the Agent.° and satisfactory results.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of Dec. 10, enclosing the  
Commission of Stephen C. Foster Esq. as Alcalde  
of this District, together with a letter to the Alcalde  
directing him to turn over the books & papers  
& other property belonging to his office to his

successor Mr Foster: this letter was handed to the Alcalde enclosed in one from myself (of which I have the honor to enclose a copy, expressing fully the reasons which called for the app<sup>t</sup> of Mr Foster, to which I rec<sup>d</sup> the enclosed answer.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst the old & new Ayuntamiento were assembled, and I was inform<sup>d</sup> they were ready to receive any communication I chose to make them. I immediately presented myself with Mr Foster, and introducing him to them as the Alcalde appointed by you for the year 1848, and stating that I should at once proceed to swear him into office, according to the Com. form, and subsequently, if they deem<sup>d</sup> it necessary, they could administer to him the oath of office in the usual form of the country, at the same time requiring the Alcalde to deliver over the Archives & property to Mr Foster, when he should be sworn in. One of the Ayunt<sup>o</sup> enquired if their election of Alcalde was to be disregarded, or whether their alcaldes would be permitted to act, and Mr Foster assume the duties of Juez de 1<sup>a</sup> Inst.<sup>a</sup>, which would give him the control of all their actions, without the violation of the ancient privileges of the town; at the same time stating that if any other course was pursued, they would enter a protest and resign: I replied that your app<sup>t</sup> was for Alcalde,

that I had no power to change it, and if they, individually or collectively, felt aggrieved, I would with great pleasure take charge of forwarding for your consideration any respectful protest or memorial they chose to prepare; but that my duty requiring I should see your order executed. I then proceeded to swear in Stephen C. Foster as 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde for the dist. of Los Angeles, and required all present to obey and respect him accordingly. Previous to my leaving the town I was requested by the Alcalde for 1847 (Salazar) to permit him to turn over the public records and property to his elected successor, J. de Palomares, provided he chose to be sworn into office, that he might with your orders to turn over said property to Alcalde Foster, and to allow them 24 hours to make me a written communication before Foster should enter officially upon the performance of his duties - it being Saturday, and believing the pub. interests would not suffer by complying with his request, I agreed to it. Within 15 minutes after my return to my quarters a Committee from the Ayuntamiento waited upon me with the respectful requests of the Corporation that I would permit their Alcaldes to be sworn into office and enter upon the performance of their duties, agreeing that Foster as Juez de 1<sup>a</sup>

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Instancia or Chief Judge should supervise and <sup>and that they would memorialize you to appoint him as J. 1. Inst. and Procto for the district, which would give him unlimited control over all their affairs.</sup> direct all their acts, pledging themselves that their

Alealdes would peacefully retire and give place to Foster, in case you did not approve this arrang<sup>t</sup>.

Believing that the pub. interest would be better served by the proposed arrang<sup>t</sup>, and that Foster would be entirely relieved of the trifling business which always encumbers an Alealde's office, and would be better able to devote his time to more important public matters, I consented, provided the Ayunt.<sup>o</sup> should make the request in writing, and hand me the communi<sup>o</sup> for you by Monday morning 10 o'clock.

The Committee retir<sup>d</sup> to the office of the Ayunt.<sup>o</sup> and in a few minutes all the officers were sworn in, a committee appointed to make the written communi<sup>o</sup> to me, and prepare the memorial which had been agreed to betw. us & you - the body adjourn, and I was most humbly thanked for my condescension, accordg to Mex.<sup>o</sup> custom.

At 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday, no communi<sup>o</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> from them - I waited patiently until Tuesday - In the meantime important public matters required the attention of the Alealde, whose office was closer, and the gentleman supposed to be at his ranch 9 leagues off; I directed Foster to enter upon his duties, which

he did, and at 9 A.M. on Tuesday learning where the Californian Alcalde could be made, I made him a communic<sup>n</sup>, a copy of which is annexed, which Mr Foster, accompanied by the officer of the day and an orderly deliver<sup>d</sup>, and brought the gentleman to my quarters, where he proposed to make the written communication previously promised for Monday 10 o'clock. I declined receiving it, and told him that nothing but an unconditional retirement from his office, and surrender of the pub. prop<sup>s</sup> to Mr Foster would be accepted by me. He asked to be allowed half an hour to make a written reply which I granted, and within that time the envelope marked A was rec<sup>d</sup>, and within one hour after the annex<sup>d</sup> communic<sup>n</sup> mark<sup>d</sup> B was made to me, and the public records and property surrender<sup>d</sup> to Foster: this communic<sup>n</sup> I have regarded as a formal resignation of the entire Ayuntamiento, leaving Foster Alcalde but without any person to aid him in the civil gov<sup>t</sup> of the town; and it was distinctly stated that he could not find any Californian who would accept any office under him.

As the first business in order was funds to feed the prisoners and pay a guard for the prison, it became necessary that a

Sindios and Treasurers & Collector should be appointed. I requested some of the most respectable inhabitants who had been most anxious for Foster's app't. to accept the office of Treasurer, but all refused. Feeling the necessity for decisive action, I determined to exercise the Authority given me as Military Commander, under the Mex.<sup>n</sup> law, to appoint a Treasurer, and if he should refuse to accept, fine or imprisonment. I immediately made out an app't. for Mr Stearns as Sindio and G.<sup>n</sup> Aguillar as Collector - copy annexed marked C - told them distinctly the course I should adopt in case of refusal - this produced the desired effect - he & the Collector accepted, and are now collecting funds.

It has been the custom, according to law, for each citizen in his turn to furnish a guard of one man for the prison guard daily - the first two days of Foster's Alcaldeship none presented themselves to stand their guard, and he paid the guard from his own funds. I directed him to make out his roster of & summon the guards for the week, and be sure to select the most stubborn and wilful of the Californians to be first summoned - he did so, and the first called came to his office, and refused to stand

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his guard or pay the usual fine of one dollar. Foster threatened to turn him over to me for punishment if he persisted in refusing; he replied that I might imprison or shoot him if I chose, but that he had been a Mex.<sup>n</sup> officer, and would neither do guard duty at the prison or pay the fine. Foster immediately advised me of his refusal, I sent an order by for him; he came to my quarters. I took him to the Alcalde's office, and informed him in presence of the Alcalde that I would allow him five minutes to comply with the Alcalde's orders, and if he persisted longer in refusing, I would send him to the guard-house and confine him to a cell and bread and water until he complied. I immediately left the office, and he, before the expiration of the five minutes, paid the fine; his arrest by me had become generally known, and quite a crowd of his countrymen had assembled at the door of the Alcalde's office, and of course the whole proceedings soon became known over the town — in half an hour all of the others that had been summoned, came up and expressed their willingness to perform their turn of guard duty, or pay the fine which would enable the Alcalde to hire a guard. Hitherto this duty has been

imposed upon the poorer classes, and they are of course delighted that the new order of things throws the burden equally upon all.

Forster has been in office 9 days, and we are getting on finely, and have no difficulty in finding men to find all the duties required of them, and already the prison is being put in order, and ranjas & ditches repaired.

Your order relative to trial by jury has given much satisfaction, and I have to request that you will extend it to all Capital offences. We have now in prison two and one Calif.<sup>a</sup> for murder; the Ind.<sup>s</sup> have been confined six months, & the other, one - their trials will take place next week, and I shall take upon myself to direct the Alcalde to summon a jury - the proceedings, if found guilty, will be forwarded for your approval. The duties of Alcalde in this town are very laborious, and in case the Alcalde should be sick, we should be in rather an awkward predicament. I therefore respectfully request you to send me an app.<sup>t</sup> for 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde leaving the name blank, and I will look out for some safe man to file the office.

I believe we shall now move on smoothly and in quiet, and I trust





+ 1847 June 6 Tipomo (San Luis Obispo)  
Wm. G. Dana. to Gov. - Ind.<sup>n</sup> depredations - bad  
state of society at San Luis Obispo.

Society is reduced here to the most horrid state. "The whole place <sup>has</sup> for a long time past been a complete sink of drunkenness & debauchery." Alcalde's orders made nugatory, by want of force, to restore order. "The more respectable reside on their farms at some distance from the mission, and it is morally impossible that they could unite (in case of an outbreak) in season, to be of any service."

A military force absolutely necessary in the place. The Wild Ind<sup>s</sup> are committing raids & carrying off droves of horses. Calif<sup>s</sup> ~~settlers~~ foreigners formed a party & went after them - in a week return<sup>d</sup> - found the Ind<sup>s</sup> too strong. If some prompt measures are not adopted, the farmers will have to abandon their ranches.

Horrid murders are reported at San Luis, by the Alcalde. unnecessary massacre?

+ 1847 Apr. 25. San Leandro.  
Wm. Richardson. to Gen. Kearney - Ind.<sup>n</sup> depredations.

Took a stroll by the Contra Costa of San Fran.<sup>co</sup>, having

heard great complaints agt the Indians, to converse with the Chief magistrate of that dist. Don Joaquin Estudillo. found him anxious to do all in his power to check these depredat<sup>ions</sup> - offer<sup>d</sup> to go personally to Mont. & advise the Gov: on the best means of procuring Native Calif<sup>an</sup> Volunteers to accompany the troops - he was advised to do so, "and take, if possible, with him, one or two Ind<sup>ians</sup> who can give every information where the principal robbers are residing at this time."

+ 1848 March 4 San Jose

Chas. White, Alcalde - to Gov: Mason - Project of  
attack on Mont. prison - project for independ<sup>ent</sup> Gov<sup>t</sup>

Has rec<sup>d</sup>: information of a company of 60 men organized & daily rec<sup>d</sup>: new recruits, who have constant communication with the volunteers in the service, having in view to soon attack the prison of Mont. & to release prisoners.

They also have formed the plan of establishing an independ<sup>ent</sup>: gov<sup>t</sup> in Cal. - they are well armed - "the good people of the country standing in fear of exposing these people lest they might kill them."

Say before yesterday a party of 3 foreigners try to induce a fourth to join them for stealing

horses - sent after them, were seen, but succeeded  
in escaping - want of horses prevents their being  
pursued.

\* 1847 March 10. San Ant.  
Nathl. Jones & 34 others - to Gov.

State that Estudillo's term as alcalde has  
expired. That the country extending north from  
the pueblo including the Contracosta, and that  
bordering on the South side of the Bay & Straits to  
the Valley of S.<sup>ta</sup> Inaquin, is destitute of a civil  
officer to administer justice & preserve order.

Recommend Elam Brown, as competent  
for the position having perform<sup>d</sup> similar duties  
in Illinois with ability & faithfulness.

\* 1848 March 10 San Diego  
E. L. Brown, actg. Alcalde - to Gov.  
Ordnal of an Ind.<sup>n</sup> from L. Cal.

Encloses a letter to Gov. from P. E. Duarte,  
Juez 1.<sup>o</sup> de Paz at San Vicente, L. Cal., relative  
to an Ind.<sup>n</sup> he sent from his dist. for trial  
at San Diego, because a fair one

cannot be had in his dist.

Alcalde Biron states that Sto Tomas,  
the dist. to which San Vicente belonged, is under  
the jurisd.<sup>n</sup> of San Diego.

+ 1848 March 20, San Fran.<sup>co</sup>

Geo: Hyde, Alcalde 1.<sup>o</sup> - to Gov.<sup>r</sup> - On Alcalde's duties  
& municipal affairs.

Recommends that the Chief judicial Auth. be  
disconnected from the town council & not required  
to provide same - It is impracticable - a division  
of interest supposed to exist - not really the case,  
but difficult to make it understood.

Town council unwilling to be responsible on  
acct. of the dist. - refuse to pay the reasonable expenses  
incurred in the gov.<sup>t</sup> thereof.

"Before the existence of a town council for the town  
of San Fran.<sup>co</sup> the Alcalde was not allowed to admit  
of a division of interest - the town & district  
were included in one, and the expenses of the  
whole defrayed accordingly."

Suggests the withdrawal of the 1.<sup>st</sup> Alcalde as President of the  
Board, and an amendm<sup>t</sup> in organiz<sup>n</sup> of the Town council, by which  
they may elect their Presid<sup>t</sup> from their own body. To

facilitate accomplishment of this, he tenders his resignation.

+ 1848 March 19 San Fran<sup>co</sup>

Alcalde Hyde - to Gov. Mason - On charges ag<sup>t</sup> him &  
his resignation.

Proceedings of town council ag<sup>t</sup> him thoroughly un-  
just & mortifying.

Intended resigning one month ago - again on  
12<sup>th</sup> of this month. Repeatedly ask<sup>d</sup> the Council to  
cause the Committee to appear before them & bring the  
prosecution of the matter to a close. Since last meeting  
to investigate "over 3 months have elapsed" - up to that  
time "it had invariably gone abroad that I had defeated  
my enemies - that I had clear<sup>d</sup> away doubts -  
of every kind - wiped away every stain - the  
proceedings stopped because the Committee could  
not proceed."

Can't see the necessity for secrecy as practiced  
by the Council. "They did not hold any public meeting  
at which I was present, arraigned - to even slip  
in a word edgewise for myself. If there was  
truth in their declamation (and it is only by implication)  
where was the necessity to wait three months<sup>?</sup> before  
recommending my removal?"

Assum. Gov. he has never by word or deed injured  
the men who has acted <sup>insultingly</sup> so hostilely to him - can't  
acct. for it, except by supposing that they attribute  
to him "the denouncement in the Californian of their  
public conduct to me."

Tomorrow he will induct the 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde  
in his place - and forward his own resignation

\* 1848 Augt 6 San Diego Mission  
Philip Crosthwaite - Inventory of effects

Effects existing in the mission this day  
rec<sup>d</sup>. by him from E. L. Brown.

A lot of crockery, glass and other  
utensils - all in poor condition.

Animals:

23 mares =

6 horses =

13 colts. =

1 mule colt. =

38 goats

6 young goats

28 sheep

5 young sheep

34 cows =

17 calves =

2 bullocks,

7 jennies

1 Jack

5 young jacks & jennies.

180 heads altogether -

According to E. L. Brown's statement.

on 12 June 1848, the total n<sup>o</sup>

was 107 heads.

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+ 1849 June 4. San Diego

Among other property at the mission according to a report sent to Major Canby, there were  
 23 mares, 4 horses, 13 colts, 1 mule,  
 38 goats, 1 kid, 28 sheep, 5 lambs  
 34 cows, 17 calves, 2 bullocks,  
 1 jack, 5 young jacks & pennies.

Phillip Crosthwaite who had obtained the lease from Col. Stevenson in 1848, has gone off to the mines, and his agent offers to relinquish the lease.

+ 1848 Sept 3 San Juan.

John Forster - to Gov Mason - on App't of Sub-Ind. Agent -  
need of keeping milit. force in dist.

Understands Capt. J. W. Hunter intends resigning his office as Sub-Ind. Agt. - fears if the force here station. is removed, there will be disturbances & raids from the Indians. He app't. of a new Sub-Ind. Agt. urgently pressed by the inhabitants, who recommend J. J. Warner for the position - "his probity, knowledge & long experience of the diff. Ind. tribes on this frontier" render him the proper man.



+ 1847 May 27. New Helvetia

Mr. A. Sutter - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Kearney - Ind.<sup>n</sup> affairs - pub. property

Thank, for app<sup>t</sup> given him as Sub-Ind.<sup>n</sup> agt. - glad Gen. Vallejo has been appoint<sup>d</sup> to same position on the other side - he has greater experience of Ind.<sup>n</sup> affairs.

Many Chiefs have already presented themselves - will report as soon as he has seen more. Ind.<sup>n</sup> on the Stanislaus are good & under proper subjection - those on the Merced don't Re-  
abstain from horse stealing, particularly the Chauciles & Potvatches - farther south they are also very bad - force must be used tow<sup>d</sup> them.

Pub. prop. at this post - abt 50 muskets, 4 carbines, 200 lances, 2 drums - 1 keg cannon powder - 350 to 400 horses, including all Lieut. Col. Fremont's horses & mules, all of Gen. Vallejo's packed U. S. & others which have not been bought of their former owners - 14 old saddles in use of the 20 Ind.<sup>n</sup> soldiers who take care of the horses.

Would like to keep them longer in service, so long as the Walla Wallas are in the neighborhood - they are more to be depended on than white men. Those 20 men have been employ<sup>d</sup> abt 4 years as hunters and trappers - good shots & riders - have also some Ind.<sup>n</sup> infantry.

The cannons together with some muskets & other arms &c are his (Sutter's) own - also a Russian field piece that Commodore Stockton had in use - Would like to sell all to U. S.

Hopes it is true Gen. Kearney will soon visit N. Helvetia. & afford him <sup>(Sutter)</sup> the pleasure of informing him on many interesting subjects abt this country.

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Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde, al Gob. de Cal.  
eleccion de Ayuntamiento.

Que en virtud de su orden he de aqui  
mes se celebró en la oficina de su  
cargo la eleccion de Ayunt.<sup>o</sup> y fueron  
nombados:

1.<sup>o</sup> Regidor - Ant.<sup>o</sup> M.<sup>a</sup> Ordo.  
2.<sup>o</sup> " " David Spence.  
3.<sup>o</sup> " " José Alegre.  
4.<sup>o</sup> " " Santiago Watson  
Síndico Procurador - Rafael Sanchez.

+ 1849 - Agosto 23 - Mont.

Ignacio Esquer al Gob. de Cal.

Participa q.<sup>e</sup> ha comenzado á ejercer  
la Prefectura del Distrito David Spence  
por lo q.<sup>e</sup> ha quedado vacante su cargo  
de 2.<sup>o</sup> Regidor -

+ 1849 - Agosto 10 - Mont.

Rafael Sanchez, Sindico Procurador.

Renuncia su empleo, q<sup>e</sup> le fué concedido  
pr. eleccion el día de Mayo, pr. tener q<sup>e</sup>  
ausentarse de la poblacion. ~

+ 1849 - Agosto 29 - Mont.

Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde y Ambrosio Lopez,  
Geo. a Milton Little.

Que en la eleccion q<sup>e</sup> se celebró pr.  
cubrir la vacante de Regidor, q<sup>e</sup> resultó  
pr. haber sido nombrado Prefecto del Dis-  
trito David Spence, fué nombrado él  
pa cubrirla. ~

+ 1849 - Set. 1.º - Mont. -

Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde al Gob. de Cal.

Pide 14 fusiles con sus municiones  
pa armar gente y hacer respetar las  
disposiciones del Jurgado. ~

+ 1849 - Oct. 26 - Mont.

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Mariano Malasini al Secretario de Estado.

El día anterior recibí su nota en qe.  
le avisa qe el Gob. lo ha nombrado Juez  
de 1<sup>a</sup> instancia del Distrito.

+ 1849 - Set. 21 - Sta. Bárbara.

Raymundo Carrillo, Juez de 1<sup>a</sup> Inst.  
del Distrito al Gob.

Que Joaquin Carrillo le presentó el nom-  
bram. to qe le espidió pa. Prefecto del Dis-  
trito y lo puso en posesion de dicho  
empleo.

+ 1849 - Set. 21 - Sta. Barb.ª

Raymundo Carrillo, Juez de 1<sup>a</sup> Instancia  
del Distrito al Gob.

Recibí el Despacho qe mando estuwerle  
nombrandolo pa. aquel empleo, el qe accep-  
ta.

+ 1849 - Let. M. Sta. Barb. a  
vi Carrillo al Gob.

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Recibí el Despacho de Prefecto del Distrito, y tomé posesion del empleo el 16 de aquel mes.

+ 1849 - Let. M. Sta. Barb. a  
Joaquin Carrillo al Sr. del Srío. Sidiu.  
do sean castigados con azotes los delitos leves.

Que pareciéndole necesario tomar providencia contra los q. cometen diariamente delitos leves, como paterías y otros, los q. quedan sin castigo por falta de Cárcel y fondos para pagar a los q. vigilan a los presos, ha creído conveniente en uso de sus facultades y previa aprobacion del Gobierno, el q. se aplique castigos de azotes a los q. cometan aquellas faltas: de cuenta al Gob. para q. dé su aprobacion si lo creí conveniente.

+ 1849- Marzo 8- Santa Bárbara:

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Carlos A. Carrillo, Enrique Carnes y  
Pablo de la Guerra, del Ayuntamiento, al Regidor  
 Sr. Daniel A. Hill. Exitando á aceptar el  
empleo!

Fue su nota de 7 de aquel mes q. le ha  
remitido el Presid<sup>te</sup> del Colegio Electoral,  
los dejó inquietos de q. rehusa aceptar  
el empleo. Fue la Comisión al examinar  
las causas q. alega en su apoyo, solo  
ha encontrado q. su modestia es lo  
único q. lo ha impulsado á rehusar  
aquel empleo: q. todo el pueblo desea  
q. desista de su propósito. →

+ 1849- Agosto 29- Sta Barba

Citaviano Gutierrez, Regidor Decano y  
Encargado del Juzgado de aquel punto.  
al Sr. del Despacho de G<sup>no</sup>.

Remitiendo notas de Daniel Hill, renun-  
ciando el empleo de Regidor.

+ 1849 - Agosto 27 - Mont.

Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde y Ambrosio Gomez, Srío.  
al Gob. de Cal. Acuerdo del Ayuntamiento sobre terrenos  
pa. la poblacion

El Ayuntamiento en sesion de aquella fecha, aprobó  
se le pásase pa. su aprobacion el acuerdo  
q. tuvo en 9 de Julio, constando de articulos:  
1.º Se formará el plano de la poblacion  
tomando 2.500. v. de demarcacion p. cada pum-  
bo de la Iglesia, en q. esten señaladas las li-  
neas de casas y cámpus q. hay hasta a uella  
fecha (de un color) y los solares concedidos  
y no fabricados (de otro color), y en seguida  
las calles, callejones y plazas q. pueden  
quedar, con líneas de otro color, llevando el  
nombre de sus 1.ºs precedores, señalando  
tambien todo el terreno q. quede baldio.

2.º Se pondrán solares á. uncate pa. pa-  
gar la persona q. se encargue de for-  
mar el plano, si no tuviere dinero  
el fondo municipal.

3.º Si hecho el plano se viese q. don-  
de deben quedar Calles, callejones ó pla-  
zas con terrenos enagenados, y q. en  
estos no se hayan hecho viviendas ó  
casa, el Ayuntamiento los tomará rembrando.

tres personas que los evalúen, y el pa-  
 go se hará lo mismo que el del plano.  
 4.º Si en el arriado de calles que se señalan,  
 hubiese en las líneas de estas u solares,  
 concedidos, terrenos baldíos, los  
 dueños de casas inmediatas tendrán  
 la preferencia si quieren comprar.  
 5.º Nadie abrirá Cimentos, ni  
 pondrá cercos sin pedir permiso  
 al Ayuntamiento por que este nombre una co-  
 misión que cuidará de las nuevas  
 casas quedan arregladas al plano.

+ 1849 - Oct. 15 - Mont.

David Spence, Prefecto del Distrito al  
Exo. del Despacho - Informe sobre volu-  
ntad del cura de Sr. Juan Bautista,  
apoyada por el Sub. Prefecto, sobre mandar  
levantar el plano de la poblacion P. D.

Requite los oficios que le dirigió el  
 Sub. Prefecto de Sr. Juan. Fue expuesto á  
 lo que dice de que la Es. Misión fue  
 declarada pueblo en tal tiempo, es cierto,



y es cabecera del 1.<sup>er</sup> Distrito desde 1837  
 hasta el Abril 1841, qe. fue cambiada por  
 disposicion de Alvarado, y siempre que-  
 do considerada como pueblo, se concedie-  
 ron solares a vecinos, quienes han  
 elegido sus alcaldes cada año. - Que  
 habiendo un Sub Pref.<sup>o</sup> y Alcaldes, es pre-  
 ciso qe. se les señale local para oficinas  
 y Cárcel, fondos para gastos indispen-  
 sables, y así se corregiran los desórdenes.  
 Hay muchas familias radicadas y  
 por su localidad debe ser pronto punto  
 de importancia, mas si se siguen  
 descubriendo placeres al Sur. Respecto  
 al plano, no habiendo fondos, solo pueden  
 hacerlo vendiendo solares. En los demas  
 puntos qe. hablan del sacerdote, no da  
 su opinion, por qe. no tiene ante-  
 cedentes. -

+ 1849. Set. 30. San Juan Bautista.

Julian Urzua, Alcalde 1.<sup>o</sup> al Sub. Prefecto.  
 Solicitando se levante el plano del pueblo N. N.

Que mas de 12 años han

transcurrido desde que la Ex-Mision fue declarada pueblo, y este tiempo lejos de prosperar, cada dia es mas notable su retroceso, y mas cuando se han destruido las casas de la Mision, para sacar ningun provecho de sus materiales. Que cuando las Misiones y sus pingues productos se aplicaban al fin de su institucion, era floreciente su estado; eran ellas las que sostenian al pais, abriendo el comercio, fomentando la agricultura, y protegiendo las artes; pero despues estas cosas pocas se consideraron patrimonio de los que las administraban, y cuando se ha considerado a otros pueblos Capaces de sostener sus derechos, se priva a San Juan de una propiedad que nadie le puede disputar. - Que una tolerancia culpable de las personas que ya han administrado durante algunos años, ha dado lugar a la dilapidacion de los intereses de la Mision, y en los ultimos dias, se ha visto desbuchar piezas, quitar las maderas, y derrivar las paredes, en beneficio del Padre que la tiene a su cargo. Y la ins-

titucion de las Misiones tuvo por objeto  
 la propagacion de la fe, principalmente entre  
 los indios salvajes que formaban la pobla-  
 cion de la aldea; pero como ha mantenido  
 sujetos, era preciso proporcionarse re-  
 cursos entre ellos mismos, a la vez  
 que los instruian los dedicaban al tra-  
 bajo, y asi llegaron las Misiones  
 al estado de opulencia en que se vieron,  
 y aunque se consideró que los Padres  
 tenían facultad para tomar de estos  
 Caudales lo necesario para el culto, jamas  
 dejó de creerse que el todo era propie-  
 dad pública, lo que fue confirmado por  
 la ley de secularizacion, y por lo que se  
 pagó a los Padres con el nombre de  
 annos. Despues de esto, autoridad com-  
 petente declaró que la de <sup>la</sup> Cuau Ban-  
 tista fuese considerado como pueblo,  
 y lo compensaron los indios libres  
 y familias de razas radicadas allí;  
 lo que antes era M.<sup>n</sup> se consideró como  
 un curato, y el pueblo entró en  
 posesion de sus derechos, dejando al  
 cargo del párroco lo que creyese necesario  
 para sostener el culto.

En esta virtud, elevaré al conocimiento del Gov. los artículos siguientes:

1.º a.º estando considerado como pueblo  
Mariano al ocupar el país los americanos,  
las autoridades locales, manden levantar  
un plano de la población, y arreglado  
a él concedan solares pa. formar  
con su producto los fondos municipales.

2.º Que no hagan concesión de terrenos  
ocupados por la Iglesia, o por particulares,  
hasta q. lo resuelva una Comisión, o  
autoridad competente.

3.º Se dejará al sacerdote casa habi-  
tación, y demás fincas consideradas  
de la iglesia, se depositarán en perso-  
na nombrada por el Gov. hasta q. se  
declare su inversión.

4.º De estas se destinará una pieza  
pa. Juzgado, otra pa. Calabozo, y  
otra pa. Escuela, eligiéndolas el  
Sub. Prefecto.

5.º Se declarará nulo el contrato  
de arrendam.º de estas fincas, hecho  
por el Padre.

+ 1849 - Oct. 10. Sr. Juan Bautista  
Feopilo E. Echeverria, Sub. Prefecto, al  
Prefecto del Distrito - Apoyando la peticion  
del Suez 1.º

Esta convenido de qe los males de qe se queja el Suez 1.º necesitan un pronto remedio, pa. evitar mayores, y habiendo examinado los articulos propuestos, los creí fundados todos en razon.

Que desde 1836 en qe fue jurado pueblo Sr. Juan, ha sido reconocido como tal por las autoridades, y posteriormente la Asamblea Depart. lo declaró Cabecera del Distrito, y fue residencia del Prefecto y Suez del.º. En esta de modo qe ninguna persona, ni el sacerdote, se cree con derecho pa. administrar otra cosa qe la huerta y casas de la estinguida Misión. Le cuando esta se secularizo y juró por pueblo, se repartió algun terreno entre vecinitos, y el resto señalado pa. egidos quedo a beneficio del comun, y si desde entonces fue asi declarador, no hay razon pa. qe estos derechos se restrinjan, ni parcial ni generalm.º. Por lo qe es de opinion

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en cuanto al 1.<sup>o</sup> art.<sup>o</sup> se debe formarse el  
 plano de la poblacion, y pa. fomentarla,  
 Conceder Salares, y formar con su pro-  
 ducto los fondos municipales - 2.<sup>o</sup>  
 sin este recurso no se puede adminis-  
 trar justicia, supuesto qe no hay "ni pa.  
 pagar un escribiente" pa. ambos juzga-  
 dos, donde hay tantos negocios, pr.  
 ser el punto de pasada de los placeres  
 y puntos del Norte. más dificultades  
 pa. llevarlo a la práctica quedan san-  
 jadas con el 2.<sup>o</sup> y 3.<sup>o</sup> - En cuanto al  
 4.<sup>o</sup> cree innecesario añadir nada, pr.  
 qe en el pueblo radican la Sub-Prefectura  
 y 2 juzgados y necesitan local pa.  
 oficinas - Respecto al 5.<sup>o</sup> como la Pre-  
 fectura no tiene ningunos antecedentes,  
 informa: qe ultimam.<sup>te</sup> ha hecho un  
 contrato el Párroco y Ramon Herrera,  
 en cuya virtud recibió este en arren-  
 dam.<sup>to</sup> pr. \$ 1.500 al año, pr. cinco, la  
 huerta y casas de la Ex. Misión, pa.  
 lo cree no tiene derecho el Pádre, quien  
 no reside fijam.<sup>te</sup> en el pueblo - No se  
 estiende mas, pr. qe la Prefectura  
 conoce como él, las necesidades mas

apremiados de los pueblos de la jurisdicción -

(Era párroco del pueblo de S<sup>ta</sup> Juan Bautista,  
Fr. Antonio Anzar).

+ 1848 - Junio 10 - Angeles.

Stephen G. Foster, Alcalde 1<sup>o</sup>.

+ 1848 - Febrero 7 - S<sup>ta</sup> José

James V. Welker, Alcalde. Pregon sobre de-  
nuncio de una mina de azogue.

Se prescuso el C. Mexicano José Luñol, de-  
nunciando una mina de azogue descubierta  
en el Cerro en qe está la de Nueva Alma-  
den, distante una legua de ella, poco mas  
o menos, hacia el Noroeste, contigua al  
Arroyo de los Capitancillos; rumbo de  
la veta a la superficie, Norte y Oeste.

+ 1849 - Abril 10 - Santa Margarita  
San Pico al Gob. R. B. Mason. Entrega  
de los Archivos Públicos.

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Recibí su nota oficial de 17 Feb. sobre  
 entregar los protocolos y papeles oficia-  
 les del Gobierno de Cals, al oficial ge.  
 Condujo la nota, lo ge. no verificó por  
 ge. no existen ningunos docs. públicos  
 en su poder.

+ 1849 - Julio 23 - Sta. Barba  
Mr. José M. de Jesus Gonzales, Administrador  
Episcopal de ambas Cals, a B. Riley Gob.  
de la Alta. Sobre autorizacion de un ma-  
trimonio por sacerdote protestante, siendo  
uno de los conyuges católico, con despre-  
cio de leyes dadas por Gob. Mason &.

Ha sabido con disgusto que el 9 de  
 aquel, en Mont, á su misma vista (del  
 Gob), un Ministro Protestante ha autorizado  
 un matrimonio, siendo uno de los conyuges  
 Católico, despreciando la prohibición del  
 Gob. Mason, constante en Decreto de 23



Agosto, 1847, qe. mando' observar a' todas las autoridades y Cónsules extranjeros, ca qe. no sabe haya sido derogada pr. él, pr. lo qe. creí qe. lo mandado pr. Mason debe ser obedecido, no solo pr. emanar de un govrn. legal, sino tambien pr. qe. de su infraccion, resultarian graves inconvenientes, como lo demuestra en su nota qe. dirigio' a' aquel en 30 Julio 1847, la qe. si se ha estraviado la repetirá pr. qe. vea los justos motivos en qe. se apoya pr. insistir en qe. no permita el Govrno. qe. los Ministros protestantes, y menos autoridades civiles, cooperen pr. qe. los católicos de Cal, celebren enlaces con infraccion de las leyes eclesiásticas. Que no pretende contrariar lo qe. hagan los protestantes, sino librar de remordimientos a' sus correligionarios, pues con aquellos ha sido demasiado tolerante, y prueba de ello es, qe. sabiendo no se ha dado una ley nueva en Cal. Sobre matrimonios, y qe. segun las vigentes solo se consideran válidos los hechos ante los Sacerdotes Párrocos, no se ha

opuesto a esos usos de E. U. qe se van introduciendo, y ha protestado al Govno. en su citada Comunicacion, qe respetará como legitimos matrimonios qe protestantes celebren segun sus ritos, y solo pide el qe los catolicos no sean inquietados en los suyos, mientras el Papa, como jefe de todos ellos, dispensa a local. las leyes eclesiasticas a qe estan sujetos; protesta qe jamas se opondrá a qe se efectuen enlaces de catolicos con protestantes, pues ha pedido y aguarda de Roma facultades pa autorizarlos, y los permitirá a cuantos los pretendan y quieran sujetarse a las condiciones qe la Iglesia exige en estos casos. Suplica qe el Decreto de Mason no sea derogado, antes bien qe lo ratifique si fuere necesario -

+ 1848 - Mayo 30 - Sta Barbara

Pedro C. Carrillo, Suez 1<sup>o</sup> de Sta Barbara al  
Com<sup>te</sup> Militar del mismo

Pidiendo un piquete de soldados pa  
parar a M<sup>o</sup> de S<sup>ta</sup> Buenaventura y traer  
presa a Vicente Sanchez de Elwell, por  
haberlo desobedecido e insultado, descono-  
ciendo las ordenes del Gob, pues ha ven-  
dido aguardiente varias veces a los indios.

+ 1848 - Mayo 27 - Sta Barbara.

Fran<sup>co</sup> Ortega, Suez Auxiliar de la Misión  
del S<sup>ta</sup> Buenaventura.

+ 1848 - Mayo 26 - Los Angeles.

Col. J. D. Stevenson, Com<sup>te</sup> de la linea del Sur.

Edicto mandando a Fran<sup>co</sup> Ortega,  
Suez Auxiliar del S<sup>ta</sup> Buenaventura, en-  
teque inmediatamente el mando a  
Isaac Callahan -

+ 1848 - Mayo 11 - San Diego.

Juan Bandini, Juez de 1<sup>a</sup> Instancia del  
Partido al Gob. de Cal.

Ha recibido el Despacho de Juez de  
15 del pto. el qe acepta con recono-  
cimiento. -

+ 1848 - Agosto 16 - Sta. Barbara.

Pedro C. Carrillo, al Com. Militar  
del punto. - Renuncia su empleo si no se le da una satisfaccion.

Que en una de las comunicaciones  
qe ha pasado al Gob, las qe no le ha  
Contestado, sobre el ultraje qe hizo  
a su autoridad (pr. el Com. Militar) demanda  
una satisfaccion, y de no dársele renuncia  
su empleo.

+ 1848 - Julio 21 - Sta. Barbara.

E. Ardisson, Alcalde N. a Francis J. Rippitt,  
Cap. Com. del punto, se da pr. suspendido  
pr. un insulto qe se le hizo.

Que habien-

do sido comprendido en la lista de individuos complicados en el robo de un Cañon, se considera como suspendido de sus funciones, pr. el mismo decoro del Gobro. Am.º qe ya avisa al Gob.

+ N.º 48 - Julio 28 - St. Marta

E. Addison al Gob. R. B. Mason. Sobre injurias qe le ha hecho el Com.º del punto sospechándolo cómplice del robo de un cañon.

Que siendo Alcalde le ha parecido muy extraño, ver su nombre en la lista de ve-  
cinos multados pr. el robo de un cañon del Bergantin Am.º "Elizabeth". Que ha presentado a Stevenson qe pr. su nombram.º de Alcalde pr. el Gob. no debia de ser comprendido en semejante robo, pues esta ofensa se le hace al Gobro, y este le ha contestado qe no hacia mas qe seguir las instrucciones del Gob; suplica qe si es asi, pr. el mismo decoro del Gobierno, se le admita su dimision; qe no queriendo pagar la multa qe se le im-

pues, la fuerza armada entró abruptamente  
 a su habitación en su ausencia  
 y tomó un capote y una colcha; parti-  
 cipó también qe estando el 15 de aquel  
 mes, el alcalde 1.º Pedro Carrillo, en  
 su oficina, averiguando el robo de  
 una silla de montar, llegó una fuer-  
 za armada, recibida por el Com.º del  
 punto Lippitt, intimándole entregase  
 la silla, y si no fuese preso a la cárcel.  
 Carrillo permitió la silla por consejo  
 de vecinos, y al mismo tiempo des-  
 pachó a Lippitt, la vara de justicia y  
 las llaves del juzgado poniendo queja  
 a Chereveros; qe por consiguiente el  
 punto se encuentra sin autoridades  
 civiles -

1847 - Dic. 14 - Quaqueo.  
José Calazar. Euz 1.º

+ 1847. Dic. 2 - Aronas.

Julian Azua, Alcalde de la jurisdicción  
al Gob.

Hace renuncia del empleo pa. q. lo  
nombró en 22 de Nov. anterior -

+ 1847 - Junio 20 - Sr. Luis Obispo.

J. Mariano Bonilla, Juz. de S. Luis Obispo.

+ 1847. Dic. 11 - Sta. Carba.

Pablo de la Guerra, Juz. 1.º al Gob. B. R.

Masson - sobre dificultades pa. poner  
en vigor un Decreto prohibiendo la venta  
de licores embriagantes a los indios - defec-  
tos de q. adolece.

Recibió su Proclama relativa a prohibir  
venta de licores embriagantes a los indios,  
sin ningún oficio acompañatorio, pr. lo q.  
y la trascendencia de ella, ha suspendido  
su publicación, dirigiéndole esta nota pa.  
hacerle presentes los inconvenientes q. hay

en cumplimiento y malos resultados que produ-  
 cirá si se lleva á efecto. Entiendo que  
 su idea al dictarla fué la de evitar  
 los desórdenes que produce el uso de embri-  
 gantes; idea que aplaude y cooperará á  
 que se realice; p.<sup>o</sup> cree que se necesi-  
 tan algunas modificaciones pa. poner  
 en planta el Decreto. Llamo su aten-  
 cion primeramente que á solo los indigenas  
 se les veda el uso de licores, cuando  
 la experiencia tiene demostrado que los  
 de razon hacen mal uso de ellos, y  
 con mas abusos, pues por cálculo prudente  
 llegan al duplo las rindas conetidas  
 por los blancos, respecto á los indios,  
 en iguales casos, y sin embargo la  
 ley no descarga su rigor sino sobre  
 estos. Está persuadido que el uso  
 moderado de bebidas, antes de ser  
 dañino es benéfico á los que trabajan  
 Corporalmente, y los indios no tienen otro  
 modo de vivir y los mas abusan con este  
 pretexto, pero lo mismo lo hacen los  
 blancos. La circular es terminante y  
 clara en el punto de que no se vendan,  
 bajo ningun concepto, licor á indios; que



se hará si lo necesitan por medicina?  
 ¿se ocurrirá al médico por que dé un certifi-  
 cado como cuando se usa veneno, por  
 si no lo hay, no se salva la dificultad,  
 y el indio sufre. Respecto a las penas  
 dirá: que en todas las proclamas que  
 que han dirigido al pueblo Californio los  
 jefes de los Estados Unidos, prometen  
 que durante la guerra las leyes mexicanas  
 estarán en vigor, y el castigar a un indio  
 con multa y prisión por el mismo delito  
 se opone a ellas." ¿como se interpretará  
 aquello de: o el que de cualquiera manera  
coadyuve? Deberá dársele una intelligen-  
 cia física o también moral? Si es exten-  
 siva al último caso, como parece por  
 la frase, entonces aquel que ve o sabe  
 que alguno haya infringido la prohi-  
 bición, dando vendiendo &c. incurrirá en  
 la pena si no le denuncia? ¿y que ley  
 hay hasta ahora que obligue a ser forzosa-  
 mente delator? Creí también que la  
 prohibición de dar que se ve en la refe-  
 rida proclama es atentatoria a la pro-  
 piedad y por ulto no puede dejar de hacer  
 presente que se impone pena al que fa-

cilita la cosa, p. ninguna al q. hace uso de ella, q. es tan culpable como el otro. Probará lo ilusorio q. será su practica si no se modifica, p. q. los ranchos se encuentran muy apartados de donde hay autoridades, y sus dueños pagan a sus sirvientes, q. en gran parte son indios, con aguardiente: estos son fieles en guardar secreto a quien se los da, y cuando dan declaracion y se ven muy apurados suelen decir: "me encontré tirada una botella". Las consecuencias q. traerá la estricta observancia de la providencia son estas: a' indios de Cal, p. naturaleza, no les da cuidado la desnudez, ni los alimentos cosas q. obligan a trabajar al hombre, pues comen raíces y semillas q. abundan, y se creen tan dichosos como el opulento: lo único q. los inclina a vivir con gente civilizada es su gran inclinacion a' la bebida; prohibida esta, es mas q. probable q. se irán al desierto a disputar su vida nómada: entonces el robo de ganados aumentará, q. es estremo mas pernicioso a' la Sociedad,

de el otro, y si no sucede esto, se irán  
a los ranchos donde no hay quien les  
impida el uso de licores, pues los  
dueños están interesados en pagarlos  
con ellos sus trabajos, y las poblaciones  
carecerán de estos brazos, sin haberse  
corregido el mal: omite hacer mérito  
del golpe mortal que recibirá el comercio,  
pues ya todos tienen hechas sus com-  
pras, contando con el consumo que ha-  
cen los indios, sin saber la prohibición.  
Es de sentir que para cortar un mal tan  
grave y extendido en el país, se someta  
las medidas que se deben tomar al  
efecto, a la opinión de las autorida-  
des locales, oyendo su parecer y el de  
personas respetables, y así que las  
medidas que se resuelvan serán siempre  
permitiendo el uso moderado, casti-  
gando solo el abuso.

+ 1847 - Marzo 13 - Mont.

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Mariano Coberanes al Gob. de Cal. Acusando de robo e incendio de su rancho los Gijeros por una partida de gente de Fremont.

Le en Dile. del año anterior al pasar por su rancho pa. los Angeles, <sup>supo qe</sup> una partida de gente de las fuerzas del Coronel Fremont, sin motivo ninguno, incendiaron su casa y todo cuanto en ella habia, tambien el corral y los cercos de las siembras, mataron todas las gallinas y se las comieron, se llevaron cinco caballos, y dos sillas de montar aperadas, y dos de sus hijos, qe cuidaban de las propiedades fueron conducidos presos: qe a consecuencia de todo esto ha quedado reducido a la miseria, pues su casa, ropa, muebles, instrumentos de labranza todo desapareció, de manera qe hasta los utiles pa. trabajar y buscar la subsistencia le hacen falta: pide reparacion, acompañando un certificado de las personas qe vieron los restos del incendio y la destruccion.

+ 1847 - Marzo 9 - San Antonio.

Vicente Gomez, Mauricio Gonzales y Ra-  
fael Anaya.

Certifican ser cierto lo qe dice Ma-  
riano Sobreros en su solicitud al  
Gov. sobre destruccion de sus pro-  
piedades pr. una partida perteneciente  
a' fuerzas de Fremont.

+ 1847 - Marzo 13 - Mont.

Mariano Sobreros - Inventario de lo des-  
tonido pr. la partida de Fremont.

1 Casa de adobe de 28 vs. frente, 6 ancho  
y 5 1/2 de alto, techo de vigas de pino  
y 3.000 tejas, con un tapanco en qe  
habia 4.000 piezas de tablas de palo  
colorado. (Sin avaluos)

50 fs de trigo.

200 fs de maiz a' \$ 4.

55 cueros de res. a' \$ 2.

80 @ de Sebo a' \$ 1.50.

11. Cuyos.

50 gallinas qe mataron a' flechazos y otras mu-  
chas menudencias

+ 1847 - Abril 15 - a Don Luis Obispo.

J. Mariano Bonilla al Col. Remunciando  
su empleo de Juez.

2.<sup>o</sup> en Set.<sup>o</sup> del año anterior fue nombrado  
alcalde por A. B. Thompson, Prefecto  
entonces del Distrito de Sta. Barbara, y el nombramiento  
ratificó en Dic.<sup>o</sup> del mismo este nombramiento,  
mientras, que sin embargo ha visto desobedecidas todas sus disposiciones, pues  
los vecinos discolos desconocen su  
autoridad, diciendo "que no hay mas  
juez que las armas de cada uno, y  
no teniendo las necesarias para hacer  
se respetar, pues los buenos estan  
en minoria, renuncia el empleo,  
mandando una escolta para que el que  
le suceda se pueda hacer respetar.

+ 1847 - Junio 5 - Sta. Barbara.

Pablo de la Guerra y Luis Carrillo, Alcaldes  
al Gral. S. W. Kearny.

Participando que en la eleccion para Alcaldes de la jurisdiccion, celebrada en 9

de Mayo último, fueron nombrados por el Colegio electoral para aquellos empleos, pero siendo Ciudadanos mexicanos, y como para ser autoridades de los E. U. se necesita prestar juramento de fidelidad a aquel gobierno, no pueden continuar en el ejercicio de su encargo, pues se les reputaría como traidores a su patria.)

+ 1846 - Mayo 13 - San Diego.

Pedro C. Carrillo, Receptor de aquel Puerto.

Nombrado en 1.º de Abril de aquel año por el Gob. Pio Pico, en virtud de renuncia que hizo Enrique Domingo Fitch.

1846 - Mayo 13 - Mont.

Franco Arias, Juez del 1.ª Instancia.

+ 1846 - Abril 20 - Angeles.

Pío Pico a Guillermino Carnett - Habido  
nombrodo Gob. de Cal. el Presidente de la  
República

Participa qe el Supremo Gobno, conformán-  
dose con la propuesta de la Asamblea,  
lo nombro Gobernador Constitucional  
del Departamento en 3 de Setiembre del  
año anterior, pr. conducto del Ministro  
de Gobernacion y Policia. →

+ 1846 - Mayo 9 - Mont.

Jose Castro, al Admnr Int.º de la Aduana  
Maritima. Conservar integros todas  
los ingresos a disposicion de la  
Com.ª Int. de su mando pa las emergencias  
de la guerra.

Que no contando con otras rentas qe  
las de las Aduanas pa subvenir a los  
gastos qe deberan emprenderse pa poner  
al pais en estado de defensa, en caso  
de qe se verifique una invasion america-  
na, conservara integros a disposicion



de la Comandancia todos los Ingresos  
q. hubiere en la Aduana, no haciendo  
ningun pago sin su orden.

+ 1846 - Mayo 12 - Mont.

José Castro, Com.º Gral. al Administrador  
de la Aduana Marítima, Barnett - Nota  
del Ministro de Guerra y Marina, sobre  
organización de fuerzas y creación de fon-  
dos pa la defensa del territorio.

En apoyo de su orden del 9, sobre conservar  
a su disposición integros los ingresos  
habidos en la Aduana de su cargo, tras-  
cribe la nota del Ministro de Guerra  
y Marina, Almonte, fechada en Mex. En.  
14 de aquel año, en q. le dice: q.  
persuadido el Presid.º de q. debe pre-  
pararse la defensa en el Depart.º contra  
las incursiones de bárbaros, ó cualquier  
otro enemigo exterior, q. ataque la inte-  
gridad del Territorio, ha dispuesto  
q. la Com.º Gral. organice con toda  
su fuerza las Compañías Presidiales,

pa lo q<sup>e</sup> se ha dado orden al Ministro de Hacienda pa q<sup>e</sup> ponga á su disposicion todos los recursos con q<sup>e</sup> cuenta el Gob<sup>no</sup> Gr<sup>al</sup>. en el Depart<sup>o</sup>, asi como se prevendra' pr. el Ministro respectivo, q<sup>e</sup> el Gob<sup>o</sup> de el, coopere, con su acuerdo, al restablecimiento de dichas Companias

+ 1846- Mayo 15- Mont.

Jose' Castro al Adm<sup>or</sup>. Int<sup>o</sup> de la Aduana Maritima.

Orden de entregar á la Tesoreria Departamental los Ingresos q<sup>e</sup> en su nota anterior le previno fuese á la disposicion de la Comandancia Gr<sup>al</sup>. de su cargo.

+ 1846- Mayo 15- Mont.

Manuel Castro, Prefecto del 2<sup>o</sup> Distrito al Adm<sup>or</sup>. de la Aduana Maritima. Entrega de fondos á la Prefectura.

Que el Gob. del De-

part.<sup>o</sup> en nota 15 del mes anterior le transcribe la nota q.<sup>e</sup> en la misma fecha dirigió a su antecesor el Administrador de la Aduana, sobre q.<sup>e</sup> las dos terceras partes del producto líquido de la misma q.<sup>e</sup> asigna al Gobierno el art.<sup>o</sup> 5.<sup>o</sup> de la ley de 6 de Agosto del año anterior, sean entregadas a la Prefectura de su mando. →

+ 1876 - Mayo 16 - Mont.

Quilo E. Carrut al Com.<sup>te</sup> Gral. del  
Depart.<sup>o</sup> José Castro. Entrega de todos  
los fondos de la Aduana al tesorero De-  
partamental.

Recibió sus 3 notas oficiales, 9, 14 y 16 de aquel mes, la 1.<sup>a</sup> relativa al peligro en q.<sup>e</sup> se encuentra el Depart.<sup>o</sup> cuya defensa está encargada a la Comandancia, ordenándole conserve íntegros todos los ingresos, no haciendo ninguna distribución sin su orden; en la 2.<sup>a</sup> le transcribe circular del Ministro de la Guerra, 20 de En.<sup>o</sup> del anterior, y en la 3.<sup>a</sup> le ordena entregar

á la Tesorería Departamental, los Ingresos qe. hubiere en la Aduana, lo qe. ha verificado en aquella fecha, poniendo á disposicion del Tesorero \$14,039.36 $\frac{2}{3}$  cts. y pa. disponer de esta cantidad haterido qe. retener á los empleados de la Aduana la mitad de sus alcances, qe. voluntariamente han franquizado pa. subvenir á las necesidades de la Campaña, qe. puede presentarse.

1846 - Mayo 16 - Mint.

Guill. E. Hartwell, admór. de la Aduana  
al Pref. del 1.º Distrito, Manuel Castro.  
No poder entregar las  $\frac{2}{3}$  partes de los produc-  
tos de la Aduana, pr. las razones qe. espresa.

En contestacion á su nota del dia anterior, dice: qe. es imposible poder dar Meno á orden del Gov. de 15 del anterior, qe. en ella cita, relativa á qe. se entregaran á la Prefectura de su mando las  $\frac{2}{3}$  partes del producto líquido de los ingresos, pr. haber tenido qe. entregar

al Ferrocarril Departamental, en virtud de órdenes del Comte General, todos los fondos existentes

o 1846-Julio 13 - Mont.

Guill. Ed. Hartnell, Pablo de la Guerra, Jacinto Rodriguez - Guill. Ant. Hartnell y Máximo F. Fernandez. Acta de fidelidad al Gobierno Mexicano.

En el Pto de Mont. à los 13 dias del mes de Julio del año de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis, reunidos en la casa del Admor. de la Aduana Maritima de Mont, los Señores D. Guill. Ed. Hartnell, oficial 1.º de dicha Aduana y los Sres. Guardas D. Jacinto Rodriguez, D. Guill. Ant. Hartnell y D. Máximo Fernandez, presididos por el Sr. Administrador D. Pablo de la Guerra, hizo presente este Sr:

Que encontrándose este punto ocupado por las fuerzas del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos, y hallándose las principales personas que componen el

Gobierno Departamental en Sta. Bárbara o en  
 algun otro punto del Sur del Departamento  
 reunidos con el objeto, segun se debe  
 suponer, de defenderse mientras puedan;  
 creí de su deber hacer ver á sus su-  
 balternos q<sup>e</sup> mientras quede algun  
 rincon del pais bajo la bandera me-  
 jicana, todo empleado del gobierno  
 tiene la obligacion de reunirse á  
 ella, y p<sup>r</sup> tanto q<sup>e</sup> manda á dichos  
 subalternos q<sup>e</sup> salgan de aqui cuan-  
 to antes con el fin de incorporarse con  
 las pocas fuerzas del gobierno q<sup>e</sup> ha-  
 yan quedado, no habiendo hecho presente  
 esto antes p<sup>r</sup> haber salido con el objeto de  
 verse con el Sr. Castro á quien desgraciadam<sup>te</sup>  
 no pudo encontrar. Enterado de lo espuesto  
 contestó on Guillo. Ed. Hartnett q<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup> mas  
 deseos q<sup>e</sup> tuviese pa. obedecer el mandato de  
 su jefe, no lo podia verificar sin esponer  
 á la indigencia á su numerosa familia  
 q<sup>e</sup> se compone de mas de veinte personas,  
 y q<sup>e</sup> no creí q<sup>e</sup> el Supremo Gobierno de  
 Mexico, quiera exigir q<sup>e</sup> ninguno de  
 sus Ciudadanos haga un sacrificio  
 de este tamaño bajo las circunstan-

cias q<sup>de</sup> actualm<sup>te</sup> existen. Los Señores  
 guardas dijeron unánimem<sup>te</sup> q<sup>de</sup> ellos  
 si obedecieran gustosamente con tal q<sup>de</sup>  
 encontrasen los medios de hacerlo, pero  
 q<sup>de</sup> dudaban mucho de poderlo verificar,  
 tanto pr. la imposibilidad de poder  
 encontrar caballos; como pr. la suma  
 vigilancia con q<sup>de</sup> el enemigo guar-  
 daba todas las salidas de la poblacion.  
 El Sr. Administrador no pudo menos  
 q<sup>de</sup> confesar q<sup>de</sup> lo q<sup>de</sup> exponian sus su-  
 balternos era la verdad, p<sup>o</sup> q<sup>de</sup> el cum-  
 plia con su obligacion con hacerles sa-  
 ber la suya y mandar lo q<sup>de</sup> tiene ya  
 mandado, con lo q<sup>de</sup> leído q<sup>de</sup> fue lo  
 q<sup>de</sup> antecede firmaron todos y quedó  
 Concluida la presente acta.

+ 1848 - Junio 10 - Mont.

José Miguel Gomez, Presbitero y Ministro  
del Pueblo del Sr. Luis Obispo al Gov.

Acusando al Alcalde de aquel  
 lugar, John Price, pr. haber faltado

a' la ley en una demanda sobre un molino, perteneciente a' la finca.

+ 1848 - Set. 27 - San Diego.

Juan Bandini, Juez de aquel punto al  
Gov.

Renunciando el empleo por encontrarse humanamente enfermo y no poder servirlo mas, a pesar de sus buenos deseos.

1848 - Set. 8 - Sta Barbara.

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ya la tenía arrendada por 4 años al individuo encargada de ella - Contestando diciendo: que en 29 de Agosto anterior recibió una carta del Sr. H. W. Hallett en que le dice que por disposición del Gob. envía el inventario de los enseres y bienes semovientes de San Diego, para que disponga de ellos, mas como esto no corresponde, sino al Comisario Prefecto de Misiones, Sr. José Joaquín Jimeno, le contestó que permitiera estos documentos originales a dicho Prefecto.

+ 1847 - Marzo 10 - Mont.

Francisco Pinto, al Gob de Cal. Acusando de arbitrariedad al Com.º Militar, Teniente Madros.

Lo el 17 de Sept. llegó de San José y habiéndose presentado al Com.º Militar Teniente Madros, y lo detuvo preso, sin mas motivo que una infundada sospecha, por 6 meses, encontrándose entre tanto su familia, entre tanto, en la

mayor miseria; q<sup>e</sup> cuando lo dió en libertad, no le quiso entregar el caballo q<sup>e</sup> ensillado quedó en su poder

\* 1847. March. 13<sup>th</sup> Mont.

Wm J. J. Maddox. Lieut. U. S. M. Corps to  
J. W. Kearney, Governor of California. In  
relation to imprisonment of Pinto.

Says that he has received a copy of Pinto's letter. 11<sup>th</sup> of that month, that Pinto was detained on his arrival at that place, because he had notice that Pinto was organizing a force for the purpose of joining those already in revolt at the South; that he offered to furnish him the ration allowed by Gov<sup>t</sup>, which he declined, preferring to be subsisted by his family; that upon arrival Le Remont at that place, he informed him what he had done in the case, and was directed by him to retain him still as a prisoner. —

Box N. H.

Varios.

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Documentos sueltos  
en Ingles.

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1849

P. Valenzuela Jr.

J. Juan. Feb. 23/77

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+ 1849. - March 21<sup>th</sup>. - Santa Cruz.  
Wm. Blackburn. - to Gov. Jof. Cal. Richard B. Mason

Gives notice of his intention to resign  
his office of Alcalde.

+ 1849. - March 23<sup>th</sup>. - Camp Angel.  
J. W. Mack. - to Gov. R. B. Mason. - Mont.

Reports the proceedings of a jury  
trial of Paulitt Bonchamps charged  
with the murder of Indian Pedro.

+ 1849. - April 14. - Sonoma.  
L. W. Boggs - to Gov. R. B. Mason.

Asks to resign his office of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Alcalde.

+ 1849. - Feb. 12. - S. Juan Bautista.  
Alcalde Jose M. Sanchez.  
Gives notice of the Election of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alcalde of S. Juan.

1849. - April 16<sup>th</sup> - Los Angeles.

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Stephen C. Foster 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde. - to Gen. Persifer D. Smith  
Comd. Pacific Division. - San Francisco - Cal.

Sir - Trusting that you will excuse the liberty I have taken of address you a short communication, relative to the affairs of the District of which I am the 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde. - My appointment as Alcalde of the Dist. of Los Angeles dates Nov. 1847 given by Col. G. W. Mason as Civil and military Governor of California. - On my proffered resignation in Nov. 1848. an informal order was communicated from the acting secretary of the War to Capt. C. J. Smith then commanding this Post to the purpose that if the people had not then elected another Alcalde they should proceed to do so in accordance with Col. Mason's Proclamation of Cong. of 1848. Acting on this I gave due notice of an election to be held Dec. 1848. the Polls were kept open the usual time, but no voters appeared. I then refused to act until at the urgent request of Maj. Graham who arrived in Jan. last, I agreed to continue in office until the Governor's pleasure could be known, to aid as far as possible

in preserving the peace of the town which from that time to this has been filled with Spaniards & Americans, far exceeding in number the permanent residents. A communication from Col. Mason dated February 1849 direct me to continue acting as Alcalde, in consequence of the citizens having failed to elect their authorities.

This District embraces a territory of about 6 or 8 hundred miles square containing about five thousand inhabitants of Hispano-American origin; some six thousand Indians, and forty or fifty foreign residents mostly Americans.

The property in the District consisting mostly in lands cattle & vineyards - most amount at a low valuation to \$1,500,000 - And with all this, with the exception of two local Alcaldes in points of little importance form the only authority exercising civil functions in this District.

The Mexican population is tolerably well disposed, but too ignorant, and too unenterprising to attempt to remedy the evils under which they labour, from the want of local authorities.

The foreign residents are too few -

in number? although representing large interests, and if I may use the expression too mexicanized to attempt anything.

Nothing can be done except by order from Supreme Authority with respect to Elections. - This town by Mexican law is entitled to a town council of seven members, but has had none since 1847.

No grants or sales of town lands have been made since that year.

I furnish these few dates believing they may be of some use, and beg the solution of the following Queries.

Has the Military Commandant of this Post or District, the controlling power over the civil authorities that he had previous to the Declaration of Peace?

Does the Commission under which I act render me or no, independent of the Military Commandant in all cases in which Citizens are concerned even if the U.S. is plaintiff?

Is an enlisted soldier in the service of the U.S., in the existing state of affairs amenable to the Alcalde Courts or to his officer for criminal offences?

These Queries are propounded in



order that by their solution future difficulties similar to what have already occurred may be avoided.

The case of J. J. Warner the documents relative to whose case are forwarded to you by Maj. Graham by this mail, is one that has given rise to much bad feeling.

I am assured by many residents that if an order, or even a recommendation were given from Head Quarters to hold Elections here, the voters would attend.

Will you if it is consonant with your views give such instructions as may assist in establishing a better state of things among us.

My own position without legal knowledge as the means of acquiring it alone & unassisted is very unpleasant and nothing but the compromise I am under to those who appointed me and my own interest as a citizen & resident induce me to continue in office to this present time.

Excuse this lengthy communication & believe me - Yours &c.

1849 - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - S. Fran<sup>co</sup>

Horace Harvey's Sup<sup>t</sup> - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Riley.

Encloses Mr. Cotton's Commission as J. of  
Peace of S. Francisco.

+ Sintha - San Luis Obispo.

W. G. Dana Sup<sup>t</sup> - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Riley.

Respecting the State of his District, its  
wants &c.

+ 1849 - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - S. Jose.

Ca<sup>p</sup> Alex. Forbes - to W. H. Halleck Esq.

Respecting the ownership of certain mines.

+ 1849 - April 30 - S. Fran<sup>co</sup>

L. M. Leavenworth - to Gov<sup>r</sup> Riley

Reports escape of prisoner charged  
with committing rape in a married woman.

1849. - May 11. - S. Jose

R. H. Dimmish, 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde - to Capt. H. W. Hallock -  
Acting Secy. of State.

(2 Docs.)

1<sup>o</sup> Reports of the trial, sentence and  
execution of Ant<sup>o</sup> Valencia for the mur-  
der of Edward Giles.

2<sup>o</sup> Sends copy of trial of Ant. Valencia.

+ 1849. - May 16<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz.

D. L. Majors - to Gov<sup>r</sup> of California.

Reports his having been elected Med.  
dep & asks what are the powers of the  
Town Council.

+ 1849. - June 1<sup>st</sup> S. Jose.

Ant. M<sup>a</sup> Piro Alcalde & - to Alcalde of Sonoma.

Order relative to F. Robles under  
sentence to be confined at Sonoma.

+ 1849 - June 1<sup>st</sup>

Theodore Robles - to Genl. Riley

Petition under sentence to be con-  
fined in Sonoma &c.

+ 1849 - August 8.

Town Election in S. Diego.

+ 1849 - August 30. - S. Fran<sup>co</sup>

Frank Fink Sec. Town Council. - to Gov. Riley.

Sir - In compliance with a resolution of  
the Ayuntamiento of this town I have the ho-  
nor to enclose you a list of the Officers elec-  
ted by them at previous meetings held  
during the past month.

Secretary	Frank Fink
Sergeant at arms	Jonathan Cade
City Surveyor	Wm. M. Eddy
Tax Collector	P. C. Sanders
Capt. of Police	Malachi Fallon
City Attorney	A. C. Peachy
Street Inspector	N. R. Davis
Treasurer	Benj <sup>m</sup> Burgoyne
City Physician	John R. Palmer

+ 1849 - September 11<sup>th</sup> - S. Fran<sup>co</sup>

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Horace Hawes Prefect<sup>r</sup> to Gov. Riley

(2 Docs.)

1<sup>o</sup> - Respecting ordinance of Town Council

2<sup>o</sup> - Respecting to authorize the payment of a Clerk the sum of \$3000 per annum.

+ 1849 - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - S. Fran

W. B. Almond - to Gov. Riley

(2 Docs.)

1<sup>st</sup> - Names Mr. Melone Sheriff & Ryland as Clerk of Court of 1<sup>st</sup> Instance

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>o</sup> - Notifying that have appointed Capt. Andrew Sublette Sheriff of the District of San Francisco.

+ 1849 - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - S. Fran

R. M. May Judge of 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. - to Gov. Riley

Respecting the Appt. of Sheriff R. C. Hayes.

1849. - Sept. - 29. S. Fran<sup>co</sup> Post Office

Jacob B. Moore - to Gov. Riley.

Asks for the Appt. of Notary Public.

1849. - Oct. 3<sup>d</sup>. - Sonoma

Chas. J. Wilkins Prefect. - to Gov. Riley.

Enclosing petition for a special  
election at Sonoma.

1849. - Oct. 3<sup>d</sup>. - S. Fran<sup>co</sup>

Henry Reed Sec. of Prefect. - to Gov. Riley.

Enclosing for examination tripli-  
cate bills of the "Placer Times" for \$500  
against the U. S. Government, for prin-  
ting and publishing 500 Copies of "Laws  
of California"

+ 1849 - Nov. 16. - Sacramento City.  
E. O. Crosby Prefect +. to Mr. Riley.

Respecting Election of Alcaldes &

+ 1849. - Feb. 20. - Mont.

Papers relating to the trial of Domingo Hernandez and sentence of Jury - preparation for the execution. & &

+ 1849 - Feb. 22. - Mont.

Francis Serrano Alcaldes &. - to Gov. Riley.

Reports after the execution of sentence of Jury in the trial of Hernandez.

+ 1849. Feb. 11. - S. Juan Bautista.

Petition of the Citizens of S. J. Bautista for a local Alcaldes - for powder & lead to furnish Indian Horse Hives. - (in Spanish.)

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+ 1849 - May 31. Sta. Barbara.

R. Carrillo Alcalde. to Gov<sup>t</sup> Secretary - Mont.

Acknowledges receipt of the Secy.  
of States letter of 30<sup>th</sup> April last, appro-  
ving the investment of \$5000 for building  
a Jail.

+ 1849 - April 17. Los Angeles

L. S. Graham to Capt. H. W. Halleck, Secy. of State.

Francis's letter of Dec 21st and  
proceedings of Alcalde Foster in case of J.  
D. Barnes charged with stealing Govt.  
Mules.

+ 1849 June 4<sup>th</sup> Mont.J. M. Leavenworth Esq. to Gov<sup>r</sup> Riben.

Asks for new election in San  
Francisco the payment of erection civil  
expenses. - also resigns his office to take  
effect on the election of a successor.



+ 1849. - Junio 10. - S. Luis Obispo

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Padre José Miguel Gomez. - al Cap. Collecto Divo. d. Gob.

Acusa recibo a su carta fha. 10  
del pp. y en contestacion dice: que  
el Alcalde ha cumplido fiel y legalm.<sup>te</sup>  
con la of. del Gob. q. mandó se le su-  
ciede en posesion de los edificios y terrenos  
q. el Gob. Michelt. tuvo a bien encomendar a  
aquel curato: - que era falso q. se le hubie-  
se dado terrenos a Wilson que era un  
bruto q. por consideracion, no quise  
decirle la conducta q. observó con el,  
este Sr. Wilson, pues que el Domingo de  
Pasqua, mandé mis mosos a decirle q.  
le permitiera hacer toros en el Corral  
de la Parroquia y q. por no habersela con-  
cedido por mil razones poderosas, como era  
la de q. no fuesen a hacer cosas obscenas  
e inmorales, cerca del templo, q. le insultaron  
dichos mosos de of. del mismo Wilson, al  
grado de rotarlo en tierra, lo maltra-  
taron y rompieron a pedradas el Habuan,  
concluyendo con hacer un corrida a toros  
y lo que les dió la gana. todo lo cual  
aprovare cuando fuese necesario. - Que  
sentia mucho expresarse en los toros.

nos q. quedan expuestos, pero q. comide  
raba necesario hacerlo así, por q. de  
lo contrario, el mal se extenderia a este  
no de perderse la religion.

+ 1849 Junio 12. - Angeles.

Alcalde Dosi del Sr. D. Dugos - al Sr. D. Gov.

(3 Docs.)

1.<sup>o</sup> Comunica el robo hecho por los  
Indios gentiles en diversos Ranchos  
de algunas manadas de caballada, ha  
biendo sido difícil una pronta y vi-  
goreca persecucion contra las malhe-  
chores por estar el vecindario enteram<sup>te</sup>  
escaso de armas y municiones, las cua-  
les se le suministrasen a aquel  
Juzgado cp.<sup>a</sup> el caso en q. se reputan estas  
escursiones como no lo andaba sucediese  
en vista de haber salido bien los indios en  
sus dos primeros golpes q. da cuenta.

2.<sup>o</sup> Didiendo una ley que tra-  
tase de la Constitucion de Jura

das para normar las prisiones  
tos en el Juzg. en su cargo.

Mayo 30.

3.<sup>o</sup> Dando conocimiento de haber  
prestado el juramento respectivo el 20  
del presente, el J. Ayuntamiento de aquella  
Ciudad, comensando a ejercer sus funciones.

1819. - Mayo 15. - S. Luis Obispo.

Miguel Ariza Alcalde & - al Sr. de Gob.

Docs.

1.<sup>o</sup> Da informacion de algunas dificultades  
de accionadas contra su autoridad en  
el Distrito de su cargo, y pide al-  
gun auxilio de tropa para hacer  
se respetar.

2.<sup>o</sup> Remite copia de la acta del  
procedim.<sup>to</sup> en que dió posesion al  
Padre Gomez de la Mision de San  
Luis Obispo.

3.<sup>o</sup> Comunica la aprehension de un

indio llamado California por el deli-  
to de homicidio si quien se le for-  
mó en consecuencia causa saliendo  
sentenciado a cinco años de prisión  
a Monterey - que dho. no quedaba  
(en su casa quedaba) utretanto en  
su casa por no haber segura prision  
en el lugar ni medios de conducir-  
lo a donde fue sentenciado. lo q.  
ponia en su Conciencia para que  
realizase lo conveniente.

N.º - Sobre el mismo asunto de l  
Jaime Gomez.

5.º - Informe contra Mariano Bonilla  
por insultos a su autoridad dentro  
del propio Juzg.º en cargo.

Abril 20.

6.º - Consulta sobre si la eleccion  
de Alcalde q. se le ordena hacer  
debia recaer solamente sobre los  
individuos q. residian dentro del  
pueblo o Misim de S. Luis Obispo.  
o bien en los individuos de toda  
la demarcacion. pues q. para  
reducir dho. eleccion al primer pun

to, habia muy pocos habitantes.

+ 1849. - Mayo 10. - S. Luis Obispo.

Fr. - J. Miguel Gomez. - al Sr. de Gobierno

Truera haver puesto en ejecucion  
el Alcalde M. Avila, lo ordena el Gobierno,  
a la cual se habian resistido los litigan-  
tes hasta insultar al Alcalde por que  
queria obrar en justicia, y por cuya cir-  
cunstancia, suplicaba mandare el au-  
toritativo necesario a dha. autoridades, para que  
pueda corregir algunos abusos q. ha-  
bia necesidad de corregir. - Que D. Juan  
Wilson se negaba a entregar toda la  
finca y solo queria hacerlo en un  
cuarto por cuyo motivo esperaba q.  
mandare la of. del Gob. manuscrita.

+ 1849. - Abril 28. - Sta. Barba.

Raymundo Carrillo Duez de 1<sup>a</sup> Inst. - al Sr. de Gob. - Mont.

Solicita se le proporcionen leyes

para dirigir sus procedimientos en el  
 Juzg. de su cargo y carcelas para  
 encerrar a los delincuentes - Si de mi  
 mismo se le asigne el sueldo q.  
 corresponda desde la fecha que comen-  
 sa a servir en empleo.

+ 1849 - Nov. 6. - Amg.

José G. Lugo Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst. de los Amg. - al Pref.  
 de la misma Ciudad Estevan G. Foster.

Transcribe la Comunicacion de Agustín  
 Olvera por la cual le participa el nombra-  
 miento q. el Gob.<sup>o</sup> del Estado hizo en la  
 persona del expresado Olvera, <sup>2.<sup>a</sup> Inst. de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst.;</sup> pidiendo que  
 se le ponga a su disposición dho. Juzgado  
 a fin de llenar y dar cumplim.<sup>to</sup> a la of.  
 de la Superioridad

+ 1849 - Nov. 16. - Los Amg.

Foster. - a H. Wm. Halleck Sec. de Estado.

Adjunta la comunicacion del alcalde

deprimera, José C. Lugo relativa a su  
 transito de Olivos Juan Cruz de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst.  
 incluye así mismo la comunicacion  
 q. con tal motivo pasó la Prefectura  
 el 8 de Nov. al referido Cruz Lugo.

+ 1819. - Nov. 16. - Mont. P.

José M.<sup>a</sup> Sanchez, al Gob.<sup>o</sup> de Cal.

Representacion queandare q. en  
 el Pueblo de S. Juan Bautista se infun-  
 dia con grave perjuicio la orden del Gov.  
 Nacion en anterior expedida en 27 de Abo.  
 1817 que prohibia terminantemente la venta  
 de licores espirituos a los indios, aun-  
 que estaba en toda su fuerza y  
 no cometido en escandalo por el  
 mismo Sub. Trsf.<sup>o</sup> que tenia el apen-  
 dia de licores en su propia tienda,  
 habiendo hecho presente esta circumst.<sup>a</sup>  
 al Trsf.<sup>o</sup> del Dist.<sup>o</sup> quien havia di-  
 simulado deintendiendo la culpa.  
 Provido al Gob.<sup>o</sup> en 17 de noviembre  
 mes (Nov.) al calce de la representa-  
 cion, declarando vigentes todas las dis-

a de policia

provisiões y reglamentos, q. no estubie-  
ran derogados por autoridades competentes.  
Todo lo cual se recomendaba al Prefecto  
D. J. C. cumplido e iniciado cumplido  
las leyes, informando sobre las faltas  
incurridas por el Sub-Prefecto, e apli-  
cable el castigo correspondiente.

Informe del Prefecto en 11 de  
mismo mes (Nov.) en que dice ser  
falso el informe de Sanchez en su ult.  
parte q. le ensienne. + d. la firma D. Spence.

+ 1849: Nov. 15 - Mont.

D. Spence. Pref. - al Dno. de Estado.

Comunica los factores produ-  
cidos por los dos Municipales man-  
dados cobrar sobre licencias ya despacha-  
das por la Aduana: e incluye origi-  
nal otra comunicacion del Agmt.  
relativa al mismo objeto.



\* 1849. - Oct. 21. - Mont.

Francisco Rodríguez - Alcalde. - al Pref. del Dist.

Comunica la resistencia de los  
Sres. Boston, Boivin & Co. y el collector de  
Aduana Halleck, en pagar los tres mu-  
nicipales q' aduudaban por licores q' te-  
nían hacia días introducidos, y cuya  
resistencia, habia dado mal ejemplo  
a otras personas que aduudaban  
por igual dto. - lo que forma en su  
superior concepción el Ayuntamiento; advirtien-  
do q' la Corporación, no contaba con  
mas fondos, q' los tres q' producía  
la introducción de licores y los cos-  
tos de las tiendas manuales; mien-  
tras q' habia q' erogar fuertes gastos  
entre los q' figuraba el de \$1000. que  
costaba levantar el plano de la pe-  
lacion (Mont-) por cuya razón pe-  
dian se hiciese efectivo el pago q'  
dhrs. Sres. tenían pendientes a lo cual  
estaban obligados mientras el Cab.  
o la sucesiva Legislatura no des-  
gare dhrs. impuestos.

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x 1849. - Oct. 2. Mont.

Ant<sup>o</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Pico Pref. del Dist. de S. José. al Pres. d Estado.

Comunica para conocimiento del Gob.  
haber nombrado Fin. de la Tesorería en  
cargo al C.º Juan.º Arce.

+ 1849. Agosto 30. - Mont.

Milton Little. - al Alcalde Ign.º Esquer

Remite el nombram<sup>to</sup> de 2.º Regidor  
del Ayuntamiento.

x 1849. - Agosto 31. - Mont.

Ign.º Esquer r. a Milton Little.

Demuestré la comunicacion en que  
hice renuncia de su nombram<sup>to</sup> de 2.º Rgdor.  
y que impuesto del provido del C.º P.  
fecto a quien dió conocimiento de su nota.  
se presentare al Jefe en su cargo, a  
atoyar el juram<sup>to</sup> de estado, en aten-  
cion de haber habido lugar a su renuncia

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x 1849. - Mayo 8. - Ont.

Dño. Esquer Alcalde. al Sr. de Estado.

Comunica haber solicitado salares  
varios individuos p.<sup>a</sup> fabricas en la Ciudad  
y sabiendo existia una orden relativa  
al asunto expedida por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mayor  
la cual no se habia podido encontrar  
en el Juzg.<sup>o</sup>; ni parecia ningun plan  
de salares que dio Colton durante el  
tpo. que ejercio, la Magistratura,  
no habia querido proceder sin consul-  
tar antes al Gob.<sup>o</sup> como lo hacia co-  
bra el particular; replicando se le  
contestase p.<sup>a</sup> inteligencia a su Juzgado.

San Jua. S. Diego.

Dño. A. Estudillo, Pref.<sup>o</sup> - al Sr. de Gob.<sup>o</sup>

Comunica haber recibido 114 ejem-  
plares de la Constitucion y una Pro-  
clama del Gob.<sup>o</sup> (en ambos idiomas)  
expedida el 24. del Sep.<sup>o</sup> Oct.<sup>o</sup>

+ 1849. - Dic. 21. - Aug.

Justin Olvera - al D<sup>no</sup>. de Estado

Comunica: q<sup>e</sup> habiendo reci-  
vido en Set<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>o</sup> el nombram<sup>to</sup> de Juez  
de 1<sup>a</sup> Inst<sup>a</sup> de (Mont.) para una carta  
oficial al alcalde 1<sup>o</sup> José del C. Lugo  
q<sup>e</sup> con tal caracter reuniera la escribana  
Judicatura y archivo, correspondiente y que  
como el Alcalde referido no tuvo la aten-  
ción de contestarle, a los ocho dias le  
reprodujo otra nota protestando en su  
virtud falta y requiriendo nuevamente  
el cumplim<sup>to</sup> de la orden Sup<sup>ra</sup> que  
asi mismo recurrió al Jefe al Dist<sup>o</sup> C.  
C. C. Foster, del q<sup>e</sup> no recibí mejor satis-  
faccion que del referido Alcalde: to-  
do lo cual forma un consist<sup>o</sup> de solo  
ap<sup>to</sup> en digno conducto q<sup>o</sup> manifestar le  
al Excmo. q<sup>e</sup> le habian causado el ataque brusco  
hacia en persona de las referidas au-  
toridades, de cuyas comunicaciones y  
como comprobantes de lo q<sup>e</sup> acaba es-  
puesto remita las copias respectivas,  
marcadas desde el N<sup>o</sup> 1 hasta el 10  
inclusive.

Documentos sueltos.

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Names de las autoridades, su y caracter  
con que fungian.

+ 1842. - Mayo 13. - Mont.

José F. Fernandez Juez 1.º de 1.ª Inst. +

+ 1841. - Nov. 10. - Mont.

Capt. José Castro. - al Gob. Alvarado.

Solicitud del terreno de Salinas  
en el Puerto de S. Quintín frontera de la  
Baja California y su tit.º original expedido  
en 27 de Nov. del mismo año.

+ 1840. - Julio 24. - San Carlos.

Joaquín Gutierrez. - a J.º.º Villavicencio Jefe del 1.º Dist.

Solicitud de un terreno, con el aprovi-  
do del Jefe pidiendo que informe el  
Juzg. de Paz de Mont. David Spence  
quien dijo no haber lugar al deman-  
do o a solicitar.

+ 1840. - Julio 30. - I. Juan de Castro

J. M. Villavicencio Pref. del 1.<sup>er</sup> Dist. - Fran.<sup>co</sup> C. Arce. Sr.<sup>o</sup>

+ 1841. - Feb. 10. - I. Juan de Castro

José Castro Pref. del 1.<sup>er</sup> Dist.

+ 1841. - Enero 27. I. Miguel (ex-mision.)

Inocente Garcia, informa sobre una  
solicitud de un terreno de Filomeno Pico.

+ 1839. - Marzo 27. - I. Juan de Castro

J. Castro Pref. del 1.<sup>er</sup> Dist. - y José M. Lavarrubias Sr.<sup>o</sup>

Firman la toma de razón de  
catorce concesiones de terrenos al darse  
la apreciación correspondiente.

+ 1839. - Feb. 14. - Mont.

Juan J. Figueroa. - al Gob. Alvarado

Solicita la consecucion de un solar en el establecim<sup>to</sup> de S. Juan Bautista: con el provisto al margen de esta solicitud, en q<sup>e</sup> el Gob. pide informe el Adm<sup>o</sup>. de esta Misión C. José Castro.

+ 1839. - Feb. 14. - Mont.

Solicitud de Guillermo Roberto Carrer por el parage "San Luisito." i Informe de Juan P. Ayala. Alcalde i encargado de San Luis Obispo.

+ 1839. - Feb. 11. - S. José Guadalupe

Diego Forbes. - al Gob. Alvarado. - Mont.

Expediente. - Cuenta de la solicitud del parage "San Ramon"; el informe en 15 de Abril del mismo año por José Noriega Alcalde const. y José J. Fernandez. - Tit.

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+ Toma de posesion de la fha. en que  
se dio posesion de varios terrenos

Fechas. - Propietarios. - N.º de sitios. - Parajes.

1835. Set. 24.	David Spence	2 sit.º	"Pincon de B.ª Esperanza"
1835. Dto. 11.	J. Ramon Estrada	1/2 sit.º	"El Toro"
1835. Dto. 10.	José Joaquin Gomez	2.	"Los Virreyes."
1835. Dto. 9.	Juan Malasino	1/2.	"Manita de los Camos"
1840. Dto. 10.	id. id.	2.	"Chualar"
1840. Dto. 11.	Gabriel de la Torre.	1/2.	"Sanjones."
1840. Dto. 11.	Fedoro Gonzales.	4.	"Pincon de la Santa del el Monte."
1842. Oct. 3.	Rafael Gonzales.	5.	"S. Miguelito"
1843. Dto. 1.º	Esteran Memas	4 1/2.	"San Vicente."
1843. Dto. 4.	Esteran de la Torre	4.	"Canada de la Viña"
	Emm. Castro	2.	"San Leandro"
	Gabriel Castro	3.	"Monte del Diabli"
1837. Mayo 27.	Ant.º Merent		"- Rancho del Vil." "La Huerta del Rey"
1840. Julio 30.	Esteran Espinosa	1/4 de legua	"Rancho Nacional"

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+ 1839. - Feb. Sta. Barb<sup>a</sup>.

Andrés Castellero. - al Gob<sup>o</sup> Alvarado.

Carta particular en que solicita  
la concesion de la "Isla de Sta. Catalina"  
recomendando estendiese el tit<sup>o</sup> en amigo  
el Lic. Cosme Peña; pero sin que enten-  
diere D. Tomás Robins, que el la habia  
pretendido, sino que habia sido un acto  
voluntario del Gob<sup>o</sup> en cedersela.

+ 1839. - Junio 17. - Mont.

G<sup>no</sup>. Buckley. - al J<sup>no</sup> del 1<sup>o</sup> Dist<sup>o</sup>.

Solicita el parage "Agua Dulce"  
en las inmediaciones de la Cap<sup>ta</sup>cion  
de Sta. Cruz, - i Informe de J<sup>no</sup> Soto  
Ostros. de esta Mision.

+ 1837. - Oct. 21. - Mont.

G<sup>no</sup>. Buckley. (ingles). - al Gob<sup>o</sup> Alvarado.

Solicita el parage "La Carbonera" i

informe de Int. Rodrig. Alcalde  
Auxiliar de la Villa de Francisco.

Nombres de alg. Autorides y lugar de su resid. (fra. 1. 1. 1.)

+ 1835. - Oct. 2. - S. Jose Guad. pe  
Adrian Ferguson. - a Jose Castro, Cefe Politico int. 2.

Solicitud de un terreno - i informe  
de Juan Alvares Alcalde de S. Jose, que  
dice: q. el solicitante no tenia carta de  
naturaliza. ni era Casado y. y.

+ 1836. - Feb. 23. S. Jose Guad. pe  
Juan Alvares. - Alcalde Constit. C

+ 1839. - Mayo 10. S. Francisco. )  
Fran. et a Haro Alcalde Constitucional

+ 1837. - Abru. 23. - Sonoma. //  
Mariano B. Vallejo Comand. en Chief de Cal.

+ 1837. - Mr. L. S. Rafael.

Simón Murphy Admón. &

+ 1836. - Feb. - D. José Guad. <sup>pe</sup>

José M<sup>a</sup> Olvera. Alcalde Const. y José  
Berrelsea. Sec.

+ 1794. - Oct. 12. - Mexico.

Vicij de Braniforte. - al Gov. de Cal.

Comunico haberse reconocido las pe-  
queñas piedras ochavadas q<sup>l</sup> con carta N<sup>o</sup>  
12 de 15 de Julio ult<sup>o</sup> le remitio; las cuales  
habian resultado ser granate de infima  
clase y de poca o ningun valor, que  
en otro tiempo solian tener uso en la  
Medicina: pero que en el dia, se habian  
destruido, aun de la farmacia por estar  
calificados como venenos corrosivos, todos  
los cristales y piedras preciosas.

+ Libro (nº 25) de Instrumentos pub.  
en que constan varias escrituras de transla-  
cion de dominio desde 1844 - 49 - For  
del Juegº del Distº de Mont.  
Autoridades. &

+ 1844. - Julio 16. - Mont.

Florencio Terrero Alcalde 1º. Cont.º y Juez  
del 2º Instº interino.

+ 1845. - Marzo 12. - Mont.

Marcelino Escobar Alcalde 1º. Cont.º  
y Juez del 2º Instº. &

+ 1846. - Mayo 30. - Mont.

Manuel Diaz Alcalde 1º. Cont.º y Juez  
9º. (Cont.) Instº. &

+ 1846. - Junio 3. - Mont.

Juan Osquer Regidor decano del Ayuntamiento  
tam.º - Alcalde 1º. en turno y Juez del 2º Instº. &

+ 1846. - Set. 9. - Mont.

Walter Colton Juez de Paz 4<sup>to</sup>.

Autoriza la venta de un terreno de dos sitios de ganado mayor situada en la entrada del Pto. de S. Juan, comenzando desde la "Laguna de Loma Alta" hasta "Santa de Lobos" - otorgada por Benito Diaz a James O. Larbin en la suma de \$1000.-

+ 1847. Julio 25. - Mont.

Walter Colton 4<sup>to</sup> Magistrado 4<sup>to</sup>.

+ 1849. June 12<sup>th</sup>. - Mont.

J. Hallett Commissioner of Deeds in the Dist.  
to James Mc. Kniten. (L. S.)

+ 1844. - Mayo 31. - Mont.

Florincio Serano Alcalde 2<sup>o</sup> Constitucional 4<sup>to</sup>.

Autoriza un poder otorga

do a favor el Obispo del Departamento  
de San Juan Diego a favor de D. Pe-  
dro Ramirez Diputado del Depart.  
de Zacatecas, para q<sup>e</sup> cobrase en su re-  
presentacion a la Armada Maritima  
de Guas. la Congra de \$6000. que  
le fue asignada por Decreto de 11 de  
Set. de 1836.

+ 1844. - Feb. 16 - Abril 12. - Mont.

José Amesti - Alcalde N. Const. →

+ 1848. - Mayo 5. - Sta. Barba

Raymundo Carrillo - al Gob. R. B. Mason.

Neusa recibo a su rita de  
of. de Abril p<sup>o</sup>. en q<sup>e</sup> le pidió el Decreto  
de la C. Asamblea que anuló la venta  
de Oficiones sueltas por D. Pico, en  
yo Decreto no lo remitió, por haberlo  
presentado alia. Cones. de España D. Cesario  
Lataillade, q<sup>e</sup> se lo pidió presentado y ha-  
bia partido p<sup>a</sup> Mont. y en acordarse de de-

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+ 1783. - Enero 11. - Mexico.  
Miren: Martin de Villanueva y.

Decreto ordenando recoger la Mo-  
neda de plata en pesos, acuñada en me-  
traquel q' en lugar de 1782 se gravó  
1872. - a fin de fundirla y labrarla de nuevo.  
- Se publicó en S. Diego el 22 de Ju-  
nio de 1783. por el Comand. José de Zambrano.  
En Santa Barbara por Joseph José Ortega.  
En Mont. por Diego Gonzales y  
en S. Fran. co por Joseph Moraga.

+ 1817. - Junio 14. - Sta. Clara. (St. 37)  
Sr. José M<sup>o</sup> del Refugio Suarez del Real. - a Juan Bur-  
ton - Sr. de S. Jose.

Comunica haber recibido en nota  
del 10 del corriente; y que le sorprendia ver  
la firma en q' asentaba q' en instruc-  
ciones eran administras justicia refirien

dose a los dos individuos C. F. R. q.  
habia casado civilm<sup>te</sup>. - Entra en una  
larga disertacion sobre este tema y con-  
cluye: "que el conde Alcaide no estaba  
autorizado para las superiores  
disposiciones del Sr. Feary q. tenia  
instrucciones del Gob. de C. U. para respu-  
tar y proteger las Constituciones Religiosas  
de Cal. - que sus feligreses no solo no  
podian casarse ante las autoridades  
municipales, pero ni aun ante otro  
sacerdote sin su previo permiso y q.  
nunca se figuró q. el lo hiciera profesan-  
do la misma R. C.; exponiendose asi, a los  
terribles anatemas fulminados por el  
Santo Concilio de Trento contra los que  
cooperaban de alguna manera p.<sup>a</sup> autori-  
zar un amancebamiento de esa clase, cosa  
que le hacia muy poco honor y de lo  
cual cooperaba en abstendria de repetir  
un acto de igual naturaleza; pues q.  
se veia obligado a tratarlo, en toda  
la severidad de las leyes Canonicas.  
y que quedare en la inteligencia que  
en esta misma ftra. daba of. al Gob.  
de otros hechos q. habian llevado al  
pueblo a escandalo."



+ 1847. Junio 10. - S. José. (N.º 2.)

Juan Burton. - á Sr. J. M. S. del Real.

Ahora recibo á su comunicacion del dia ant.<sup>o</sup>, en que le referiva el acto de haber casado civilm.<sup>te</sup> á Benjamin Nachborn y Sta. Mafica, y en contestacion dice que sus instrucciones van administrar justicia segun las leyes mexicanas en cuanto no chocasen con la Constit.<sup>n</sup> de los E. U. y que dha. constit.<sup>n</sup> no reconoce ningun na religion, sino que veia el Matrimonio como un Contrato Civil. - asegura por utt.<sup>o</sup> q. no tiene deber de casar miembro alguno de la Igl. Cat.<sup>a</sup> pero q. cuando un hombre se op.<sup>a</sup> autorizar un acto de igual naturaleza tenia q. cumplir con su deber.

+ 1847. Junio 8. - Sta. Clara. (N.º 1.)

Sr. J. M. S. del Real. - á Sr. Juan Burton Alc. de S. José

Reproviendole haber autorizado el matrimonio civil de Manuel Benjamin y una Sta. Mafica, y pide que le envíe el certificado de dho. acto, y haer que comparezcan los

contrayentes a su presencia y a. enterrarlos  
de la nulidad de su matrimonio, y las  
penas a que se habian espuesto; y en  
las que incurririan si permanecian con-  
tinuados. &c. &c.

1847. - Junio 14. - Sta. Clara

Fr. D. N. S. del Real. - al Gob. de Cal.

Remite las Comunicaciones marca-  
das con los N.ºs 12 y 3 relativas a las con-  
taciones con el Juz. J. Pabon con motivo de  
casam.º de Benjamin y la Sta. Mafica. se que-  
ja y protesta contra dho. actos &c. &c. - pi-  
de se resuelva esta queja y se dar cuenta  
a la Sagrada Mitra.

1847. - Junio 14. - Sta. Clara. (N.º 10.)

Fr. J. M. S. del Real. Inter y Procurador de las Misiones. - al  
Gob. de Cal.

Comunica. que en virtud  
de la Comision con que le honro el Sr.

el Sr. Kearny q<sup>o</sup> fue testigo de vista, de los fun-  
 damentos de la representación q<sup>o</sup> hizo  
 en fecha 12 de Marzo del p<sup>o</sup> año; le acom-  
 pañan el Inventario de los muebles y co-  
 sas que se perdieron a consecuencia de  
 la fuerza ocupación de las Misiones  
 de Sta. Clara y San José, por los emigrados y  
 tropas de los E. U. y el cual importa  
 la suma de \$4007.50; sin contar la destruc-  
 ción de las fabricas y viñedos &c. cuyo  
 valor, no había según inventario gen<sup>l</sup>.  
 a precios inferiores, de la Cantidad de  
 \$15,575.00 quince mil quinientos setenta y cinco  
 pesos de ambas Misiones. todo  
 a virtud de las of<sup>as</sup> del Sr. Fremont  
 (cuya of<sup>a</sup> obraba en los documentos q<sup>o</sup> en  
 la ya referida of<sup>a</sup> dirigió a aquel Gob<sup>o</sup>)  
 que la lucha entre dos Republicas her-  
 manas como Mexico y los E. U. nada  
 tenía que ver con los intereses de me-  
 rced como eran los de la Iglesia, lo  
 q<sup>o</sup> debió tener presente Fremont, cuando  
 entra el espíritu de las leyes hacia la  
 guerra a costa de particulares &c. - Ha-  
 se algunas otras observaciones funda-  
 das en favor de su dro. y concluye pe-  
 diendo una resolución satisfactoria.

+ (1847. - Junio 14. Sta. Clara) (N.º 11.)

Inventario graf. a que se refiere la comunicacion ant. marcada con el N.º 10. - relativa a las cosas y destroras q. se hicieron en las Misiones de S. José y Sta. Clara; arrojando solamente la Suma de \$3940. - # tres mil novecientos cuarenta pesos. # disintiendo en la cantidad de q. trata la citada comunicacion

+ 1847. - Mayo 1.º - Sta. Clara. (N.º 12.)  
P.º Real. al Magistrado Burton - S. José.

Comunica: q. habiendo pasado el día 20.º a la Mision de S. José q.ª celebrar la funcion del St. Titular; le hizo presente q. en casa de la Mision de S. José no se habia ocupado, circunstancia que habia hecho q. estubiese todo el dia en la calle, hasta que los franciscanos convenientemente vaciar unos cuartos q.ª alojarlos. hace presente algunos de los trajes que se le habian hecho como eran la de 23 violines y tres bajos q. pertenecian a la musica; algunas piezas q. se ha-

han detectado q.<sup>a</sup> sacos vacos, 1500 pies  
 de maderas q.<sup>a</sup> estaban en los comedores & t. y  
 otros mis. que en un momento, apidiendo en  
 contestacion le diga si se contentaron  
 estos males y si q.<sup>a</sup> ello tendria necesidad  
 de acudir nuevamente con su asunto al Sr.  
 Gobernador o Comand. Genl.

\* 1847. - Mayo 15. - D. José. (# N.º 13.)  
 J. B. Zúñiga & al. P. Real.

Reciba usted, a su nota oficial  
 en que se queja de los abusos q.<sup>a</sup> se han  
 hecho en las Misiones de S. José y Santa  
 Clara; y dice: que se hallaba en li me  
 for disposicion para acordarle toda  
 la proteccion q.<sup>a</sup> estuviese a su alcance,  
 conforme a las o.ºs recibidas de S. E. el  
 Cab. que al efecto, habia notifica-  
 do a las autoridades a las gentes que  
 vivian en dhas. Misiones para que  
 saliesen de las fincas q.<sup>a</sup> tenian ocupa-  
 das en el terreno de S. R. - que en  
 cuanto a los danos recibidos, acudiese  
 al Cab. quien podia arreglarlos.

+ 1849. - Mayo 12. - S. Luis Obispo

Certificacion firmada por Nicolas  
Carpio, J. Mar. Bonilla y Miguel Ferrero  
dando fe de la protesta de D. Juan Wilson  
al darse posesion de las fincas por el Alcalde  
al P. de la Estacion de S. Luis Fr. J. Miguel  
Comay.

+ 1847. - Marzo 29. - Almt.

Gen. Coronel Victor Gudson. - al Gob. de Cal.

Representacion pidiendo amparo de  
varias propiedades del Juz. de Paz y el Con-  
destable de Sonoma llamados Fran y  
Nacho despojandolo de varios bienes  
y por ultimo de su propia casa y  
pertinencia antes de la ex-estacion de San  
Francisco Salas y le fue adjudicada  
cada un pago de sus sueldos por  
el Comand. Gen. Jose Castro, segun  
el titulo que con efectos acompaño  
- (Ha. del Tit. - Junio 9 de 1846.)

+ 1848. - Mayo 24. - S. Diego.

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Juan Bandini. - al Coronel J. D. Stevenson.

Informa respecto de las Misiones conforme le pide en su carta pta. 26 del pto y dice: q. siendo el Sr. de Col. le consultó el Col. Pio Pico el medio q. debia adoptarse para evitar la fatalidad q. amenazaba sobre dthos. establecim.<sup>to</sup> y consultado, se le nombró por el mismo Col. en comision cerca del Padre Presidente de las Misiones nton. ex Sr. Narciso Duran con el fin de arreglar la armonia entre ambas autoridades: y que salvado este paso, se supidit el Decreto de 28 de Mayo 1845 por la Asamblea Departamental de Col. que no remitia el Decreto por haberle trasapelado pero q. su contenido fue q. las Misiones abandonadas por los Indios como la Purisima, S. Miguel, S. Juan Cap.º, S. Luis Obispo y acaso algunas otras, se le diese el termino de un mes con llamam.<sup>to</sup> a los indios a ellos p.<sup>a</sup> q. las ocupasen y de no hacerlo, se considerasen bienes mortuorios y a disposicion del Col. Deptal. p.<sup>a</sup> ponerlas

en venta pública y al mejor postor  
 como se verificó, asistiendo el (Baldini)  
 personalmente - que para mayor cla-  
 ridad en el asunto, acompañaba un  
 Reglamento original - q. como el citado  
 decreto, dio también facultades al  
 Cab. p.<sup>a</sup> arrendar las Misiones que  
 con tubicun indios y bines come-  
 hentes, se pusieron en arrendamiento  
 y lo fueron, que el ensiera: S. San. do  
 S. Buenaventura, Sta. Barbara y Sta.  
 Cruz & - que como quedaban algu-  
 nas Misiones bajo el sistema de Ma-  
 yordomos - guardando los propios intereses  
 con provecho alguno, la Asamblea se  
 expidió otro Decreto en Abril o Mayo de  
 46. relativo al asunto, que ignoraba  
 el procedim.<sup>to</sup> al Cab. en la parte  
 Reglamentaria, y solo sup. q. había  
 vendido algunas Misiones, q. a él  
 no le tocaba investigar ni aclarar  
 por q. nada presenció de ello - conde-  
 ye manifestando q. todo en informe  
 si fuese de alguna utilidad y  
 se le quería dar publicidad por  
 medio de la prensa, no había unba-  
 rago ipse illo.



+ 1848. - Feb. 2. - Mont.

Ex. of M. S. del Real. y al Gob. de Cal.

Protestas contra la resolucion  
del Gob. en lo relativo a la venta  
de los terrenos de la Mision de Sta.  
Clara y S. Jose. (en Ingles y Espanol.)

+ 1849. - Julio 20. - Sta. Clara.

Protesta de varios indigenas de  
la Mision, al Alcalde de S. Jose Ant.  
M. Pico quien la eleva; al Gob. en  
la primera pte.; contra la venta de los  
bienes de las Misiones proyectada  
por el J. de Real.

+ 1849. - Set. 17. - Mont.

Ex. of M. S. del Real. y al Gob. de Cal.

Solicitando su aprobacion para  
el contrato celebrado con D. Juan Steen-  
bergen por el Arrendam.<sup>to</sup> a las Mi-

ciones de Sta. Clara y S. José,  
cuya escritura acompaño en copia.

+ 1849. - Julio 17. - Sta. Clara.

Escritura de arrendam<sup>to</sup> de  
las Misiones de S. José y Santa Clara  
celebrada por Fr. José M.<sup>a</sup> Juarez  
al Real Fr. Ant.<sup>o</sup> Anzar Presidente,  
a favor de D. Juan B. Steenberger  
por la suma de \$22,000 - + veinte y dos  
mil pesos + en tres plazos pagaderos  
en plata u oro sellado.

+ 1847. - Julio 30. - Sta. Barbara

Fr. J. M.<sup>a</sup> Fr. Juan Gonzalez. - al Gab.<sup>o</sup> Mason.

Pide se obligue a los Administradores  
o arrendatarios de las tierras  
Misionales de Sta. Cruz, rindan sus  
cuentas pagando en religiosidad  
lo que adeudan y q. puedan sub-  
sistir los misioneros encarg. al Seminario

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x 1848 - Marzo 3 - Mont.

José Castro - al Gob.<sup>o</sup> de Cal.

Comunica: que sabiendo he-  
cho compra a Olivié Delasegre de la  
Huerta de arboles de S. Juan Bautista,  
cuyo tit.<sup>o</sup> fue expedido a Delasegre por  
el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Dn. Pio: y sabiendo q.<sup>e</sup> S. C. se re-  
servaba la decion de tales tit.<sup>os</sup> - supli-  
caba, que entre tanto tenia lugar  
dho. resolucio<sup>n</sup> se le mandase q.<sup>e</sup> se  
enfrasesen de dho. finca en solo  
el objeto de disfrutar de sus frutos  
a fin de sostener a su numerosa fa-  
milia &c

+ 1848 - Agosto 30 - Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Sr. y. de. de J. Gonzalez - a Halleck Sr. &amp;c

Comunica haber recibido en esta  
fha. 18 del corriente en el inventario que  
la acompaña de los muebles y enorin-  
tes pertenecientes a la dho. Dn. Diego  
los cuales documentos habian pasado  
a Sr. José Joaqu. Jimeno a quien correspon-  
dia cumplir en la of. de S. C. como

Comunicación Prof<sup>o</sup> de Misiones de la parte  
Sur de la Alta California.

\* 1848 - Feb. 9 - Sta. Ana.

Dr. José J. Jimeno. - al Gob<sup>o</sup> #.

Dá las gracias por la re-  
solución satisfactoria q<sup>e</sup> dió en el  
asunto de quiza contra los Arrenda-  
tarios de la Misión de Sta. Ana.

+ 1846 - Junio 8 - Inq. # 1.º 3.º

Gob<sup>o</sup> Don Don. - y José Matias Moreno. Sur.

Autorizan el Tit<sup>o</sup> de la venta de  
la Misión de San Diego a favor de  
D. Santiago Argüello - y certifica en  
Copia el Juez de Paz de San Diego Rob<sup>to</sup>  
Cliff el 12 de Oct. de 1847.

+ 1848 - Encro 30 - Sta. Ines.

Fr. José T. Jimenez. - al Gob. Mason.

Comunica haberse convenido con el  
arrendatario José M.<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias sobre el pago  
de lo que adeudaba del arrendam.<sup>to</sup> del año  
ant.<sup>o</sup> por la finca de la Misión.

+ 1849. - H. 6. - Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Fr. José M.<sup>a</sup> de I. Gonzalez. - a Collect. - Dno.

Comunica que habiendo en la  
Misión de S. Buenaventura una vi-  
ña llamada "Sta. Gertrudis" q.<sup>e</sup> había en-  
frido mucho por no ser atendido por  
los indios a quienes pertenecía, le supli-  
caba hacerlo presente al Gob.<sup>o</sup> a fin  
de que se le hiciese donación de  
ella a la Iglesia de aquella Parro-  
quia para la conservación del culto  
y subsistencia de los mismos indi-  
genas. & &

1848 - Mayo 21 - Ang.

José Esteban Cota. al Cor. Stevenson Com. del Sur.

Teusda recibo a su comunicacion  
sta. 11 del corte. y en consecuencia, le acompa  
ña la razon de los acredores q. se presenta  
ron a la comision de clasificacion, y cuyos  
creditos contra la Mision de S. Gabriel ha  
cerdian a la suma de \$3014. + tres mil ca  
toce pesos +. = Recomienda se llame la aten  
cion del Gov. acerca del estado ruinoso de  
dta. mision y de lo urgente que era tomar  
alguna medida a fin de que quedasen en  
buenos sus creditos, no debiendo parar en  
silencio la ilegal y escandalosa venta q.  
habia hecho de un alambique, el actualm.  
encargado de administrarla, unido en perjuicio  
de los expresados acredores +.

+ 1847 - Junio 8 - Sta. Ines.

Dr. José J. Gimeno. al Cor. Stevenson

Comunica: que en atencion a lo q. tuvo  
a bien decirle en grata cart. del 1.º, escribia al  
Sr. Blas para que pasase a S. Gabriel.

a cuidar y Administrar a aquella Mision,  
pero en los mismos terminos q. tenian antes  
las Misiones q. no como Actmor. Secular,  
sino q. ellos (los P. S.) eran por des. curado-  
res de los indios.

+ 1847. - Julio 31. - Sta. Barbara

F. J. M<sup>ca</sup> de J. Gonzalez Gob. Episcopal de Ambas Cal.  
al Gob. Mason.

Se pide se prohiba a las Auto-  
ridades civiles, el acto de unir a los  
Catolicos en matrimonio, por ser con-  
trario a las leyes de la Iglesia q.  
representa. Hare una larga disertacion  
fundando su peticion en poderosissimas  
razones sobre la materia, pidiendo en  
conclusion, se expida la circular relativa  
imponiendo las penas que estimare por  
conveniente en caso de infraccion.

+ 1817. - Marzo 22. - Mont.

Oliver Delissique. ~ al Gob.

Adjuntandole el Tit. q. el Gob.  
Mexicano le certifica, q. a. acreditar en su  
propiedad de la "Huerta de San Juan", la q.  
le habia sido ocupada por las tropas de  
Americanas del Coronel Simont.

+ 1818. - Feb. 16. - S. Juan Obispo.

Fr. Jose Min. Gomez. ~ al Gob. Naxon.

Recomendandole de satisfactoria reso-  
lucion y despacho a los asuntos q. en su  
representacion lleba ante el D. Manuel  
Jimeno relativo a las Misiones de San  
Luis y S. Miguel, de q. es Ministro.

+ 1818. - En. l. - Sta. Cruz.

Pedro Minerva. ~ al Gob. +

Comunica haberse fijado un frange por  
alico su of. q. prohibis la venta de lico a los Indios.



+ 1847. - Oct. 6. - Sta. Clara.

Edic. Real. al Gob. Mason.

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Acusa recibida en nota pta. 18  
de Oct. ult. en que se trata de la quiza  
que han elevado a su conocimiento respecto de  
la Huerta de arboles de S. José q. dicen  
está padeciendo muchos daños por falta  
de cuidado. - Asimismo tales especies q. di-  
ce que con respecto del finje de que  
se le habla, la considera como ultraje  
y fuera de las atribuciones del Gob. el  
exigírsela por q. otros intereses son exclu-  
sivamente de la Cpl. y q. la conservación del  
culto contra cuyo despojo protestaba de  
la manera mas ardiente.

+ 1846. - Mayo 25. - Sta. Clara.

Genl. J. Castro, - a Sr. J. N. S. del Real.

(2 Docs.)

1.º Comunica. q. de acuerdo con la Su-  
prema of. de 11 de En. ult. q. facultaba a  
los Comand. Genes. para disponer de

todos los recursos con que cuentan los Departam.<sup>tos</sup> respectivos en caso de invasión extranjera, estando este mes expresado Caso; le pedias los auxilios con q<sup>e</sup> cuenta en los establecim.<sup>to</sup> de su Misión para el fin de atender a las exigencias de las fuerzas cuya sección estaba a su cargo.

Junio 16.

2.<sup>o</sup> m. - Transcribe la of. del Col.<sup>l</sup> del Depart.<sup>o</sup> Sta. Clara, en q<sup>e</sup> se recomienda q<sup>e</sup> no se recuse por el Ministro de Sta. Clara, las raciones necesarias al Cuartel Genl. de dho. punto, en la inteligencia que el Col.<sup>l</sup> pague a dho. establecim.<sup>to</sup> tan luego como se reúnen las circunst.<sup>as</sup>; autorizando en más al mismo Mtro. para q<sup>e</sup> pague las deudas de la expresada Misión que proporcione recursos para si, q<sup>e</sup> en Egl.<sup>a</sup> vendiendo algunas partes de las fincas o terrenos de cuyos tit.<sup>os</sup> entendidos por el R. P. están ocupados por el Col.<sup>l</sup>

+ 1847. - Oct. 11. - Mont.

P.<sup>o</sup> Real. - al Gob.

Remite seis Certificados, marcados respectivamente firmados por James M. Forbes, Pablo de la Cueva, José Peña, Dn.<sup>o</sup> Olvieu, Joaquin S. Castro y Ant.<sup>o</sup> M.<sup>o</sup> Osio. p.<sup>a</sup> comprobar la residencia de las personas a cuyo favor fueron expedidos los tit.<sup>os</sup> de las Huertas de las Aldeas de S. José y Sta. Clara.

+ 1846. - Mayo 11. - Aug.

Ret. Dn.<sup>o</sup> Dico. - y D. Matias Moreno.

Autorizan al Tit.<sup>o</sup> de la Huerta del establecim.<sup>to</sup> de S. Juan Bautista a favor de Olivier Delisseques, segun lo acredita la p.<sup>ta</sup> copia certificada por M.<sup>o</sup> J. Hartnell Traductor del Gob.

+ 1819. - Set. 19. - Mont.

Fr. J. M. R. S. del Real - al Sr. de Gob.

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acompañándole un escrito y copia  
de una Escritura y Libranza para q. se  
sirva presentar al Gob. p. su aprova-  
ción; suplicándole se sirva comunicarle  
el Decreto de la Superioridad cuyo ob-  
jeto le habia llevado en cam. a Mont.

+ 1819. - Julio 20. - J. José (# 1.º)

Alc. - Int. M. J. - a Fr. J. M. R. S. del Real.

Que habiéndose presentado en el  
Cong. de su cargo una representación fir-  
mada por varios indigenas de la Misión  
de Sta. Clara reclamando la devolución de  
sus intereses q. sabian se hallaban vendi-  
dos por su R. se via precisado, i cortar  
toda venta respecto de la dha. Misión  
hasta ver el poder concedido por Gob.  
p. llevar adelante semejante providencia.  
Lo q. tubiese entendido.

+ 1849. - Julio 23. - Sta. Clara. (copia n.º 2.)  
 Ex. G. M.º D. del Real. - a Ant.º M.º Pico.

Reciba recibo de su carta pta. al  
 del Conto. y en contestacion dice: que es-  
 tando pacificam<sup>te</sup> en posesion de las illi-  
 siones de su Cargo, por el Gob.º actual,  
 ante el exclusion<sup>te</sup> es responsable de  
 sus actos; que en el dia q. se pre-  
 sentase en su Juzg.º p.º formar la  
 escritura de venta, tendria el honor de  
 satisfacer al dit.º y dros. q. se le  
 p.º para vender. &

+ 1849. - Julio 31. - D. José.  
 Ant.º M.º Pico. al Gob.º &

Permite una representacion hecha por  
 las indigenas de Sta. Clara contra las ventas  
 de dhas. Missiones por el Gov.º Real adju-  
 dando copia de comunicaciones q. han pa-  
 sado entre el y dho.º Ministro, marcando  
 bajo el N.º 123 y 4.º que el referido  
 Gov.º tratase de realizar lo q. quediese  
 p.º retirarse p.º dho.º. y que la

misma operacion sabia habia hecho  
 y Padre misionero de S. Juan  
 con las Misiones de Sta. Cruz, lo  
 q. le participaba a fin de q. se les  
 estorvase sus miras ambiciosas.

+ 1849. Julio 23. - S. Jori. (Copia N.º 3.)  
 Ant. M. Pico - al P. Real.

Prohibiendole terminantemente cualquier  
 contrato de venta, relativa a las bienes  
 de las Misiones de San Jori y Sta.  
 Clara, y en consecuencia, despreciarle no  
 haber comprendido la nota oficial q. me  
 al corriente le dirigí sobre el asunto.

+ 1849. Julio 23. - Sta. Clara.  
 P. Real. - a Ant. M. Pico.

Comunica que impuesto, y bien enten-  
 dido de sus notas fms. 25 y 21 al corriente le  
 acusaba el recibo en prueba de haber un-  
 tendido el verdadero sentido de ambas.

1847. - Oct. 14. - Mont.

De J. M. D. del Real al Gov. r.

Comunicacion con que acompaño los  
seis certificados firmados sucesivamente por Forbes,  
J. de la Guerra r. r. relativos á la venta de estancias.

Como Sr. = Tengo el honor de acompañar  
 á V. E. los adjuntos certificados marcados  
 con los Numeros 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 que le suplico se  
 digne mandar, sean agregados al Expediente  
 relativo á las mudanzas que tienen los Tit.  
 expedidos á favor de las Huertas de las Mi-  
 siones de S. José y Sta. Clara q. son á mi  
 cargo. manifestándole á la vez á V. E. que  
 daré oídos mas q. justifiquen mas y mas  
 hasta la evidencia la mala fe y embuste  
 con que fueron dados los citados títulos  
 de que ya tengo hecho á V. E. referen-  
 cia un más ant. representación sobre  
 este asunto.

1849. - July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sta. Clara.

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W. Campbell & Jas. Alex. Forbes Esq. - to Gov. Riley.

Representation that says it has become notoriously public in the Mission of Sta. Clara and its vicinity: that the Missionary Priest of the same, with or without the cooperation of his spiritual superior the Rev. Father Amos has alienated or conveyed all the landed property of the Missions of San Joseph, Sta. Clara, Sta. Cruz and San John.

1849. - April 4. - Mont. Cal.

Thos. O. Darbin. - to Gov. Mason.

Complains that Padre Steaf takes no care of the Orchard at San Jose & asks to be put in possession of it, or that the Padre gives security for its proper preservation.



\* 1848. - June 8. - S. Francisco.

Das. A. Kaidie. - to Col. R. B. Mason Gov. &

Enclosing list of property  
at San Rafael.

\* 1847. - Sept. 16. - Mont.

Thomas O. Larkin. - to Gov. Mason.

Asks to be put in possession  
of certain property at the Missions  
of Sta. Clara and San José, enclosing  
12 documents relative to his purcha-  
sing and ownership of the two Orchards  
of said Missions.

\* 1847. - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Ant. José Cort - (3 Docs.)

No. 1. - A full conveyance and sale to  
D. José Ant. <sup>Jos.</sup> Tiza and José Ant.  
Cort of the Mission of S. Luis  
Rey and the "Rancho de Pala"

in consideration of two thousand dollars in silver & \$437.50 of in grain furnished Government in its emergencies with the sole condition of satisfying the debts the mission may owe in any kind of produce of the Country at such time as said debts may be presented dated May 18<sup>th</sup> - 1846 - Aug. & signed for Pio Pico - Doc can be proved to have been made out in Aug. - 1846.

- Doc. N<sup>o</sup> 2: - A Memorial to Com. Stockton setting forth the fact of the above purchase and that he had been forcibly dispossessed by Lieut. Col. Fremont on his way from S. Diego to Los Ang. in Aug. 1846 and claiming to be again put in possession thereof pledging himself to abide by the decision of the proper tribunals, as to the validity of title & remarks. Object evidently the ours "probandi" upon Gov. which would have been the result had his request been granted. Date Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1846 - sig.

recd for Cont<sup>o</sup> Cert.

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Doc. N<sup>o</sup> 3. - Explanatory letter to Col. Stevenson setting forth, that the above application had not been attended to by Com. Stockton or Lieut. Gillespie to whom the business was referred in consequence whereof he should reclaim for damage sustained by arbitrary act of Col. Fremont as to the \$2437.50 of suspended to be paid to Gov<sup>t</sup> States, that he has no other evidence thereof save what appears from Doc. N<sup>o</sup> 1. the partial receipts being cancelled thereby

+ 1816 - Junio 8. - Iny<sup>s</sup>.

Gov: D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. - y José Matias Moreno. D<sup>o</sup>.

Autorizan el arrendam<sup>to</sup> de las fincas de la Estacion de Sta Barbara por el termino de nueve años y cantidad de \$1200 anuales a favor de D. Nicolas A. Den y D. Daniel A. Hill.

+ 1847. Oct. 23. - Sta. Cruz.

J. M. Colanubias y J. Carrillo. - al Gov. de Cal. +

acompañándole para presentarle  
al Gov. copia de la escritura celebrada  
con el Gov. Pío en 1846. y de las adminis-  
traciones hechas a Fr. José Jimeno  
relativos ambos documentos a la venta  
de la Misión de Sta. Cruz.

+ 1846. - Junio 15. Aug.

Gov. Pío y Moreno Pío.

Título otorgado a favor de Fr.  
José M. Colanubias y Joaquín Car-  
rillo por valor de \$7000 facilitados  
al Gov. para sus apremiantes ne-  
cesidades y relativas a la venta de  
la Misión de Santa Cruz.

+ 1847. - Feb. 14. - Sta. Carla.

Dr. José M. de Jesús González Rubio. al Sr. D. Hallett.

Acusa recibo a su carta fha. 23 de Agosto ult.<sup>o</sup> y de la Circular q. le acompaña del Gob.<sup>o</sup> relativa al matrimonio, la que ha visto con satisfacción y así por ello le gracias, esperando producir los mejores resultados en la conservación del orden y tranquilidad pública. - Remite adjunto la escritura de venta otorgada por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Pío a favor de Cabarrubias y Carrillo y el Reglamento respectivo q.<sup>o</sup> el arrendam.<sup>to</sup> de las Mineras y marcados con los n.<sup>os</sup> 1 y 2.

+ 1848 - Ene. 29 - Sta. Ynes.

Cabarrubias y Carrillo - al Sr. D. Mason.

Comunican haber arreglado q.<sup>o</sup> con Sr. J. Jimeno en cumplimiento de la of. de S. E. fha. 27 de Nbre. ult.<sup>o</sup> - y adjuntan la escritura del arrendam.<sup>to</sup> otorgada por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Pío a su favor en 9 de Dto. de 1845.

x 1847. - W. Feb. 18. - Sta. Barb<sup>a</sup>.

fr. José M<sup>o</sup>. de J. Carrater. - al G<sup>o</sup>. Mason.

Transmiso la comunicacion q<sup>e</sup>  
aport conducto, del Gov. de Estado Haller  
con fecha 14 de Feb. ult<sup>o</sup> en q<sup>e</sup> le da las gra-  
cias por la Circular relativa a los ma-  
trimonios y el asunto relativo al am-  
damiento y venta de las estancias.

+ 1847 = Setiembre 28 = Monteney

J. L. Morenhout, Consul francés, el gobernador

Mason

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en francés)

Sobre abusos de extranjeros

Que remite dos cartas que  
franceses empleados de Juan Bautista  
Alvarado, le han dirijido de la  
mision de San José. Que por  
ellas se impondrá de hechos graves  
y verá que su intervencion y el  
tomar algunas providencias, es  
necesario para impedir que los  
extranjeros establecidos en dicha mision  
se porten a semejantes vicijs de hechos de  
las cuales pueden resultar graves dis-  
gracias. (Véase los 2 retratos siguientes).

+ 1847 = Setiembre 25 = San José

P. E. Figne a J. L. Morenhout

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en francés - la copia certificada por el  
Consul francés con fecha 28 de Setiembre 1847)

Que el 3 del Corriente por la noche

estando vigilando la viña de J. B. Alvarado que administra, vió 3 hombres cortando uva. Que habiéndole dicho que se retiraran, se escaparon corriendo; pero qui luego le tiraron un balazo al cual respondió con un tiro de fusil, y después le volvieron á tirar cinco tiros. Que dichos hombres entraron en la habitación del llamado George Allen. Que este último con Henrique Smith habian recibido orden del gobernador de salir de la misión de San José en la cual tuvieron licencia de permanecer hasta cosechar sus semillas. Que estas, habiéndole sido ya, influya para que se lleve á cabo la orden del gover.<sup>o</sup> y salgar los dichos Allen y Smith. (Vase el extracto que precede) —

+ (Sin fecha ni lugar, pero se ve viene de San José)

F. Sallemán al consul francés

Docº en francés - Es copia certificada por el  
Consul francés con fecha 28 de Setiembre 1847.

Que los extranjeros establecidos en la misión están pillando la propiedad de J. B. Alvarado que administra. Que en la noche del 24 de agosto último Enrique Smith y



otro individuo se robaron <sup>de</sup> fieras dos sacos llenos.  
 Fue en la noche del 30 del mismo mes. 11 á 12  
 hombres acompañados del mismo Smith, se  
 metieron armados en la propiedad, y tuben  
 que escapar para que no le mataran. Que  
 el 12 de Setiembre por la mañana otra vez  
 Smith entró acompañado de uno de sus  
 Compañeros, le amensó con una pistola,  
 robó á su gusto y se fué luego avisándole  
 que volvería con mas gente para robar  
 mas y colgarle á él en un arbol.

Que influya con el gobernador para  
 evitar semejantes hechos; pues que mientras  
 tendrá que tomar toda clase de medidas  
 para defender su vida y la propiedad  
 que administra. (Vea el extracto que antecede).

+ 1848 = Diciembre 22 = Monterrey  
Moerenshout al Gov<sup>n</sup> Mason  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en frances)

Que habiendo nombrado á  
 Etienne Jourdain, agente Consular de la  
 Republica francesa en Yerba Buena, le  
 suplica que permita al mencionado frances  
 el ejercer dicho empleo y que de parte

de ello a las autoridades de Yerba Buena para que estas le reconocan como tal.

+ 1847 = Mayo 28 = Monterrey

Merembout al Gov<sup>o</sup> de Calif, gen<sup>l</sup> Kearny  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en frances)

Se manda una carta de Olivier residente francés en Monterrey. - En los derechos que tiene Olivier sobre la viña de la misión de S. Juan, están establecidos por títulos anteriores a la época de la toma de posesión de la California por los Estados Unidos, que son incontestables e iguales a los derechos de los otros propietarios de bienes de las misiones concedidos por los gobernadores de California en virtud de la ley de secularización.

En la privación de sus bienes causando a Olivier graves perjuicios, le suplica que de órdenes para que dichos bienes sean entregados al referido Olivier.

(Vase el extracto siguiente)

+ 1847 = Mayo 4 = Monterrey

Olivier Deleissique al Consul francés  
(Doc. en francés)

En habiendo mandado al nuevo Gov<sup>o</sup> una memoria para sellar la viña de la ymision de Sr. Juan Bautista de la cual es propietario y agregado a ella los títulos que le dió el gov<sup>o</sup> Pio Pico, le fué respondido con un decreto que le priva de su propiedad que el magistrado de este puerto le habia ya quitado. Que dicha propiedad la obtuvo en pago de cierta cantidad que dió para la Tropa de Monterrey por orden del Comandante general José Castro. - En la tal privacion, causandole grandes perjuicios, le suplica use de su autoridad para intervenir en el hecho. (Vase el extracto que precede)

+ 1847 = Mayo 28 = Monterrey

Morenhout al gov<sup>o</sup> Kearny  
(Doc. en francés)

Dice que habiendo el gobernador  
pedido una relacion escrita sobre la

reclamacion que hace en favor de Pedro Atillan, le dira: Que el llamado Pierre Artisien, inscrito en la aduana de Monterey bajo el nombre de Pedro Atillan, es francès casado en dicho puerto; que en 1841 era empleado, no como duanero, sino como patron de embarcacion.

En el 15 de Marzo 1844, estando en ejercicio de sus funciones, fué atacado y horriblement herido por soldados mexicanos. En por su buena conducta y circunstancias en que fué herido, el gobernador Micheltorena de acuerdo con el adm<sup>n</sup> de aduana, resolvió que Atillan percibiria su sueldo de \$25 mensuales durante su enfermedad. Pero que despues habiendo quedado incapaz de trabajar, las mismas autoridades decidieron que su salario de \$25 se le continuaria a pagar como pension. Que despues de Micheltorena, el nuevo gov<sup>n</sup> y la nueva adm<sup>n</sup> de aduana continuaron a pagar dicha pension. En de eso resulta:

1<sup>o</sup> Que la justicia de esa pension fué reconocida por los dos gobernadores y por las dos administraciones, la cual fué percibida por Atillan durante 3 años.

2<sup>o</sup> Que dicha pension no proviniendo de una decisin del gov<sup>o</sup> gen<sup>l</sup> de Mexico no puede confundirse con las que ese gobierno ha concedido; que es un cargo particular

de esta aduana,

3<sup>o</sup> - Que en el cambio de gobierno y de adm<sup>n</sup> no puedan justificarse esa pensión reconocida que lo fue por autoridades competentes y después de haber sido pagada durante 3 años.

En consecuencia, espero que clara ordenes para que dicho Otellan siga gozando de la única pensión que le hace vivir él y su familia.

+ 1848 = "15/27 Octubre" (Lic) = New Archangel  
M. Tebenkoff al Gov<sup>n</sup> de California  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en frances)

Que el pueblo de Ross, situado en las costas de New Albion, fue vendido a Sutter del cual procura ahora la compañía obtener el pago. Que dicho negocio fue confiado a Leidesdorff. Que habiendo recibido la noticia de la muerte de este último, mando al brig "Bayxal", Cap<sup>n</sup> Harder para que este entregue el negocio a los señores Starney Sanian y C<sup>o</sup> quienes tienen su agente en S. Francisco.

Se espera que en caso de necesidad  
punte a dicho Harder protección y justicia.

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+ 1847 = Junio 27 = Monterrey  
Moerenthout al Gov<sup>o</sup> Mason  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en frances)

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Manda copia de una quiza que  
recibió del francés Clement Panand por la  
cual verá que el alcalde fundador sobre una  
falsa acusación, mandó cerrar el almacén que  
Panand tiene en La Juan y le despatchó a  
Monterrey como un criminal.

Se aprovecha de la circunstancia  
para hablarle de Pedro Richard, armero  
francés, al cual el oficial Mador reusa  
de entregar recibo de las armas que le copió  
después de haberle injuriado y maltratado.  
En dicho francés es injustamente acusado  
de haber dado armas al enemigo (no dice  
que enemigo); pues que él como todos  
los franceses, ha estrictamente observado  
la neutralidad que había recomendado.

(Sigue agregada a este documento,  
la traducción al inglés de la carta que  
Panand dirigió al consul francés con fecha

Monterey 16 de Junio 1847 y en la cual se  
 quiza dicho Panand de haber sido pillado,  
 injuriado, maltratado, arrestado, conducido  
 a Monterey como un criminal, juzgado  
 y condenado, bajo la falsa acusacion  
 de haberse robado un barril de Brandy  
 y dos jarros de fierro.)

+ (Sin fecha ni lugar)

Mr. G. Talley a R. B. Mason

Que no le ha mandado las noticias  
 estadísticas que le fueron pedidas por no haber  
 recibido los datos que tiene pedidos y por  
 la dificultad que encuentra en los residentes  
 de ranchos quienes en mayor parte no  
 entienden el idioma Castellano.

Que hay algunos rumores que quena que  
 promueven los indios al norte 25 leguas  
 de Sonoma.

Que por no poder entenderse con los indios  
 que no hablan su idioma, pide le manden  
 de su empleo de Sub-agente de indios, el  
 cual acepto por haber paz con los indios  
 en tiempo del general Kearny.

En las circunstancias actuales exigir que los blancos no ocupen tierras en la cantidad hasta que el gobierno arregle todo definitivamente.

+ 1847 = Setiembre 7 = Sonoma  
M. G. Vallejo al Gov<sup>o</sup> de alta Calif.<sup>a</sup>

En conforme a las instrucciones que le dió para conocer en la causa criminal contra las personas de Armijo, Eggez y Smith, se presentó al suerto del Cap<sup>o</sup> Sutter en el Sacramento el día 30. En el 31 se estableció el Tribunal y se dió copia de la acusación a los vos, menos a Armijo ausente por estar sumamente malo, sin que se pueda transportar al Sacramento. En el acusador no se presentó. En Sutter le dijo que un tal Samuel Smith había venido a representarle como agente de toda la gente de arriba del Sacramento, el cual dijo que unos indios encontraron varios cadáveres insepultos de personas que creen haber sido matadas por Armijo y su partida. En entonces exigió



La presencia de J. Smith y Sutter le respondió que vivía a 200 millas de distancia arriba del fuerte lo mismo que todos los testigos que eran indios salvajes, lo cual están matando con fiebres. Que en consecuencia aplazó el juicio para el 18 de octubre próximo. Que Sutter aparece como testigo en primer lugar y toda la gente del Sacramento representada por J. Smith. Que no encontrando imparcialidad para formar el "jury" era sería bueno trasladar el juicio a otra jurisdicción. Que por temor de las fiebres, se dirigió a Sonoma donde espera sus ordenes.

+ 1849 = Abril 20 = Sub. Agencia india del distr<sup>o</sup> de Sacramento  
J. A. Sutter, Sub. Ind. Agt. al gen<sup>l</sup> J. F. Smith.  
 (Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

Sobre disturbios entre indios y blancos

Que en el distrito, los disturbios entre los indios y los blancos se están volviendo de una frecuencia alarmante. Que por observaciones particulares que ha hecho en poblaciones de indios, está inclinado a creer que los indios por ellos mismos no causan disturbios; que

en la mayor parte de semejantes casos, los blancos son los originadores de ellos y los agresores. Que la debilidad y la indifensa Condicion de los indios los hace adversarios de poco temor de la fuerza atletica de los Montañeses; que solo es con mañas y trampas que los indios pueden luchar. Que cada vez que los indios han cometido alguna Crueldad, lo han hecho con el motivo justo de una venganza. Que es conocido que los blancos que trabajan en los alrededores, matan y scalpan a todos los indios que encuentran solos. Que su situacion como agente de indios es importante y que solo con persuasiones y regalos puede obtener algo. Que ultimamente hizo una custodia Cantidad de regalos a los indios y que si tubiera medios de protipolos y de castigar a los blancos, podria mantener paz y orden. Que un oficial con un pequeño destacamento seria bueno que permaneciera en los lugares donde se cometen disturbios. Que sin alguna fuerza, constantes disturbios sucederan y ocurriran asesinatos de un lado y masacros de otro.

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+ 1848 = Enero 8 = New Helvetia

J. A. Sutter a' R. B. Mason

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que recibí su circular de 21 de diciembre 1847 en la cual le incluyo la proclama-  
cion fechada de Monterey 29 de Nov<sup>bre</sup> 1847.  
Que mandé poner copias de esta última en los  
puntos donde se venden licores o vino.

Que manda una estadística que hizo  
de la poblacion del distrito.

Que algunos ciudadanos del distrito  
le han hecho quejas contra los indios que  
emplian; que algunos reusan de trabajar  
y otros matan el ganado. Que sobre ese su-  
geto le recomiendo un artículo publicado  
en el nuevo diario "Californian Star" de fecha  
11 de diciembre 1847, impreso en S. Francisco

Que me sería buena dar al Sub. Ind. Agt<sup>e</sup> y  
al alcalde mas poder para que puedan evitar  
desordenes.

Que los indios de este valle son  
mas industriosos que los de las montañas  
de Rocky y pienzo que dirigiendolos bien  
se podria hacer de ellos buenos "farmers  
and mechanics"; que sobre eso le hablé  
al general Kearny, que le dijo que presen-  
taria el caso al gobierno.

Que en Setiembre 1846 fue' elegido un  
alcalde para el termino de un año el cual  
expiró en Setiembre 47; que desde esa época  
el mismo individuo ha seguido ejerciendo  
las funciones de alcalde. Que si lo aprueba.  
Que dicho individuo es recomendable por  
ser el unico capaz de desempeñar ese  
puesto; que dicho individuo se llama  
John Sinclair.

Que de la poblacion de Blancos que  
entre hombres, mujeres y niños, asciende  
en el distrito a 289, como cien viven  
fuera.

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 3 = San Francisco  
Jas. A. Hardie a H. W. Halleck  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que á precimiento del Capitán  
Brackett, de Sonoma, le manda una  
Carta del mismo sobre el encarcelamiento  
de Armijo.

(Vase el extracto siguiente)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 1<sup>o</sup> = Sonoma

J. E. Brackett a J. A. Hardie  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

Que Antonio M. Armijo, una de las personas acusadas de la muerte de indios en el rio de Sacramento, está en su rancho Lu-  
momentamente enfermo. Que segun M. G. Valles,  
<sup>sub</sup> agente de indios, no se puede transportar al Sacramento sin peligrosos riesgos para su vida por causa de fatigas de viaje.

Que cuando arrestó a dicho Armijo, éste estaba mala y que habiendose empeorado, el agente de indios determinó examinar a 4 personas que le acompañaban cuando salió en busca de indios. Que conforme todas en sus interrogatorios, dijeron, que no se había matado ningún indio, que solo se cogieron 11 prisioneros los cuales se escaparon; que Armijo tenía licencia del alcalde para perseguir a los indios que tenía empleados y que se le habían huido.

Que teniendo Armijo un hijo en el punto de perderlo y su mujer también enferma, a instancias de M. G. Valles fijó a diez mil pesos la garantía que Armijo se presentaría a responder a la acusación contra él, cuando se estableciese.

Que obró así en el Concepto que el Coronel Mason hubiera hecho lo mismo si hubiera estado presente.

Que comuniqué la carta al Cor. Mason.  
(Vase el extracto que precede)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 2 = Pueblo de S. José  
J. P. Wilks al Gov<sup>o</sup> de Calif<sup>a</sup>  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que los indios están robando caballos mas que nunca; que el 29 último se robaron de la estancia del Capitan Fishers, 110 caballos, 11 en el pueblo, mas 2 bandos formados como 200 caballos. Que á él le han robado los pocos caballos que tenia, dejando lo arruinado.

Que con dificultad encontró 7 hombres y 12 caballos en mal estado para ir en busca del Cap<sup>o</sup> Fishers que se separó de ellos y que cree estará muerto ó cerca deerlo.

Que espera que le socorra sino quedará completamente arruinado.

(Vase el extracto siguiente)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 2 = (Sin lugar - Se supone es de San José)

John Gibroy al Gobernador  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en inglés)

Que el 29 del pasado los indios robaron todos los Caballos del Capitan Fishers (110), mas 2 bandos en Sta Cruz perteneciente a John Bernallen, y 40 a Ygeros, formando todos como 400 Caballos. Que estan sin armas y que no encuentran gente para ir en busca de los mencionados Caballos.

(Vase el extracto que precede)

+ 1849 = Abril 12 = Misión de Sr. Luis Rey

D. H. Rucker, Pr. maj<sup>r</sup> a E. R. S. Conly, apl<sup>o</sup> adf. Gen<sup>l</sup>  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en inglés)

Que informe al Com<sup>te</sup> del departamento que el sub-agente de indios, J. D. Hunter, no está en este lugar ni en su vecindad; que el llamado Williams no es su representante y que no se encuentra otra persona que le represente y en cuyo poder estén papeles o doc<sup>o</sup> publicos — Que un indio le remitió una pequeña pieza de artillería y algunos inseres pertenecientes a la misión.

+ 1847 = Mayo 5 = A bordo del "Columbus", Monterey

James Biddle al Gen<sup>e</sup> Kearny  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que manda dos cartas.

(Vase en los 2 extractos siguientes)

+ 1846 = Diciembre "15" (sic) = New Archangel

M. Tebenoff, Go<sup>o</sup> de las Colonias Rusas, al Gen<sup>e</sup> de Calif<sup>a</sup> R. F. Stockton  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que despues del aniquilamiento del establecimiento de Ross, todo el ganado, tierras y edificios, fueron vendidos a Lutter por la Cantidad de \$30.000, de la cual solo ha dado a cuenta \$3812. 77<sup>o</sup>. Que dicha venta fue hecha con conocimiento del gov<sup>o</sup> mexicano.

Que ahora, el gobierno habiendo cambiado, se pide ayuda y proteccion para que la Compania rusa-americana no salga perdiendo nada.

(Vase el extracto que precede)



+ 1847 = Enero 17 = Frigate "Savannah", San Francisco

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Alm. Mervine, Cap. a M. Tebenhoff

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en inglés - Es copia.)

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Que por ausencia de Robert F. Lockton recibió la comunicación que mandó con el capitán Harder del buig "Constantine" relativa á reclamaciones contra Sutter, de la Compañia Rusia-Americana.

Que habiendo tomado informes á cerca del oficial Com<sup>te</sup> del distrito, supo que el último gov<sup>r</sup> del departamento, J. B. Montgomery, hizo todo lo que la mala organizacion de las leyes le permitia y por lo cual Sutter no puede disponer de nada antes que un tribunal especial haya informado sobre la verdadera situacion de dicho Sutter.

(Vase el extracto que antecede).

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+ 1847 = Julio 16 = Sonoma

J. S. Brackett al Gov<sup>r</sup> Mason

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en inglés)

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Que á instancias del general Vallejo le da parte que los indios de las inmediaciones del lago, han matado ganado

y caballos pertenecientes a Salvador Valles, talvez 2 ó 3 por semana durante un año ó mas. Que el ganado matado lo ha sido para Comer y los caballos por tribus errantes de indios con motivo de venganza.

Que los indios cercanos a las poblaciones son muy malas y corruptos; que roban de noche los caballos y los sueltan tan lejos que es imposible que nunca vuelvan.

Que piensan que produciria un buen efecto el arrestar y castigar a todo indio que seria visto a caballo sin un fardo de su amo.

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+ 1847 = Junio 29 = Los Angeles  
J. D. Stevenson al Gov<sup>o</sup> Mason  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

Que recibí y le devolví la carta que J. J. Warner dirigió al general Kearny en 19 de abril 1847. Que sobre la cuestión de agencia de indios le ha escrito una carta que probablemente recibirá pronto.

Que los Considerantes de Warner son incontestablemente exactos, pero que no es persona en quien tenga Confianza el pueblo de aqui y de S. Diego, aunque es persona inteligente y <sup>de una</sup> Buena esposa y de buenos hijos. Que dicho Warner tiene su Casa cerca del "warm springs" sobre el Camino del rio Colorado.

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+ 1847 = Abril 19 = S. Diego

H. D. Fitch, alcalde, al Gov<sup>o</sup> S. W. Kearny  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que ha recibido quejas de los Habitantes de la poblacion y del distrito Contra los salvajes. Que dichos habitantes le pidiereon licencia de hacer una peticion con el objeto de pedir ayuda y proteccion.

Que por las depredaciones que se estan cometiendo, pronto la gente perderá todo el ganado y caballos que posee.

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+ 1849 = Abril 24 = Sub. In. Ag. de Ind<sup>s</sup> del dist<sup>o</sup> de Sacramento  
J. A. Sutter, Sub. Ind. Ag. al Gen<sup>l</sup> P. F. Smith  
(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Que los disturbios entre los blancos y los indios se están volviendo mas alarmantes y frecuentes. Que bandas de blancos se están diariamente formando con el objeto de coger y de matar a todo indio que encuentren, inocente o culpable, pasibles o turbulentos. Que los indios que residen cerca de su propiedad están en grande alarma y que algunos que han escapado de ser asesinados le han perdido protección. Que los blancos que cometen esos disturbios son nuevos venidos principalmente del Oregon; que los de los alrededores tienen una verdadera furia en asesinar indios. Que el grito ahora es: "Let terminate the Indians, let there be a war of extermination". (L'ic)

Que en vista de todo eso ve la necesidad imperiosa que hay de que se mande inmediatamente una fuerza suficiente protectora de los indios.

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1847 = Diciembre 20 =

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(Sin firma, se supone es de J. A. Lutter)

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Statistics of Population & of the district including the country East of the San Joaquin & Sacramento Rivers. Upper California Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1847

Population	Males	Females	Total	Remarks.
Whites	218	71	289	
Fame Indians or "Neofitas"	306	173	479	
Wild Indians or "Gentiles"	11224	10649	21873	
Half breed Indian children	3	7	10	
Sandwich Islanders.	4	1	5	
Negroes.	1	0	1	
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Grande Totals	11756	10901	22657	

— Stock —

Cattle	Horses	Mules	Sheep	Hogs
20000	2500	70	2000	1000

(á la vuelta)

— Mills Buildings &c

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Two	Flouring Mills.	Water Power.
Three	do do	Horse Power.
One	Saw Mill.	Water Power.
One	Tannery	
Sixty (60)	Dwelling Houses	
	Fort Sacramento and	out Buildings
No (0)	School Houses	

+ 1848 = Noviembre 30 = Sonoma

M. G. Vallejo al Gobernador

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En varios rancheros de los mas distantes se quejan de depredaciones cometidas por los Indios particularmente en el ganado vacuno y Caballas. En adjunta una carta original que Benjamin Kelsey, arrendando en este punto, recibio de su hermano Andres Kelsey que esta en su rancho de la Laguna distante de 60 millas de esta poblacion. En por ella se improncha de las quejas y slicitud de A. Kelsey. En Careciendo de instrucciones

para obrar en casos semejantes, le diga cuales son las facultades anexas á la sub-agencia.

+ 1848 = Noviembre 27 = Clear Lake  
Andrés Kelsey á Benjamin Kelsey  
(Doc.º en inglés)

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Qu le manda dos "Pucaroes" -  
Qu tiene mucho que hacer con el ganado vacuno; que solo ha podido encontrar 100 reses y 23 buelles. Qu al encorralarlo encontró varias reses con flechazos. Qu un indio le dice que los indios están matando el ganado - Qu va al agente de indios para hablarle sobre el particular y que le comuniquen lo que se haya resuelto hacer. Qu tambien ha encontrado algunos ganado muerto á una milla de distancia de la casa.

+ 1849 = Mayo 23 = Placer de los Tabualames.  
Mariano Pacheco á su padrasto Juan Wilson.  
Relacion de su viaje en busca de oro

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Qu el viaje hecho por los tularos les fué

fatal. Al llegar á la rancheria de los Nohontos algunos compañeros anunciaron que alguna Catastofi causarían los indios de la sierra, punto por donde tenían que dirigirse para buscar oro. Se terminó que algunos compañeros se adelantarian para inspeccionar la Sierra llamada del Rio de Reyes, para ver si habia oro, y que á los tres dias se reunirían todos en la rancheria de los Gulieches. Que antes de los tres dias regresaron á consecuencia de haber encontrado un crecido numero de indios llamados Tazogues que los tuvieron sitiados algun tiempo sin que ocurriera novedad. Que reunidos todos, determinaron volver á la sierra, pero que no lo verificaron por haber encontrado un crecido numero de Sonorenos y de Nuevo Mexico que les dijeron que en la sierra no habia oro. Que entonces determinaron pasar el rio de San Joaquin por haberles dicho un indio Benturto que en las Mariposas habia gente trabajando y sacando oro. Que ocho leguas solamente les faltaba para llegar á dicho punto cuando Guillermo determino adelantarse con 7 hombres para buscar á la gente que les habian anunciado estar trabajando. Que dicho Guillermo estando á 3 leguas de sus compañeros con los 7 hombres, pensando encontrar á los trabajadores mas



facilmente internandose en la sierra, asi lo verificó para su mal; pues al dia siguiente, 15 del Corrient, llegó a la rancheria de los Chabusiles donde los indios habiendolos visto se reunieron mas de 300. En los indios los encaparonaron y llamaron a Guillermo el cual se acercó confiado que no le harian mal. Pero apenas estuvo cerca le tiraron un jarazo que le dió en la frente y le partió el craneo. En seguida los indios mataron a los demas compañeros. En los muertos fueron: Guillermo Garne, Faustino Garcia, Bartolo Olivera, Francisco Archulita, José Manuel, estos dos de Nuevo Mexico, Francisco Presiado, Sonorense; José Maria Salazar solamente herido. En Lorenzo Espinosa, de Nuevo Mexico, salió sin novedad por haberse escondido en una cueva en donde estuvo quatro dias. — En al conocer la fatal noticia Consultaron con Fremont que estaba con ellos acompañado de 50 hombres, sobre el ir a recuperar los cadaveres; pero que dicho Fremont, habiendo aconsejado lo contrario por ser inutil el exponerse, desistieron de ello.

En la vispera llegaron a este lugar y que tienen esperanzas de oro. En ahí se quedan por que en Sanislas no se puede vivir por el varuello que hay.

+ 1847 = Mayo 20 = Pueblo de Sr. José  
(38 firmas) al Gobernador (Doc° en inglés)  
Petición para que se nombre un agente  
de indios

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Se creeyendo que para conservar el buen orden sería conveniente que hubiera un agente de indios en el río de Sr. Joaquín, proponer que se nombre uno. Se para eso indician a B. K. Thomson por ser persona que ha dado pruebas de habilidad y que vive entre los indios.

+ 1847 = Octubre 26 = Sonoma  
J. Lantt á R. B. Mason, Gobernador de Cal<sup>a</sup>  
(Doc° en inglés)

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Se si ha proyectado el agregar algun honorario mas para la Sub. Agencia de Indios y que si se lo confiere á él, lo aceptará y hará cuanto le sea posible en interes del servicio.

+ 1848 = Diciembre 17 = Monterey

J. D. Hunter, Sub. In. Sgt. a R. B. Mason, Gov<sup>r</sup>

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Pide una licencia de seis meses para juntarse con su familia.

+ 1848 = Mayo 30 = Los Angeles

J. D. <sup>Stevenson</sup> Stevenson, Com. y Pr. Dist. a R. B. Mason

(Doc<sup>o</sup> en ingles)

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Qu recibí su carta donde le dice que el indio Geronimo ha de ser interrogado en Los Angeles; que la ofensa de dicho indio habiendo acontecido en el distrito de San Diego, que que ahí es donde debe hacerse el interrogatorio y que en consecuencia mandé al prisionero a disposición del alcalde de dicho punto. Plus que para examinarlo en Los Angeles si necesitaran hacer gastos de transporte para los testigos de San Diego, San Luis y de Pala y que no hay en la teorica ni un "fartting".

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+ 1847 = Octubre 19 = Los Angeles

J. D. Stevenson á H. W. Halleck, Sec. of State

(Doc° en inglés)

Qu no recibí su circular á tiempo para presentarla á las autoridades de este distrito cuando llegó la orden para ello; que tendra, para lograrlo, que mande un mensajero especial. Qu para otra vez mande sus ordenes con tiempo.

+ 1847 = Setiembre 20 = Sonoma

J. E. Brackett, Capt. á R. B. Mason

(Doc° en inglés)

Qu habiendo encontrado á A. M. Armijo suficientemente restablecido para mudarlo á este punto, lo volví á meter en la carcel.

Qu los negocios del rancho del dicho están en unagrande confusion y que espera que le dé autoridad para volverlo bajo una buena garantia para los comisionados para los cuales la causa fué aplazada. Qu dicho Armijo es persona altamente estimada de todos y un buen amigo del pais.

+ 1847 = Mayo 26 = Sonoma

M. G. Vallejo al general S. W. Kearny

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Que no le ha escrito mas antes por haber estado ocupado con las tribus del Norte y de la costa, fuera de este punto, las cuales han cometido depredaciones en los ranchos inmediatos a ellas y se han cometido muy últimamente. Que al llegar aqui mandó corruos a las tribus para avisarles que el gov<sup>o</sup> deseaba entrar en paz, oir sus quejas, protegerlos y ampararlos razonablemente. Que para esto se acercasen y que le daria pasaportes. Que a los pocos dias llegaron, presentados por el Dr. Bale, ranchero de esta frontera, un capitán de indios con diez hombres, llamado Cucusuy, el cual le entregó ~~de~~ parte del jefe de la tribu Yocuya los articulos mencionados en la adjunta lista que fueron tomados en accion de guerra.

Que de informaciones que tomó, resultó que los indios se armaron para defender sus mujeres e hijos que les querian quitar de una manera violenta y criminal. Que tomó precauciones para que no se reproducan semejantes abusos.

Que el resultado de la entrevista con Cucusuy fué que éste le prometió

volver dentro de un mes con el jefe de la tribu Calmuy para presentarse de paz con su gente. Que en señal de amistad hizo algunos regalos á Cucumuy por él y su jefe.

Que el nombramiento de Boggs como Alcalde ha producido una resistencia tina de parte del que debia entregarle el puesto. Que ha habido reuniones publicas y que se ha resuelto la reinstalacion de Nash el cual niega que el gen<sup>l</sup> Kearny tenga poder para removerlo. Que un tal Green que se dice abogado, es el que lleva la voz y mueve á su antojo una porcion de gente ignorante y al mismo Nash. Que Conveniria el poner termino á esas faltas de respeto á la autoridad. Que Boggs le dirá cual es el modo mas apropiado para ello; que él no se lo indica por no chocar abiertamente algunas nuevas personas; pero que si lo cree necesario, hablará.

( Sigue la lista mencionada en este documento en la cual constan los objetos siguientes: 1 rifle - 1 fusil - 1 Sable - 2 sacos de balas - 2 Justos aperados - 2 pares de mochillas - 1 Silla Completa con freno - 1 freno - 5 Caballos = Dicha lista está firmada de Talley )

+ 1848 = Mayo 11 = Sta Barbara

Pedro C. Carrillo, 1<sup>o</sup> Alcalde al Gobernador

Que José Moraga, como apoderado de su madre Joaquina Alvarado defiende un terreno que está dentro de los límites de la pertenencia de la dicha y que actualmente ocupan los indios conductores con siembras de maíz, trigo y verduras. Que el mencionado apoderado ha presentado doc<sup>o</sup> que acreditan la propiedad y cuyas copias mandará

+ 1847 = Mayo 4 = Sonoma

M. G. Talley a S. Kearny

Que se ha interesado de la salida de la Compañía destinada a la persecución de los indios que están cometiendo tantos robos de ganado, de caballos y muertes.

Que Boggs se encargó de la alcaldía aun la resistencia tenaz del que debía talir. Que éste último no ha entregado ningún doc<sup>o</sup> por haber ido a Yuba Buena con el fin de mandar un expreso a Washington y obtener la nulificación de su empleo (del gen<sup>l</sup> Kearny) — que espera su regreso y que entonces "se entregará, quizá, el archivo" (sic)

+ 1848 = Mayo 28 = Monterey

Moerenhout, Consul francés al Gov<sup>o</sup> de Alta Calif<sup>a</sup>  
(Docs<sup>o</sup> en francés)

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Se le manda una reclamación del  
francés Cambuston que le dirigió en Sn. José  
Guadalupe. En dicha reclamación le parece  
gusta por que su decreto de 12 de febrero 1848  
no fué publicado en Sn. José mas que el 18 del  
mismo mes y que el querer que dicho decreto  
tenga aplicación en dicho pueblo desde el  
día de su publicación en Monterey, sería  
darle un efecto retrospectivo, cosa rechazada  
en todos los países civilizados. En sobre el  
particular manda:

1<sup>o</sup> - Copia del denuncia hecha por los  
asociados H. Cambuston, Lovel, Chabolla  
y Sainsevain.

2<sup>o</sup> - Copia de los pregones.

3<sup>o</sup> - id de certificado del alcalde  
del pueblo.

4<sup>o</sup> - Copia de la carta de Cambuston  
de 15 de Mayo 1848.

(Estas 4 copias están certificadas  
por el consul francés y están en español menos  
la última que lo está en francés. De ellas  
resulta que el denuncia en cuestión fué de  
una mina de azogue situada en San



lomas de San Juan Bautista, a mil varas al  
Sur de la casa de Pedro Chabolla y á como  
500 del Camino real. — Que el decreto publicado  
en Monterey el 12 de febrero 1848, sobre que  
se suspendieran los denuncios de minas y que  
los ya posesionados se entendiesen con el  
gobierno de los Estados Unidos, fue publicado  
en San José el 18 de febrero 1848 — Que el  
denuncio fue hecho el 13 de febrero. — Que  
en virtud de dicho decreto se quería  
anular los derechos de Chabolla y sus-  
pendirle los trabajos de la mina. — Los  
documentos no dicen si la reclamación surtió  
o no efecto.)

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+ 1849 Oct. 27A. Kennedy Clerk

On this date Wm. Rogers was elected at Lassen's Ranch as alcalde for the Upper North California District, Albert G. Thomas and David L. Hemmons being appointed Judges.

+ 1849 May 31 San FranciscoAlcalde M. Leavenworth to capt<sup>n</sup> Halleck

Notifying the seizure of the Papers and Records of his office.

+ 1849 June 1st San FranciscoJ. Haven Notary Public Capt<sup>n</sup> G. F. Hutton

Testifying the seizure of the Papers of the Alcalde's office by the Sheriff (J. C. Pulis) upon an order of a Justice of the Peace

+ 1849 Nov. 23 San José

John F. Richardson Judge of First Instance

Tenders his resignation.

+ 1845 Nov. 25 San Francisco

J. Ord. Senr. Judge of Supreme Tribunal

+ 1849 July 4<sup>th</sup> Benicia

Stephen Cooper alcalde

+ 1849 May 31 San Francisco

Megron Norton Justice Peace to J. C. Pulis Sher-  
iff District San Fran.

Order to take from the Alcalde's office the Public Records and documents belonging to said District and deliver them to John A. Patterson Register of said District, and summon Thaddeus M. Leavenworth to appear before him on the first Monday of June next.

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Brought forward.

George Hyde  
Dist. AttorneyJohn A. Patterson  
Clerk of the Justices CourtA true copy  
Th. Gillingham  
Municipal Clerk to Alcalde+ 1849 Aug. 4 San Diego  
Dennis Gahagan to Gov. Wiley

Notifying he is appointed Judge of 1st Instance

+ Without signature or date

About Mariano Bonilla insulting the alcalde of San Luis Obispo and disavowing his authority, stirring up the other inhabitants against him particularly Capt. Wilson, who feels hurt at having the building of the mission taken away from him.

+ 1849 Sep. 3 Santa Cruz  
F. L. Mayors Sub-Prefect

+ 1848 Em. 10 San Jose  
James W. Heekes Alcalde

+ 1849 Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> San Francisco  
Horace Harvey Prefect to Gov. Polkey

Says it is the general wish of the people here that two competent judges learned in the law should be appointed for the court of First Instance to take cognizance of all civil causes.

That the first alcalde is utterly incompetent. Complaints against him, <sup>are daily made</sup> that he disregards the plainest provisions of law, that he arrogates powers that do not belong to him, that enormous sums of money are extorted in the name of fees, that he violates international law by interfering with the internal discipline of foreign merchant vessels, that he denies the sacred right of appeal in the most important causes, and where

the execution of his sentence would prove the total ruin of the injured party.

+ 1849 Oct 29 San Francisco

Geo W. Geary Judge of First Instance

H. W. Halleck Sec. of the Terr. of N. California

John E. Gowens High Sheriff of District San Fran<sup>co</sup>

+ 1849 Oct. 24 Sonoma

Chas. P. Wilkins Prefect for Sonoma District

+ 1849 Jul 17 San Luis Obispo

Mig<sup>l</sup> Avila 1<sup>st</sup> alcalde to Govern<sup>t</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

(2 Doc<sup>s</sup>)

Informing that some Americans left with Petronilo Peiros of Paso de Robles another American wounded with ball and a knife and that the aggressor escaped.

Says Padre Gomez has agreed to name an

arbiter to settle the dispute between him and capt<sup>n</sup> Wilson, but that the latter will not agree to do so; and requires the alcalde to deliver up the buildings to him which were turned over to the priest - and wishes to know how he is to act.

+ 1849 Nov. 23 San Luis Obispo

Mig<sup>r</sup> Avila Judge of First Instance to Gov<sup>t</sup> Sec.

Accompanies Accounts of the Jurgado and requests the Governor to authorize them, as the Prefect of San Luis is absent and the Subprefect Bonilla who is a personal enemy of his has disapproved them; that he had to send twice one of his own sons with despatches to Gov<sup>t</sup> (cost \$70) and to employ one of his own family as clerk with a salary of \$60 And he further requests that Bonilla may be ordered not to meddle directly nor indirectly with him either personally or in his official capacity.

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+ 1849 July 19 San Luis Obispo  
Alcalde Miguel Avila to Gov. Dec.

Encloses sundry declarations about a pair of mill stones claimed by Padre Gomez, Minister of that Mission, and Vicente Felix a ranchero of the neighbourhood. The alcalde says that his predecessor John Price decided that said mill stones should be given to Felix, but that he is of opinion that they ought to be returned to the priest, and that he awaits the Governor's decision.

+ No date Monterey  
Ch. J. Botto to Gov. Riley

Enclosing "resolution" asking for \$70,000 for the Convention required for September.

+ 1849 Sep. 15 Upper Dry Diggins  
Fred A. Nash to Gov. Riley "

Notifying that last Sunday a few individuals ordered an election and that hundreds of persons



interested in it have had no opportunity of knowing any thing of this election, hence they are not prepared to sanction it.

+ 1849 Oct. 25 Monterey  
B. Temple President Convention

+ Lewis Dent

His resignation as Judge of the Supreme Court of California was accepted on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1849.

+ 1849 August 7 San Francisco  
Wright & Co to Gov. Riley

Asking permission to issue Gold Coin of the denomination of \$10 & \$5 They are willing to give bonds to any amount required by the collector of this port, that their coin shall be of equal (if not of more) value than the coin of the U. S. Mint. They want their <sup>coin</sup> to be receivable in payment of duties. And they say their object is to afford a cir

ulating medium for business purposes in this  
country.

+ 1849 Aug. 7 San Fran<sup>co</sup>  
Edw. H. Harrison Collector

+ 1849 March 24<sup>th</sup> Concepcion (Chili)  
John Lacourt M. D. to Gov. (Piley) of California

He says he is a native of the Netherlands  
and considers California as his own country.

That having lived long enough among these people  
he begs to inform his Excellency that the Chil-  
ians and the rest of the South Americans are  
the worst possible race to populate a new  
country.

A great many expeditions are fitting out  
from Chili to California. Yesterday sailed the  
"Carmen" with a number of wild indians  
(peones) who are sent to California by a  
Company whose manager is a Scotchman  
of the name of Mackay. The company is to  
last three years and the peons are to have a share  
in the gold they will pick up.

That since Chili has refused to make a treaty of commercial reciprocity with the U. S., it would not be prudent to enter into any such treaty hereafter: Chili being able to produce a large quantity of flour, biscuit, beer, wines, spirits, timber, etc, not only will be able to undersell the same produce of the U. S. whose vessels are obliged to make a long navigation round Cape Horn before reaching San Francisco, but will also check the progress of agricultural improvements in California, where wages will be high for many years to come.

+ 1848 April 24 San Francisco  
John Townsend First Alcalde

+ 1849 Nov. 2 San Francisco  
W. B. Almond Judge 1<sup>st</sup> Instance  
Jno E. Townes Sheriff  
A. Reynolds Davis Comr. of Streets  
Wm. M. Eddy City Surveyor  
Redman M. Price Purser and Navy Agent

+ 1848 Aug. 18 Sta Barba

Francis P. Lippitt - Capt. N. Y. Regt Comdg at Sta Barba  
Estevan Adisson - 2<sup>d</sup> Alcalde

+ 1849 Oct. 31 San Jose

R. M. May 1<sup>st</sup> Alcalde - Transmitting his resignation.

+ 1849 Jul. 27 Presidio of San Francisco

E. D. Reyes capt. 3<sup>d</sup> arty Comdg Post

A. H. Long Commander U. S. Ship Warren

+ 1849 Aug. 26 San Francisco

Rodman M. Price Ch<sup>m</sup> of Committee of Town Council  
to Gov. Riley

That the town is ready to accept the loan of  
\$10000 on the conditions offered by him.

+ 1849 Aug. 2<sup>d</sup> Mercedes River  
A. M. White alcalde

+ 1849 Oct. 6 San Francisco  
J. D. Stevenson to Gov. Wiley

He says the city of New York of the Pacific (Cal.) has become the depot for some of the largest class of merchant vessels that have yet arrived from the U.S., and requests that a Harbour Master may be appointed at that place.

+ 1847 April 10<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles  
R. B. Mason Col. & Dragoons U.S.A. to alcaldes  
José Salazar and Henrique Ayala

Ordering that every ranch, <sup>send forth</sup> one or two good men well mounted with a number of spare horses to unite with the U.S. troops at this place under Lieut. Col. Cooke the military commandant of this district for the purpose of repelling and destroying the Indians who are now committing such extensive depredations.

+ 1849 Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

Chas. F. Wilkins, was appointed Prefect of Dist. of Sonoma by Gov. Riley.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 Angeles

J. D. Stevenson's Col. Comdg. S. M. Dist. to Narciso Botello

Asking information about Jose Armar who exhibits a bill of sale for the mission of San Buenaventura executed to him by the late Gov. Pico. That he is also informed the last territorial Assembly passed July 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1845 certain acts authorizing the leasing and sale of certain missions.

+ 1847 Nov. 18 Angeles

Stephen C. Foster Gov. Interp.

That Narciso Botello states that he, Botello, and Jose Armar leased in partnership the mission of San Buenaventura for nine years in Dec. 1845, that he withdrew from the concern in June 1846 delivering to said Armar all the papers & as Armar was wasting the property of said mission and he

could not prevent it. That if Armar has any bill of sale of said property it is fraudulent as he had had no means whatever to effect such purchase.

That Sr Botello was a deputy in the assembly of 1845 and 46, and that during their last session held in October 1846 they discovered certain missions had been sold by Dio Pico. They declared by a formal decree said sales to be null and void, as being made without authority or even the ordinary forms of law.

+ 1848 March 22<sup>d</sup> Amado

J. L. Stevenson to Cesareo Lataillade Vice consul of Spain - Sta Charla

That he received his communication requesting a delay in the proceedings he is instituting against Jose Armar for the recovery of the property of the mission San Buenaventura which has been improperly and unauthorisedly disposed of by him. That under ordinary circumstances he would comply with the request, but not in this instance of evident fraud.

+ 1848 March 22 Angeles  
J. D. Stevenson to Gov. Mason

That he required José Arnaz to account for the missing property within ten days; that he has discovered 300 cattle, 75 mares and also a vineyard all of which he has embargoed; that he is still following up the enquiry; that Arnaz has stripped the mission of every particle of movable property, even the cooking utensils have been sent to this section of country where he has concealed or sold them. The priest has not been paid, the Indians are also unpaid and as he is advised the creditors are in a like condition. And that he only requires him to state under oath what disposition he has made of the mission property, and in failing to do so he shall be responsible in person and property.

+ No date Angeles  
J. D. Stevenson

Circular requiring all persons who may have in their possession any property of San Buenavista, fraudulently disposed of by José Arnaz, to send to these Head Quarters a full inventory of the same



stating how it came in their possession; directing that all such property be held subject only to his order or that of Gov. Mason. Any disregard to this order will subject the offender to imprisonment until the pleasure of Gov. Mason shall be known.

+ 1848 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Cerritos  
Isaac Callahan

That he received for safe keeping from J. Temple by authority of Col. Stevenson 48 <sup>mares</sup> animals having the iron and vent of San Buenaventura.

+ 1848 May 15<sup>th</sup> Angeles  
Col. Stevenson to Pedro Carrillo Alcalde at Sta Barbara

That if the power of appointing an alcalde for the mission of San Buenaventura rest with him, Carrillo, he will appoint Isaac Callahan to that office.

+ 1848 May 26 Los Angeles  
Col. Stevenson to Pedro Carrillo

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That in April last Francisco Ortega, alcalde at San Buenaventura, announced to him that in as much as he received his appointment of alcalde at that mission while it was under the control of Horna, he would not remain if any other person was to have the charge of it; that he has removed him from that office and ordered him to be removed from the mission, appointing Isaac Callaghan in his place; that he regrets to interfere with the civil dept. of his Dist; and that as he (Carrillo) has more than once refused to obey his orders, more especially in the matter of the alcalde of San Buenav<sup>a</sup>, if it is again repeated he will suspend his functions and ask from Gov. Mason his removal from office.

+ 1848 June 5 Sta Barba

E. Ardisson, Diego Scott, Nic. A. Den, Guill. G. Dana, Carlos A. Carrillo, José Carrillo, Anastasio Carrillo, J. M. Covarrubias

Certifying that Francisco Ortega is a laborious, active young man, faithful to his word, of fine feelings and good habits and esteemed by every

person on account of his honesty and righteousness.

+ 1848 May 26<sup>th</sup> Angeles  
Col. Stevenson to Francisco Ortega

That he received a declaration under oath in which he denies having renounced his office of alcalde in San Buenaventura; that having sworn falsely, he is ordered to retire from said office and to absent himself from said mission.

+ 1848 May 26 Angeles  
Col. Stevenson

Proclamation appointing Isaac Callaghan alcalde of San Buenav.?

+ 1848 May 16 Angeles  
Stevenson to Ortega

That on account of his threats Mrs Vicente Eville sleep at her tavern, that the punishment

ought to be applied to her husband, for the reason that if she has broken the law, it was to maintain her children; and <sup>that</sup> the sentence be referred to his approbation.

+ 1849 May 22 Sta Barba

Pedro Carrillo Fran<sup>co</sup> Ortega alcalde - Raim<sup>on</sup> Carrillo  
Vicente Moraga ass. wit.

Ortega on being questioned, said that Mrs Vicenta Sanchez de Elville sold aguardiente to an indian, on which he (Ortega) ordered her to appear before him which she refused to do, answering that she had been accustomed to fool other authorities of more importance than alcaldes pendejos; that she again made several indians drunk. Deponent then summoned her to appear before his court, that on the third summons she appeared and was fined \$100 for having at three different times broken the law of the Government; afterwards she presented an order from Col. Stevenson in which that sentence is prohibited from being carried into effect.

+ 1848 April 15<sup>th</sup> San Francisco  
John Townsend alcalde

+ 1848 March 29 San Francisco  
George Hyde 1<sup>st</sup> alcalde

+ 1848 April 19 San Jose  
Chs White 1<sup>st</sup> alcalde

+ 1848 Dec. 12 San Jose

Kimball H. Dimmick and Dolores Pacheco were  
elected 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> alcaldes.

+ 1848 March 30 Santa Cruz  
Wm Blackburn alcalde to Gov. Mason

That yielding to the desire of the people within  
his jurisdiction, ordered the election of a Council

of four to aid him in the administration of its government, being elected J. L. Majors, John Haines, G. W. Ferrine and Manuel Rodriguez who request the Gov. will instruct them as to the nature and extent of their powers as such councillors.

+ 1848 Dec. 16 San Jose

H. H. Dimmick 1<sup>o</sup> Alcalde to W. F. Sherman A. Genl.

That twelve jurors sentenced Mathew Freer, Wm Campbell and David A Davis to be hung for highway robbery and attempt to murder; the foregoing sentence was approved by him and carried into execution accordingly, the prisoners having confessed on the gallows their guilt and other crimes. And also asking Sherman's approval of the sentence.

+ 1847 March 11 Monterey

John Murphy late lieut. of Pueblo Rangers to Wm A. F. Kaddox lieut. U. S. M. Corps

That Francisco Pinto created suspicion of his intention to organize a party (in the late

revolution) for the purpose of joining the forces in the south; that he knows him to be one of their worst enemies, because he knows Pinto to have done all that was in his power against the American cause.

*Sorcini*

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Papeles Sueltos.



+ 1849 Jun. 26 Sta Barba.  
Raimundo Carrillo alcalde

Que le presentaron á Juan Velarde acusado de haber robado \$14.000 en la Yerba Buena, que lo aseguró y que declara que él y José María Charriarte estrajeron oro en polvo y sellado de la casa de Mr Grayson y por no aparecer ninguna cita dispuso darle conclusión.

+ 1849 Ago. 13 Fijuana

S. Arguieño al Srío de Gobno en Califa.

Que se le pague el tiempo que sirvió la administración y capitania del pto de San Diego á rason de un mil peso al año.

+ 1849 Nov 17 Monterey

D. Spence prefecto al Srío de Estado

Que anuló la eleccion de Ayuntamiento de S. Juan Bautista por insuficiencia de habitantes

+ 1849 Set. 18 Monterey

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Abel Stearns, Hugo Peit, Man: Dominguez diputados  
de á la Convencion de Los Angeles

Que nombran prefecto de Los Ang: á E.  
C. Foster y juez de 1.ª inst. á Agn: Olivera.

+ 1849 Agosto y Sta Barba

Raim: Carrillo al Gov:

Que en Jul. pp: llegó á este pto una fragata fran-  
cesa cuya tripulacion y pasajeros entiendo eran  
de distintas naciones, que algunos de estos indivi-  
duos llegaron á la tienda del Sr. Espae (america-  
no) queriendo atentar contra la persona de este,  
que él tratando de contenerlos se dirigieron á  
ofender su persona con pistola en mano, que á  
no haber ido en un buen caballo seguramente  
le habrían muerto; que su único apoyo es el  
Gobierno, que remedie con su poder estos males  
pues no solo será su autoridad ilusoria, sino tam-  
bien su persona está en peligro pues será sin  
fruto gobernar con solo la fuerza moral.

+ 1849 Oct. 22 San José  
Ante Mr. Bico Prefecto al Orio de Gob<sup>no</sup>

Que á su llegada á esta Capital encontró una diversidad de desórdenes y los mas notables son las faltas que se cometen á las autoridades por la multitud de gente de todas oraciones que han llegado á pasar el invierno.

Que necesita 25 fusiles con sus fornituras y municiones correspondientes para armar á los ciudadanos que se ocupan de mantener el orden de este Pueblo.

+ 1849 San Luis Obispo

Cuenta del Juzgado

Entradas en dinero	# 155.00
Gastos	<u>208.50</u>
Deficit contra el Juzgado.	# 53.50

De esta cta se ve que la introduccion de un barril de aguardiente causaba un dño de # 3  
Dños de un mes de taberna # 3

+ Existe entre los papeles sueltos del archivo de los E. U. en la oficina del Agrimensor Grant un cuaderno de correspondencia del año 1849 entre Mauricio Castro Jefe Polit. de la <sup>Cabilla</sup> Dajia y Henry M. Naglee Comte de S. José respecto á la entrega de dho Territorio.

1849

1846. Oct. 31. Los Angeles.

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Jose M.<sup>a</sup> Flores, Gobernador y Com.<sup>te</sup> Militar: Decreto  
de la Asamblea, sobre

La Asamblea Departamental decretó en sesión ordinaria del 30 de Oct.<sup>o</sup> los siguientes artículos con el fin de agenciar un préstamo para gastos de la guerra con los Estados Unidos.

1.<sup>o</sup> Manda amparar las ventas de Misiones hechas por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Pico y todo lo que hizo al traslimitar sus facultades.

2.<sup>o</sup> Faculta al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Flores para solicitar un préstamo de dinero en la cantidad que juzgue necesario dando como garantía una ó mas Misiones en hipoteca.

3.<sup>o</sup> Dispone que las Misiones continuaran con el carácter de arrendadas y en poder de los arrendatarios que hayan cumplido con los requisitos prevenidos en el bando de la materia.

4.<sup>o</sup> Dispone que las Misiones que se hallen en el caso del artículo precedente no sufriran

alteracion alguna hasta que concluya el término del arriendo, aun cuando sean de las hipotecadas, y en todas las demas, el Gobierno cuidará de que se cumplan las disposiciones anteriores."

(Firman este decreto de la Asamblea: Francisco Figueras, como Presidente y Agustin Ochoa como Diputado Secretario.)

+ 1847. Mayo 22. Mont.

Joaquin de la Torre Capt.<sup>o</sup> al Gobernador

Pide que se le mande pagar el valor de 10 caballos que le tomaron del Carmelo una partida de las fuerzas Americanas.

+ 1849. Junio 12. Angeles.

El Ayuntamiento al Sr. del Gobierno: Se expone la falta de Agrimensores en Los Angeles.

Participa que en consecuencia de la determinacion del Gobierno Territorial sobre concesion de terrenos municipales - de San Diego y Los

Angeles; se acordó por el Ayuntamiento  
 decir al Gobierno que la ciudad care-  
 cía de un plano á propósito para  
 aquel objeto y tambien de un agri-  
 mensurador: que el Gobierno mande se le  
 proporcionen este empleado, cuyo sueldo  
 se pagará de los fondos municipales  
 y si estos no alcanzaren se le pagará  
 con terrenos baldíos si el Gobierno lo  
 aprobara: que la municipalidad no  
 tiene marcados sus terrenos y pre-  
 gunta al Gobierno si la práctica que  
 ha observado de conceder terrenos para  
 formar pueblos á razon de 2 leguas  
 por cada punto cardinal, debe seguir  
 ó no.

(Era Presidente del Ayuntamiento de Los  
 Angeles, José del C. Lugo, y Señor Jesus  
 Guirado.)

+ 1848. Mayo 5. Sta. Barbara  
Juan José (indio) al Gobernador

Pide que se le absuelva de la pena

pecuniaria de \$ 50 que le aplicó  
un Juez por haberse embriagado  
contraviendose así un bando que  
prohíbe vender licores a los indios.

Funda su petición en que  
para defenderse del castigo de azotes  
con que le amenazó un policía  
de fue preciso denunciar al ven-  
dedor del vino; pero el Juez no  
le dió crédito y le condenó a sufrir  
la multa dicha, que su amo se  
obligó a pagar por él quedándole  
por su parte responsable a satisfacer  
esta cantidad con un año de trabajo  
personal.

+ 1848. Agosto 30. San Francisco

J. W. Leavenworth Sec. Alcalde of the Dist.  
of San Francisco to D. W. W. Haven Adm<sup>r</sup>  
of the Estate of Wm. A. Leidesdorff, Deceased.

Requires the exhibition of Inventories and  
appraisments directed by the Governor (Mason)  
in the instructions on file in the Alcalde's  
Office, viz: "to put the Estate into the



hands of competent and safe men who should be required to give Bond & good security in at least double the amount of the estimated value conditional for the proper management, accountability and settlement according to such laws as are or may be created touching such matters. Inventories and appraisements of every species of property of the deceased should immediately be made under oath by two competent and respectable persons appointed by your court and deposited in your office.

+ 1848. July 24<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles.

J. D. Stevenson, Col. Command. South  
Military Dis<sup>t</sup> to Gov. Mason: Alcaldes

Encloses the resignation of J. B. Charbonneau as Alcaldes for San Luis Rey and says that he has done his duty to the best of his ability, but being "a half breed Indian of the U.S.

is regarded by the people as favoring the Indians more than he should do, and hence there is much complaint against him."

Stevenson suggests that the expenses of Charbonneau's office should be paid from the Civil fund and that the U. S. Gr. Master be authorized to do it since the Alcaldes serve without pay.

+ 1848. Sta. Barbara.

Proceso contra Benjamin Foxon acusado de homicidio.

El 11 de Mayo de 1848 se reunieron Pedro Carrillo y Estuan Adicion nombrados Jurados para formar tribunal especial que juzgue a Julian Foxon acusado de haber matado "voluntaria maliciosa e ilegalmente" a Agustin Davila el dia 22 de Mayo de 1848 en o cerca de la estacion de Sta Inés; segun la acusacion hecha por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mason en 5 de Abril. Testando presentes Luis Dent. Fiscal del Tribunal

y J. M. Leavenworth, defensor del acusado se le hizo el cargo de homicidio, y en respuesta dijo que no era culpable.

El testigo Luis Olivares, declaró lo que sigue:

"Salimos un Viernes de Santa Ana para Sta Maria, (es decir él y Quirita); fuimos a dormir al Rancho de Saca, de ubi salimos y fuimos a descansar al Rancho de Señor Sulin, donde llegamos a las 12 del día, y antes de llegar dije al difunto que nos iríamos de paso para llegar temprano, a lo que contestó el difunto "nos iremos", y al mismo tiempo que dijo esto pregunté a su mujer el difunto que si se irían de paso, y contestó la mujer "no: comeremos aquí"; por lo que llegamos todos a la casa y luego que llegamos me dijo el difunto "traiga V.º aquel costal con bastimento" y luego lo llevé. Cuando llevé el costal el difunto estaba sentado; luego nos pusimos a comer yo y él, y a poca llegaron allí mi mujer, mi hija y la criada y acabamos de comer;

luego dije a mi muchachito Juan que  
fuera a traer agua, que yo daría  
vueltas por detrás de la casa  
para estarlo mirando; que en  
ese tiempo me dieron ganas de  
hacer mis necesidades, y me estaba  
fajando ya cuando el difunto me  
llamó y me dijo: "primo, aquí está un gallo y  
una gallina ayúdeme a agarrarlos"; a lo que  
contesté: — "Primo, yo no tengo ganas de  
correr, que lo corran los muchachos."  
"Me los voy a tomar yo"; dijo el  
difunto, "que al cabo que si Señor Julian  
quiere se los pagare, y si no, se los volveré".  
Luego entonces el difunto tenía en sus manos  
el gallo y me dio la gallina  
diciendome: "primo, tómese Vd. esa gallina";  
la que tomo mi mujer de las  
manos del difunto. Entonces me  
senté en la puerta de la cocina,  
dándole las espaldas. El difunto  
se paró enfrente de la casa dando  
la cara a ella, acompañado de  
su mujer, y Juan mi hijo  
estaba sobando la cola al  
gallo que tenía en las manos el  
difunto. Dávila y dijo Juan a éste:

"que bonito es este gallo!"; a lo que contestó el difunto: "sí, es bonito, por eso me lo llevo": yo dije entonces al difunto: "primo, vámonos, que ya es tarde" a lo que contestó el difunto: "vámonos", y yo me quedé sentado haciendo un ciguro. En este tiempo salió este Señor Julian (el acusado) pero yo no lo vi y sí le vi gritar y quedé asustado; en esto oí un tiro, volví y vi tendido en el suelo al difunto. Dávila y a Señor Julian que estaba en el corredor de la casa: entonces miré si veía a mi familia y no la vi; entonces arranqué a buscarla y luego que la vi le grite: "párate ahí, no te vayas"; en seguida vi que Señor Julian estaba hablando con Gaspar y que dijo aquel a éste: "me están robando", a lo que Gaspar contestó: "nadie te roba a Ud."; entonces volvió Señor Julian y se fue....."

La testigo Jesus Felix (mujer de la víctima) dijo entre otras cosas:

"..... al amanecer Dávila el gallo se arrimó el chiquito de Nicas para ahucarle la cola, y estando en esto dijo la mujer de Nicas: "vámonos, ya es tarde; y

a una voz todos dijeron entonces "vámose-  
 nos": en ese tiempo el Señor Julian  
 Foxon que estaba escondido en su casa,  
 abrió la puerta de la cocina y estan-  
 do parado en su quicio gritó: "¡me estan  
 robando! ¡me estan robando!"; a la voz de  
 Foxon voltee yo y dije a mi marido:  
 "mira donde está Señor Julian"; Davila se  
 echó a reir y dijo al expresado  
 Foxon: "¿creyó V<sup>o</sup> acustarme?", y levantando  
 con las manos el gallo para  
 enseñarlo continuo diciendole: "ya  
 me iba a llevar el gallo": a ese tiempo  
 Olivas y su mujer corrieron habiendo  
 pasado Foxon por delante de ellos se  
 acercó a Davila saltando como los  
 indios y gritando "me estan robando":  
 entonces Davila quitandose el som-  
 breo dijo a Foxon: Señor atiendame V<sup>d</sup>; y  
 como yo observé que Foxon no a-  
 pendia a mi marido, le hablé di-  
 ciendole: "por Dios, Señor Julian, no nos tire  
 V<sup>o</sup>": Foxon no se contuvo sino que  
 tiro a Davila con una pistola.  
 En seguida cayo Davila....."

### Sentencia

Por decision unanime del Jurado

la corte sentenció á Fox á cuatro años de cárcel.

El Jurado fue compuesto por los siguientes:

Pablo de la Guerra, Presidente del Jurado.

Carlos Antonio Casillo. Jurado.

Anastasio Casillo ~"~

Raymundo Casillo ~"~

Thomas W. Robbins. ~"~

Lewis T. Bursten ~"~

Daniel Hill ~"~

N. A. Den ~"~

R. Entell ~"~

Franc.º de la Guerra ~"~

J. R. Mab. ~"~

John Todd. ~"~

+ 1848. Junio 1.º. Acord.

Gregorio de Ysordia al Gob.º Messor: Licija contra el Alcalde Colton.

Esta quija consiste en que Colton se habia negado á atender un reclamo de Ysordia opiniendo que <sup>no</sup> tenia competencia á causa de que la persona contra quien se pedia

habíase fugado a Mazatlan, lugar enemigo  
respecto de Monterey; de cuya resolución  
protestó Aguirre sosteniendo que el Alcalde  
de tenía jurisdicción, puesto que estaba  
mandado por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> de los E. U. Unidos que  
a los Nacionales Americanos residentes en  
México se les debía regir según <sup>las</sup> leyes del  
país (es decir, mexicanas)

+ 1848. Junio 12. S. Diego

Bandini al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mason : Consulta sobre procedimientos  
judiciales.

Con carácter de Alcalde 1.<sup>o</sup> de S.<sup>o</sup> Diego pide  
Bandini al Gob.<sup>o</sup> que le dé instrucciones  
sobre la manera de proceder en los casos  
dudosos diciéndole como deben conside-  
rarse las facultades de los Jueces auxi-  
liares dentro el territorio de la jurisdic-  
ción del Juzgado de su cargo; porque  
dice que "a la verdad, no es fácil...  
comprender cual sean hoy día las  
atribuciones de las diferentes autoridades  
que contiene este Distrito."



+ 1848. En. 28. Sta. Barbara.

Varios ciudadanos al Gober.<sup>don</sup>: Demuncia  
de una eleccion ilegal de Alcaldes.

Los vecinos que abajo se expresan piden al Gobernador que en consecuencia de haberse elegido por segunda vez otros Alcaldes que los que ya estaban nombrados por el primer Colegio Electoral que se reunió en el tiempo y con los requisitos que la ley señala; y por que al reunirse el segundo fué con violacion de la ley y por causa de no haber entrado a funcionar los Alcaldes ya nombrados, protestan contra la nulidad de la segunda eleccion y piden que el Gobernador ponga las autoridades que le parezca en Sta. Barbara como unico remedio de los males que sufren sus habitantes

(firman esta peticion los siguientes:)

Pedro C. Carrillo = José Carrillo = Lewis  
J. Burton = José de Jesus Carrillo = N.  
A. Den. = E. Addison = Tomás M. Robbins.  
= Ramon Rodriguez = Tomás Vallé = José  
Olivera = Emigdio Ortega = Carlos Rodri-  
quez = Benjamin Foxen = Jeronimo

Ruiz = Juan Rodriguez = Mariano  
Rodriguez = George Kidder.

+ 1839. Mayo 21. Mont.

Juan José Crisóstomo Majors. a David  
Spence Juez: Naturalización de Ciudadanos Ame-  
ricanos. y diligencias que practicaban  
para obtenerla en Calif.<sup>a</sup>

En el caso de Majors, natural de los Es-  
tados Unidos se notan las diligencias  
siguientes:

- 1.<sup>o</sup> Petición del interesado al Juez de su  
residencia.
- 2.<sup>o</sup> Providencia del Juez ordenando al interesa-  
do que presente 3 testigos que declaren  
sobre ser de la nación que dice, ser  
católico; de buena conducta; tener ofi-  
cio u ocupación que le produzca mil  
pesos mensuales.
- 3.<sup>o</sup> Declaraciones de tres testigos
- 4.<sup>o</sup> Providencia del Juez mandando que  
pasen las diligencias al Gobernador
- 5.<sup>o</sup> Petición del interesado al Gobernador adjuntándole  
las diligencias que se practicaron en la

primera.

+ 1849. Abril 23. Mont.

Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde a H. W. Halleck Srío.  
del Gob. : Derechos Municipales.

escriba que Mr. J. Boston, comerciante, se ha negado a pagar derechos municipales, alegando que es Proveedor de los Estados Unidos y que no sabe si está realmente obligado a pagarlos.

+ 1849. Marzo 14. Mont.

J. S. Moerenhout, Cónsul Francés, al Gob. Sta-  
son: Bienes de nacionales franceses.

Pide que el Gobernador ordene se le entreguen los objetos y dineros de la pertenencia de un súbdito francés que murió a bordo de un buque Peruano que llegó a San Francisco.

+ 1849. Marzo 8. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Raymundo Carrillo, Alcalde a la Comi-  
sion Inspectora de Elecciones.

Acepta el nombramiento <sup>de Alcalde</sup> despues de haberse  
excusado con razones que la Comision  
califico de insuficientes para dispensarlo  
del cargo.

+ 1849. Mayo 26. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

La Comision Inspectora de Elecciones formada  
por Henry S. Carnes, P. de la Guerra y Carlos  
et Carrillo a Halleck secretario de  
Estado. Eleccion de Ayuntamiento.

Raymundo Carrillo Alcalde

David Gil 1.<sup>o</sup> Regida

Octaviano Gutierrez 2.<sup>o</sup> id

Antonio Orellanes 3.<sup>o</sup> id

Antonio Maria de la Guerra 4.<sup>o</sup> id

Carlos Carrillo Sindico

(Se hizo la eleccion el dia 4 de Mayo.)

+ 1849. Mayo 28. S. Luis Obispo.

Miguel Avila, Alcalde a Hallock srio. de  
Estados. : Cárceles.

Avisa que el indio Aldefonso sentenciado  
a presidio se fugó por no haber  
cárcel en San Luis.

+ 1849. Abril 18. Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Alcalde al Gobernador.

Avisa que obligado a ausentarse del  
lugar convocó a los vecinos para que  
elijerán un Alcalde que le sustituyera  
y habiéndose verificado la eleccion el dia  
18 de abril salió electo Ignacio Esquer

+ 1849. Abril 20. Mont.

Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde

+ 1849 Feb. 4 S. Juan Bant.<sup>a</sup>

La Comision de Elecciones al Gobernador

Queja contra el Juez de S. Juan Bant.<sup>a</sup>

Esta queja consiste en que el Juez José María Sanchez se negó á acatar la orden del Gobernador para verificar las elecciones de S. Juan Bautista habiendo hecho que se disolviera la Junta de vecinos que se habia convocado para tal objeto: y añade el quejoso (Lebrija) que fue insultado en union de José Castro y Teófilo E. Echeverría por dicho Alcalde Sanchez hallandose este muy borracho junto con otros individuos, tambien borrachos, en un lugar por donde pasaban Lebrija y sus compañeros.

En consecuencia manda la Comision al Gobernador las constancias de no haberse verificado las elecciones por causa de lo expuesto.

1849. Marzo 2. S. Luis Obispo.

John Mich.<sup>l</sup> Pinc. Alcalde al Gobernador

Avia que ha sido nombrado Alcalde Miguel Oliva

para su cedula.

+ 1849 Nov. 30 S. José.

Antonio Maria Pico, Prefecto al Gobernador.

Reseñas de terrenos cometidos por el H. H. Wait

Dice que varios vecinos han sufrido ataques y aun despojos en sus propiedades (casas y terrenos) a causa de que el ex-Juez Wait formó una liga con el Juez que le sucedió y con otros Ciudadanos Americanos y bajo el nombre de "Junta del Pueblo" hicieron el plan del lugar dividiendo los lotes por manzanas en una estension de mas de una legua cuadrada, cuyas tierras debian ser adjudicadas a los vecinos del pueblo, haciendo lo mismo con sus ejidos.

Wait, en lugar de poner en remate publico los terrenos de labranza y los solares, se unió a cuatro o cinco individuos y se apropió todo dejando al vecindario en la miseria del modo mas escandaloso. Solo las suertes de tierras fueron repartidas a los vecinos.

A la primera junta se siguieron otras dos á las que solo concurrieron 4 ó 5 vecinos del pais (Californios) y el resto Americanos; y el acta se escribió en inglés; pero tanto unos como otros niegan haber dado autorización á Wait para hacer la repartición de tierras.

De esto resulta que el Señor Wait no satisfecho con mas de una multitud de solares que habia en el Plano que primero habia formado, hizo levantar otro, baldío, á su gusto, y dispuso de muchas tierras ajenas. El Ayuntamiento ha tratado de remediar los males causados por Wait, pero ha encontrado fuerte oposicion de parte de los consocios de aquel, á lo que se agrega la falta de integridad del Juez de 1.<sup>a</sup> Inst.<sup>a</sup> aliado de los despojadores, "reunion fatal que tiene á la poblacion, en el mas completo desorden y que ha convertido el Juzgado Civil en un semillero de desorden".

En conclusion, dice Pico, que ha nombrado á Francisco Arce como



comisionado de la Prefectura para que informe detalladamente al Gobernador de todos los particulares de este asunto.

1849. Mayo 28. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Fr. José M.<sup>a</sup> de S. Gonzalez Gobernador Episcopal  
de Ambas Californias al Gobernador

Mas ha de un mes que arribó al Puerto de San Francisco un sujeto que dice llamarse Juan Bautista Brignole, asegurando ser Obispo Legado Apostólico *urbis et orbis*, y Superior General Reformador de la Religion Católica Secular, Regular y Monástica en la Republica Mexicana y sus adyacentes; y de facto ha comenzado ya á ejercer su jurisdiccion otorgando por escrito secularizacion á dos Religiosos, los Padres Branchi y Romani, que poco ha han llegado tambien á este pais. Dicho Señor Obispo y Legado Pontificio, se ha presentado sin comitiva, y

con una vestimenta tan extraña á su elevado carácter, que la primera vez que visitó al Padre Ministro de San Francisco fue envuelto en un zarape azul, diciendo le habian robado su equipage; pero aunque así hubiese sido, Excmo. Sr., yo entiendo que un personaje de tan alta categoria, nunca camina absolutamente solo, y que en cualquier pais civilizado en que se halle, le es muy fácil el darse á conocer de las Autoridades públicas para recuperar al instante sus efectos robados, ó al menos para que la falta de ellos no redunde en desprecio de su persona y dignidad. ¿ Quien en tal caso, Excelentísimo Señor, emprende viaje á pais distinto sin reparar primero su desgracia? Mas este Señor ha incurrido en esta torpeza: en Tepic y Maxatlan me dicen no ha sido atendido; aqui mismo ha estado de incógnito muchos dias, é ignoro si tambien á J. C. se ha ocultado su llegada, carácter y objeto; al menos, por lo que respecta á la autoridad Eclesiástica de este

país, aseguro a V.E. que dicho Señor Legado hasta hoy, ni por un simple aviso me ha anunciado su venida siquiera para exigir de mí y el resto del Clero el honor y deferencia que le son debidos. No parece, pues, como Señor, el ser sospechosa tal conducta? Por tanto, para que no se involuta el orden público entre las Autoridades Eclesiásticas y los católicos residentes en este Territorio del cargo de V.E. encarecidamente le suplico se sirva mandar una exacta información de la procedencia y verdadero carácter de este Señor Brignole, y si él con Bulas legítimas u otros documentos fidedignos acredita el ser Obispo, Legado, Reformador &c.<sup>a</sup>, estimaré mucho a V.E. se sirva el participármelo para prevenir al instante a todo el clero y pueblo católicos del país a que le tributen todos los honores, consideración y obediencia que son debidos a tan alto personaje. Pero si no acredita su misión como es debido, o de la información mandada hacer por V.E. resulta que este indi-

individuo es algun futeo u impostor,  
 en el primer caso sera muy util  
 lo mande recoger J. E. para que  
 no moleste ni perjudique a na-  
 die con su rara locura. En  
 el segundo caso, esto es, si fuere  
 algun impostor, entiendo de la  
 pretitud de J. E. que no solo lo  
 reprimira, sino aun mandara cas-  
 tigarlo y expulsarlo del pais, para  
 que no perturbe el orden publico.

+ 1849. Agosto 31. - San Francisco

Carlos Varela, Consul Peruano, al Gobernador

Avisa que el Gobierno Peruano ha dispuesto  
 que le suceda en el Consulado el Vice-  
 Consul Peruano Guillermino Gobinet.

(El mismo Consul Varela noticio al Gobernador  
 que marcharia el 1.º de Octubre y con este  
 motivo dice: "Al partir nada tengo que  
 recordar disquintante y plegue a Dios  
 Dios que la Alta California sea muy  
 breve lo que debe a la sombra de la  
 Gran Nacion que la posee.")

1849. Apto. 4. S. Diego

Bandini al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Riley: Renuncia.

Se excusa de aceptar el nombramiento de Juez de la Suprema Corte, diciendo que está imposibilitado y que siente mucho haber aparecido como candidato del Sr. E. Kirby Chamberlain, lo que habria evitado gustoso si hubiera podido conseguirlo.

+ 1849 Oct. 24. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

J. Carrillo, Prefecto del Distrito al Srío. del Gob.<sup>no</sup>  
Defensor multado.

Participa que se ha mandado multar a Antonio porque se negó a aceptar el cargo de defensor de un reo alegando incapacidad; y consulta si estuvo bien aplicada la multa y si el cargo de defensor es de los que se llaman consejiles.

+ 1849 Nov. 5. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Padre Gonzalez, Gob.<sup>o</sup> Episcopal al Srío.  
Hallak: Celebracion del 'Thanksgiving Day'

Contesta que cumplirá lo que dispone el Gobernador en la orden de Octubre 24 pps. sobre la solemnidad de Gracias al Todopoderoso y para su mejor cumplimiento dice que ha dirigido una Circular á todos los Sacerdotes Católicos para que solemnizen ese día, procurando que en el año siguiente se haga uniforme celebracion en todas las Iglesias del Estado.

+ 1849. Julio 1.º Mont.

José Castro al Gobernador.

Informa al Gobierno que su intencion es permanecer en California con el carácter de simple ciudadano Mexicano, manifestacion que, dice, habia hecho ya 3 ó 4 meses antes al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mason por conducto de W. E. P. Hartnell, Traductor del Gobierno.

+ 1849. Julio / Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Pueblo de la Guena al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Riley: Acta Popular  
relativa a límites y Delegados de Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Envia una acta en que el Pueblo resolvió hacer ciertas observaciones a los puntos contenidos en la Proclama del Gob.<sup>o</sup> Riley de 3 de Junio (1849) sobre plan del gobierno civil del país &c &c. que debe establecerse. Una de las observaciones hechas por el Pueblo de Sta Barb.<sup>a</sup> se reduce a calificar de inconveniente el nuevo señalamiento de límites de los distritos de California por el que una gran parte de los habitantes de Sta Barbara se separarán de su población para unirse a Los Angeles y a S. Luis Obispo con detrimento de sus intereses: y pide el Pueblo al Gobern.<sup>o</sup> que en obis de males mande que los límites de Sta Barbara por la parte Meridional sean los mismos que señaló la Asamblea Deparm.<sup>t</sup> en 1845. Otra observacion consiste en que a Sta. Barbara no se le ha dado la representacion que merece en la Convencion; pues mientras q.<sup>e</sup> a otros Distritos de menor poblacion se les ha asignado 4 ó 5 delegados al de Sta Barbara so-

lo & le han tocado; y aunque el Gobierno dispuso el nombramiento de Supernumerarios o Suplentes en caso de que el Distrito los pidiera, como la admision de éstos depende de la misma Convencion, resulta que ella puede tambien no admitirlos, y de consiguiente los nombrados no concurririan por temor de ser desairados, y su falta en la Convencion seria de todos modos perjudicial a los intereses del pueblo.

(Esta acta la firman Pablo de la Guerra como Presidente y los Secretarios Antonio Maria de la Guerra y Raymundo Casillo.)

1848. Año 31. Sta Barb.ª

Vicente Moraga, Escribiente del Juzgado;  
Pasquin.

Declara haber descubierto un pasquin fijado sobre un pilar del corredor donde se halla la oficina del Juzgado; en la mañana del dia 31 de Marzo a tiempo de ir a sus quehaceres de escribientes. Dice que recibió el pasquin de donde



estaba y lo guardo para entregarlo  
al Juez 1.º Pedro Carrillo contra  
quien, (se supone) fue escrito. En el  
puesquin se dice que "la fuerza brutal  
reemplaza la justicia en California"  
y que el solo dicho de un indio basta  
para condenar a los vendedores de  
aguardiente a que paguen una fuerte  
multa o sufran de 3 hasta 6 meses de prision;  
que el pueblo no tiene el derecho de  
nombrar sus Alcaldes y que el Gobierno  
se lo reserva, por lo que "tan viles son  
los que admiten estos nombramientos como  
despota el que los dirige."

+ 1846. En.º 21. Angeles.

Gob.º Pico a'l Tesorero Depart.º: Compra  
de una casa p.º uso del Gob.º

Manda pagar \$ 4.656 — resto de \$ 5.000  
en que se compro la casa de Anto-  
nio M. Lugo para uso del Gobierno.

+ 1848. Abril Sta. Barb.ª

José Carrillo al Gobernador.

Se queja de que el Alcalde Pablo de la Guerra lo puso preso por haber negado él (Carrillo) si reconocía con autoridad legal para seguir de Alcalde por segundo término, alegando que aunque por consentimiento de algunos vecinos seguía funcionando, ninguna ley había que autorizase su elección.

+ 1847. Octubre 14. Sr. Juan Capistrano

Fr. Vicente P. Oliva al Com.º Militar de Mexico.Queja contra el Capitan de Sr. Diego

Se queja de que por orden del Capitan de Sr. Diego se ha mandado quitar la teja de las habitaciones de la Misión de Sr. Diego y se han llevado al Pucido otros objetos que deben respetarse como cosas sagradas. Por lo que pide se prohiba al Capitan desparjar de ellas.

H. H. Bancroft Collection  
Bancroft Library

+ 1846. Julio 24. Angeles.

Pico, Gobernador, á Fr. Pascual Oliva Ministro  
de la Mis.<sup>na</sup> S. Diego

Ordena que entregue la Mision y todas sus pertenencias á Sant.<sup>o</sup> Aguiello, mediante inventario que mandará ya firmado al Gobierno.

+ 1847. Abril 26. S.<sup>ra</sup> Juan Capist.<sup>o</sup>Fr. Monte Pascual Oliva á José Antonio  
Estudillo: Administracion de la Mis.<sup>na</sup> S. Diego.

Nombre á Estudillo Administrador de la Mision de S.<sup>ra</sup> Diego para que cuide de ella durante la ausencia del Padre.

+ 1845. Dic. 6. Los Angeles.

Gov.<sup>o</sup> Pico: Venta de Misiones

En 6 de Dic. dio título de venta á Juan Foster y Santiago Mackinly por compra que estos hicieron de la parte del

edificio principal de la Mis.<sup>na</sup> de S.<sup>to</sup> Juan Capistrano y 3 huertas y muelles de ella pagando a plazo \$ 710 en moneda, cueros y sebo.

+ 1848. Set. 10. Sta. Ines.

Fra. José Joaquín Jimeno, Padre Comisario - Prefecto  
de Misiones al Gobernador: Misiones.

Consulta la manera en que debe recibir los bienes de la Mis.<sup>na</sup> de S. Diego que mandó el Gobernador se le entregasen.

Ademas le anuncia que tendrá que hacerle una visita en union del Gobernador de la Mita (el Padre Gonzalez) para conferencias sobre asuntos de las Misiones.

+ 1848. Marzo 14. Sta. Barb.<sup>a</sup>

Cesáreo Luchitade Vice-Consul de España  
en Monterey al Gob.<sup>no</sup> Mason: Consules.

Avisa que ha enmargado del despacho de su oficina al Consul Francis por fe-

ner que ausentarse al interior de México.

+ 1848. May. 23. Mont.

Satillage, Vico-Consul Español al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mason  
Consulado Español

Avisa que ha suspendido su viaje a México y que por esto seguirá funcionando en su empleo.

+ 1848. Abril 22. Maratlan. (Mexico)

Gen. Juan Pablo Anaya - Jefe de la Division  
de Occidente de la Repub. Mex.<sup>a</sup> al Com.<sup>te</sup>  
General Mexic.<sup>o</sup> de California. Armisticio

Avisa que el 29 de febrero se firmó un armisticio por el Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mexic.<sup>o</sup> y el Ministro Americano cuya copia le remite y le ordena que cumpliendo con lo mandado en el Art.<sup>o</sup> 1.<sup>o</sup> disponga que, tanto en los puntos ocupados por el ejército americano desde 5 de Marzo como en los que no lo estén, se proceda a elegir

Las autoridades que deben gobernar al  
Tercerum como parte de la Confederacion  
Mexicana.

Dice que no debe extrañarse que él le escriba  
desde Mazatlan, lugar ocupado por el enemigo,  
porque le ha sido preciso tener unas confe-  
rencias con el Comodoro de las Fuerzas Navales  
á invitacion suya sobre dicho armisticio.

o 1848. Feb. 9. Buenavista.

Jose' Castro al Gob.<sup>o</sup> Mason. Indificacion  
de Castro, acusado de revolucionario.

Supongo que á la fecha habra V.S.  
recibido mi comunicacion datada en  
San Luis Obispo, relativa á poner  
en conocimiento de V.S. mi llegada  
á ese punto. Hoy ha sido en  
mi poder la carta de V.S. fecha 7  
del presente en que me manifiesta  
los informes, que se le han da-  
do con respecto á una revolucion  
en la que estoy ingerido.

Podria ser muy bien  
que lo dilatado de mi marcha

haya dado lugar á los enemigos de mi reputacion á detractarme de aquella manera; pero me permitiria V. S. decirle con franqueza, que todo es una impostura atroz que mañana tendré la satisfaccion de desvanecer en presencia de V. S. y de dar testimonios á las autoridades que hoy rigen el Departamento, de la sana intencion de mi regreso, así como de la gratitud que me merecen por las bondades que han prodigado á mi persona; asegurando á V. S. que siempre contribuiré en cuanto esté á mi alcance á mantener la paz y tranquilidad de este pais en que vi la luz primera y que amo como el primero de sus hijos.

Los impostores no serán jamas capaces de nivelarse en sentimientos con el que tiene el honor de repetirse de V. S. su sincero amigo y servidor.

H. H.

+ 1848. Abril 13. Puerto de La Paz (Méx.)

Información sumaria mandada formar  
por el Ten.<sup>te</sup> Coronel de Voluntarios de N. York  
Henry S. Burton para averiguar la  
conducta del Padre Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez obser-  
vada en la guerra de la Baja Calif.<sup>a</sup>

El día 13 de Abril. (1848) ordenó el T.<sup>te</sup> Cor.<sup>l</sup> Burton  
que se examinasen á los testigos Eua-  
dalise Gonzalez, Andres Hipólito y Luis  
Morales vecinos de Todos Santos y residentes  
actualmente en La Paz para que decla-  
rasen sobre el participio que hubiera  
tenido tenido el Padre Gabriel Gonzalez,  
en la guerra de Baja California.

El testigo Gonzalez declaró: que  
al acercarse las guerra Mexicana á "estos  
puntos" oyó decir que Fr. Gonzalez habia recibido  
una carta de Manuel Pineda, (Com.<sup>te</sup> Principal  
de Baja Calif.<sup>a</sup>) en la que le comunicaba su  
pronta llegada.

El testigo Andres Hipólito dijo: que  
siendo el alcalde en Todos Santos en  
Noviembre de 1847 llegó una partida de  
tropa Americana; e inmediatamente  
mandó el Padre un correo al jefe de  
la guerra Mexicana que estaba inmediata



al Pueblo, para decirle que se apresurase a venir a destruir a la fuerza Americana: y que el Padre Gonzalez imaginó entretener a ésta mientras que llegaba la tropa Mexicana, haciendo que se les robaran sus caballos y con este fin invito al testigo Hipólito, pero no quiso éste y quedó sin efecto su estratagemma. Recurrió entonces el Padre al ardid de rogar al Comand.º Americano que no saliera del pueblo hasta el día siguiente en que podía él acompañarle, o, a lo menos que le esperase en su Rancho de San Jacinto. Sin embargo, salió la partida, y el testigo Hipólito temeroso de que el Comand.º Americano al detenerse en S.º Jacinto fuera sorprendido por la fuerza Mexicana mandó un correo para advertirle del peligro. Dijo finalmente que el Padre exhortaba constantemente a los vecinos a que tomaran las armas contra las fuerzas americanas diciéndoles: "que no era razon que unos estuvieran durmiendo con sus mugeres, mientras otros estaban peleando por la Patria". El testigo Navales declaró: que cuando la fuerza Mexicana se aproxi-

mandaba a Todos Santos llegó un correo con correspondencia de Pineda para el Padre Gonzalez y D.<sup>no</sup> José Rosa Moreno: y en consecuencia de esto se reunió el Ayuntamiento y se formó una acta (que firmó el Padre) en que se acordó invitar al Pueblo de S.<sup>no</sup> José del Cabo para levantar fuerzas que auxiliasen a las de Pineda (que también mandaba a Matías Moreno) y se mandó el acta con un correo.iendo éste en camino, llegó a Todos Santos la fuerza Americana, y creyendo los suscritores de la acta que el correo había sido aprehendido huyeron del pueblo: poco después volvió el Padre y mandó un correo a Pineda para que este atacara a la fuerza Americana.

Día que él dio aviso al Doctor de la tropa del robo de caballos que pretendió Padre Gonzalez que se hiciera a los soldados; y él mismo quien, de acuerdo con Andrés Hipólito, fue a advertir al Com.<sup>te</sup> Americano el peligro que le amenazaba si se detenía su fuerza en S.<sup>no</sup> Jacinto, pues el Padre, empeñado en hacer que se detuviera en su rancho el Comand.<sup>te</sup>, había dado orden al Mayordomo de este

para que los obsequiara matando una res  
y destapando un barril de aguardiente.

Hea una rectificacion sobre que la correspon-  
dencia que trajo el correo a que se refiere al  
principio de su declaracion fue dirigida por  
Matias Moreno y no por Manuel Pineda

+ 1847. Rancho S.<sup>ta</sup> Jacinto. (N. Cal.)

Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez a Manuel Pineda, Com.<sup>te</sup>  
Principal de Baja Cal. :

Nov. 10. Se aconseja que para arreglar debi-  
damente sus operaciones en la  
campana contra los Americanos, es  
preciso que se apoye en la  
Junta Territorial de manera que  
el pueblo no culpe directamente  
al poder Militar de lo gravoso  
de las contribuciones de guerra  
que se le impongan.

Dice que tan luego como supieron la  
legada de una fuerza enemiga dispusi-  
eron darle aviso (a Pineda) pero debido  
a haber habido retardo en el correo, perdio  
escapar de ser destruido.

Nov. 21. } Sancti Spiritus. Congratula a Pineda por la energía  
 Todos Santos. } que ha opuesto al enemigo  
 extranjero y en el resto de la carta  
 expresa con vehemente entusiasmo  
 el deseo de hacer una guerra  
 tenaz al invasor; recomendándole  
 procure Pineda proveerse de pólvora  
 como de un elemento indispensable.

Nov. 28. San Antonio.

Opina que ha llegado al Pueblo de  
 San Antonio para reunirse a la  
 Junta Territorial que lo ha nombrado  
 asociado de ella misma para  
 ayudarla en sus operaciones.  
 Cree que la Junta no tiene fa-  
 cultades bastantes para dic-  
 tar medidas energicas si no  
 se apoya en la fuerza de las ar-  
 mas. La situacion es critica;  
 los medios de defensa escasos;  
 hay mucho desaliento, mucho  
 egoismo y poco patriotismo.

Dic. 1.º S. Antonio.

Opina que las operaciones de Pineda  
 deben reducirse a mantenerse a la

defensiva provocando al enemigo sin atacarlo en sus cuarteles porque es inútil.

Dic 18. Todos Santos.

Conseja á Pineda que mantenga á su tropa en movimiento, porque de tenerla acuartelada se le desertarían poco á poco sus soldados, y le resultarían otros inconvenientes conseqüente al fastidio que trae consigo la inacción etc.

1848. S. Jacinto. (B. Cal.)

Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez á Manuel Pineda  
Com.º Principal de B. California

Enero 17. Ha sabido con sorpresa que Pineda se halla predispuesto contra él porque diz que se le ha informado que él (el Padre) intenta traicionar á la causa que defienden. Protesta contra tal informe y dice que su conducta es irreprochable.

como lo ha probado manifestando  
en público y a la faz del enemigo  
sus ideas patrióticas y haciendo  
de su parte cuanto ha podido  
para cooperar a la defensa del  
Territorio invadido

Con. 21.

Noticia que en La Magdalena hay  
unos buques franceses y Holan-  
deses cuyos capitanes llevan a  
mal la guerra hecha por los  
Estados Unidos: y aconseja a  
Pineda que le dé un salvo  
conducto a un individuo que  
puede mandar él (Gonzalez) pa-  
ra conseguir algunas arrobas  
de pólvora que comprará a  
los buques referidos.

Con. 24.

Queda informado (por carta de  
Pineda) de haber sido acusado  
ante la Comandancia Princi-  
pal de conspirar contra las Le-  
yes Mexicanas y la independen-  
cia del país y dice que quiere  
se practique una averiguación es-  
crupulosa para que se ponga

en dar su conducta y el pueda  
confundir á sus detractores á su  
debido tiempo.

0 1848. Feb. 1.º Todos Santos. (B. Calif.ª)

J. Gabriel Gonzalez á Manuel Pineda.

No tomo la pluma para responder á  
V.ª con palabras insultantes, ni menos  
para indemnizarme con excusas por que  
si lo hiciera daría á entender que  
me hallaba en algun modo culpable á  
tanto como V.ª se deja decir contra  
mí en la que conteste. Estamos en  
un tiempo que los asuntos públicos  
no dan lugar para pedir ante un  
tribunal competente, declaracion de  
tales acusaciones, pues solo así se ve con  
claridad lo que se comete en amañados  
manejos. La decision en parte de  
estos soldados se sabrá á su tiempo  
si yo fui el que la causé porque es-  
taba en este pueblo ó si fui fragua-  
da por ellos mismos pronto va V.ª  
á tener el desengaño y entonces me

hacia V.<sup>o</sup> justicia

La sangre derramada el año de 42 por más que se quiso culparme como V.<sup>o</sup> lo hace ahora, tuve y tengo un manifiesto auténtico de Supremo Gobierno que me disculpó enteramente. El público está bien desengañado en los siniestros manejos que hubo por parte de quien los causó. Yo padecí en mi persona e intereses, por malos intencionados como sucederá siempre que los haya.

Mis cartas que le tengo escritas a V. no están contradictorias en mi conducta en la presente ocasión. Si tuba la imprudencia de manifestar a V. la presente crisis, para que vigilara V. sobre sí, esto llevo la mejor intencion, pero no esperaba de V. tan mal pago.

La respetabilidad de las personas que se han dado denuncia de mi persona conducta en las presentes circunstancias, quisieran que tengan valor para que lo hagan cara á cara y ante V. — Entonces verán ellas para su confucion, cual es la conducta de unos y otros y cuales servicios tienen



prestados a la Patria en la presente guerra.

Por último, creo que para darle a V. una prueba de mis buenas intenciones y no como V. piensa de mí, quiero desentramarme yo mismo del teatro de los enredos, para darle muestras a V. de mis intenciones pacíficas. Para ello espero que para que V. se aquiete y yo viva retraído de los que me quieren mal me mande un pasaporte o salvoconducto para Sonora o Mulegi por si puedo en estos dos puntos embucarme para Sonora o p.<sup>a</sup> algún otro punto en la República.

1848. Febrero 22. New. Helvetia.

J. A. Sutter to Gov. Mason. : Indians Lands

Asks the approval of the Govern.<sup>t</sup> for the renting or leasing of certain lands from the Indians of the Galsumney Tribe



1847.obre 17. Santa Ines.

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Bancroft Library

Jose M<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias y J. Carrillo al Ex<sup>o</sup>. del gob<sup>o</sup>.  
de California.

Que pasaran los documentos del con-  
trato de la Mision y rentas q<sup>e</sup> han pagado.

1846. Junio 8. Los Angeles.

Pio Pico y Jose Matias Moreno Ex<sup>o</sup>. Int<sup>o</sup>.

Que D. Juan Manero y D. Andres Pi-  
co han tomado en arrendam<sup>to</sup> por nueve a-  
nos la mision de San Fernando y los bienes  
pertencientes a ella por el pago anual de  
\$1125<sup>00</sup> del modo siguiente, los \$1125<sup>00</sup> pagados  
por trimestres vencidos, haciendo tres partes,  
una p<sup>a</sup> el Gob<sup>o</sup>. Departamental, otra p<sup>a</sup> el P. Mi-  
nistro y otra p<sup>a</sup> los Beneficent<sup>os</sup> de la Mision.

1849. Julio 7. San Diego.

J. Arziello al Mayor J. P. Heintzelman

Que manifiesta titulo cona

es de su propiedad la Minion de San Diego con sus terrenos y q<sup>ta</sup> le fue concedida por servicios prestados al gob<sup>o</sup>. y en pago de mellos, q<sup>ta</sup> si se halla en sus facultades atiende su solicitud y se reconozca su dro. á d<sup>ta</sup> minion.

+ 1849. 11. Obre. Santa Barbara

J. Carrillo Prefecto al Sr. del Despacho de Gob<sup>o</sup>.

Que habiendose reclamado por Fr. J. M<sup>a</sup> de Jesus Gonzalez la huerta de San Buenaventura se ha mandado poner á su disposicion y algunas pieceras p<sup>a</sup> su habitacion.

x 1848. Oct. 4 Sta Barbara.

Fr. J. M<sup>a</sup> de J. Gour<sup>z</sup> al Gob<sup>or</sup> de Calif<sup>a</sup>.

Que insultado por el Presbitero D. Jose M<sup>a</sup> Morales el que hace renuncia de la admon. de la Iglesia de San Buenaventura, y viendo su subordinacion se remite á Mont. p<sup>a</sup> q<sup>ta</sup> sea

mandado á la República Mexicana.

+ 1844 Libre. 2 Mont.

Manuel Jimeno á D. Timoteo Morales encar-  
gado de San Rafael.

Que el Gob<sup>or</sup> ordena q<sup>d</sup> sin excusa haga  
una matanza de ganado p<sup>a</sup> pagar en cueros  
ó sebos á precios corrientes \$ 267 \$ á D. Guill<sup>o</sup>  
Eduardo Hartnell q<sup>d</sup> la misión le debe por cu-  
enta de Sr. Lorenzo Quijas.

o 1848. Mrs. 9. Mont.

Los residentes al Gobernador. = Sobre ordenanza  
de minería.

Los abajo suscritos, residentes y naturales  
de este departamento; ante V. E. como mas haya  
lugar en dro. respetuosamente manifiestan:  
q<sup>d</sup> los travitantes del mismo, han visto con  
sumo pesar el superior decreto q<sup>d</sup> V. E. fué servi-  
do de mandar publicar, en 12 del pp<sup>do</sup> fbre, re-  
lativo á la abolición de las ordenanzas del

importante ramo de minería universalmente observadas en la República Mexicana: Que por las diferentes proclamas de los Ires. Jefes de las fuerzas de los Estados Unidos, emanadas de las benéficas miras q. ha manifestado su gob. hacia la California, se lionjeaban sus habitantes, q. las leyes mejicanas q. no militasen contra la pacífica posesion militar de este pais, adquirida por dro. de guerra; serian observadas hasta q. por un tratado definitivo de paz entre las dos naciones beligerantes, fuese cedido este departamento, a los Estados Unidos y fuesen establecidas por disposicion del Congreso de este gob. las leyes q. nos deberan regir. Pero la orden de V.E. del 12 de Febr. <sup>do</sup> q. ha venido tan repentinamente a destruir esta grata esperanza ha aniquilado tambien, la brillante perspectiva q. el espíritu minero, q. iba difundiendo en este pais hacia concebir a todos los q. se interesan en la prosperidad y adelanto de Calif. q. es incuestionable, q. el importante ramo de la minería, no puede ser desarrollado sino bajo la salva guardia de las sabias leyes q. dicta la única potencia del mundo: quien desde luego conoció la poca aptitud de los labradores

y criadores de ganados, p<sup>a</sup> descubrir y elaborar los minerales: quienes por lo regular no solo carecen de los conocimientos necesarios p<sup>a</sup> este objeto, sino tambien de los medios con q<sup>e</sup> llevar adelante la elaboracion de las minas. Que en cuanto a la lesion enorme, q<sup>e</sup> se ha d<sup>to</sup>. sufren los rancheros por los descubrim<sup>tos</sup> de vetas metalicas en sus terrenos; es un error manifesto, por q<sup>e</sup> no solo son indemnizados del corto pedazo de terreno q<sup>e</sup> se les ocupa, segun manda la ordenanza de mineria, sino q<sup>e</sup> les resulta un grande aumento de valor a sus propiedades por la proximidad de las operaciones mineras, las cuales atraen una grande concurrencia de operarios, y causan diseminacion de dinero, por los viveres y demas gastos q<sup>e</sup> originan. — Que el citado decreto de V. E. ha causado notable perjuicio a los intereses de muchas personas q<sup>e</sup> habian erogado crecidos gastos en solicitud de vetas minerales; arreglandose en un todo a las leyes existentes de la materia, sin imaginar q<sup>e</sup> estas fuesen repentinam<sup>te</sup> abolidas, sin prefijar un termino prudente q<sup>e</sup> hubiera salvado sus intereses comprometidos. Asi es q<sup>e</sup> varias minas han sido registra

das posteriormente a la fta. en q. fue decretada la abolición de las leyes de minería; pero antes sin embargo, de q. este decreto, fuese publicado en la jurisdicción donde fueron registradas. Siendo esto una causa justa p.<sup>a</sup> q. su observancia no fuese obligatoria, cuya circunstancia Emo. Sr. va a involucrar a muchas familias en todos los trastornos q. trae consigo un pleito. Por tanto a V.E. suplican sus exponentes q. tomando en consideración todo lo expuesto se digne de mandar suspender la ejecución del expresado decreto, hasta q. resuelva el Gob.<sup>o</sup> de los E. V. sobre la materia.

\* 1847. Abril 8. Santa Bárbara

Cesareo Lataillade Vice-Consul de España al Gral. W.  
Kearny Gobernador. de Calif.<sup>a</sup>

Que desde 1845. S. M. C. tiene un Vice-Consul, cuyas funciones desempeña, q. está facultado por el Ministro Plenipotenciario en Méjico p.<sup>a</sup> tener su despacho en dta. población, q. espera dispondrá q. las autoridades no se pongan embarazo en el desempeño de su destino.



+ 1847. Abril 29. Mont.

Mariano Silva Cap.<sup>n</sup> Art.<sup>a</sup> al Com.<sup>te</sup> gral.

Que siendo prisionero de guerra y no permitiendole su avanzada edad dedicarse al trabajo solicita embarque p<sup>a</sup> uno de los puertos de la Republica Mexicana.

+ 1847. (sin fecha) Mont.

Rafael Sanchez Alf.<sup>n</sup> a William B. Shubirk Comod.

Que siendo prisionero de guerra ha hecho dos representaciones solicitando su embarque p<sup>a</sup> Maratlan ó San Blas, que pide su libertad p<sup>a</sup> proporcionarse lo necesario p<sup>a</sup> ir a su patria, y el docum.<sup>to</sup> q<sup>d</sup>. firmo de quedar prisionero.

+ 1848. Pbro. 2 San Luis Obispo

José Castro a B. B. Mason.

Que recibió el pasaporte y se presen.

to al Com<sup>te</sup> militar antes de llegar a los  
Angeles y q<sup>d</sup> continua su viage q<sup>d</sup> pronto  
se verán.