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San Diego Correspondence.

Military Post on the Colorado—Mission of San Luis Rey—Indian Agent—Court Martial.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 16, 1850.

The anticipated orders for the "Gila" have come to hand, and Bvt. Major Heintzleman is directed to move, like shot off a shovel, for the Colorado, at or near the junction of the two rivers. His command consists of two companies of 2d Infantry,—that of his own and Lieut. E. Murray's,—numbering about fifty men. The Quartermaster's Department is entirely *bankrupt*, and the means of transportation very limited, which may detain him for some time. The Major designs establishing a depot at San Felipe, and as soon as this is accomplished, to put the command in motion. The battery of Lieut. Col. Magruder is to relieve Capt. Davidson, 2d Infantry, who is to take post with his company at Rancho del China. Lieut. Coutts, with his company of 1st Dragoons, was ordered by Gen. Riley to accompany the command destined for the Colorado, but Gen. Smith, who relieved Gen. R. in command of the department, countermanded the order. Major Fitzgerald, with the squadron of 1st Dragoons, now very weak, is to remain in charge of San Luis Rey, and protect it from the talons of our *special agent*. The Mission evidently belongs to the Indians, and Gen. Smith appears desirous of securing it for them,—at least until the government finally disposes of the same.

Capt. Hunter, late of the Mormon battalion, and sub-agent for the Indians under Ex-Governor Mason, is now in San Luis Rey, claiming to be the sub-agent of the surrounding tribes under this old appointment, and a request from Gen. Wilson to continue his duties until he hears from the Home department. Inasmuch as Capt. Hunter has been absent for a long time, and neither holding an appointment from the General or State Government, Major Fitzgerald refuses to acknowledge him as a government agent, and has referred the whole matter to Gen. Smith, under whose specific instructions the Major is now acting. In the mean time, Major F. has quartered Capt. H. and his family in the Mission building, who is ready and willing to abide the decision of the General.

A general court martial is ordered to assemble at San Diego on the 10th proximo, for the trial of the Quartermaster, named, *Bvt. Maj. Justus McKinstry*. He has one strong friend on his court.

The schooner *Woodside* is advertised for Gila City, on Monday, 19th inst. It is the intention of the government to send a steamer as early as possible up the Colorado to this point, junction of Gila and Colorado.

Yours, e.

DEPARTURE OF SUPPLIES.—Captain Waldo will leave this city for Johnson's Ranch, on Bear River, this morning at nine o'clock, *en route* to meet the immigrants with supplies. He takes with him a large train of beef cattle and mules.

The *Transcript*, Sacramento City, from which we clip the foregoing, argues the necessity of sending funds instead of absorbing all in the purchase of provisions, for the relief of the immigrants. We cannot discern the propriety of the measure advocated. It is certain that every dollar that can be raised for their benefit will only be available to them in provisions, and it is here that the purchases should be made. There will be no freight on relief stores to Sacramento City, and *here* flour can be bought in packages suitable for transportation, and much more readily than in the valley. The plan of our committee, we believe, is to forward to the care of the Sacramento Relief Committee the provisions purchased, reserving the Relief Fund, two or three thousand dollars in money wherewith to procure animals for transportation. Let us send no more *money* in our expeditions to afford relief than barely enough to meet contingent expenses and provide for the necessities of travel and the road. Mr. Johnson, it appears, paid four or five thousand dollars to traders for flour, at one dollar, and one dollar fifty per pound. The Relief Fund would not go far towards feeding the famished immigrants, at this rate.

We are happy to find in the *Transcript* a warm advocate of the relief movement, and trust that they will not allow their earnest to slacken. We find a notice of the action taken in the upper towns, in Saturday's number. Captain Waldo has been among the up-river folks. "As an evidence of the interest which is manifested, Captain W. relates the fact that several ladies in those towns have contri-

buted as much as \$100 each."

ITALIAN THEATRE.—SEÑOR ROSSI, and the charming Fanny Mauten appear again this evening. Each night of their performance among us, they have been hailed by delighted crowds; and, indeed, the applause showered upon the ingenuity of the Señor, and the dancing of Fanny, has so partaken of *furor* that the manager has been forced to strengthen the floor of his exhibition room. We learn that Señor Rossi has sent to San Francisco for a talented company which has just arrived in our State. To-night he enacts some of his best tricks, and Fanny Mauten will again delight her admirers by her graceful motions in the mazy dance.—*Stockton Journal*.

FORTY POUNDS OF GOLD.—We are credibly informed that one man, at one haul, took out a forty pound lump of pure gold, on the Yuba, about fourteen miles from Marysville, the day before yesterday. We have not seen it. Other and better men have. It is here.—*Marysville Herald*.

One hundred mules, in one train, well packed at one store, passed by our office last evening, bound to the mines. Four or five trains, of from ten to thirty, went up in the morning. The mules speak for Marysville, and Marysville speaks for herself.—*ib.*

The Federal Salts.—Very heavy guns were fired yesterday at intervals of a minute between each discharge in memory of the President of the United States. From the sound we presume they were fired in honor.