The letter which we publish this morning from Mazatlan, although of an earlier date than we have received from that port, furnishes us with the full particulars which we have not before had, of the outrageous treatment of the passengers who left here on the "Patria" for Guaymas, and who, after receiving a harsh treatment there, were driven to Mazatlan, where they suffered the tortures and indignities detailed in our correspondent's letter. There seems no excuse for the action of the Mexican authorities at that port, and we do not see but that our Government must take some official notice of outrages which have there been inflicted upon American citizens.

While it is no matter of justification that foreigners, in the pursuit of their legitimate business, should be so treated, the reason is a very plain one: We have to thank the filibustering expeditions which have been fitted out and sailed from this port, for a good portion of the ill treatment which these unfortunate passengers of the "Patria" have received. This may be a disagreeable fact for us to swallow, but it nevertheless is one. It was not until the rumors of the projected expedition of Walker reached Guaymas, that Americans, and particularly those in foreign ports, had been ill treated; and although these rumors were not the cause of the ill treatment, they have been the texture of the ill-treatment.

Both Boards of the Common Council will meet at their rooms in the City Hall this evening at 7½.
o'clock. We hope they will take up the police ordinance, which was laid over in the Board of Assistants, at its last meeting on Thursday evening. The many robberies and thefts which are nightly committed in our city, exhibit too plainly to require any argument, the fact that something must be done to give greater security to life and property, and nothing seems to promise to effect this so surely as an addition to, and a better organization of, our police department.

Below, we give the statements of Mayor Garrison and Comptroller Harris, in relation to the amounts of money collected from fines, and paid over by Recorder Baker. It will be seen that they exhibit an entirely different state of affairs from that upon which the Grand Jury have based their indictment of the Recorder. The figures will speak for themselves, and need no comment. The general opinion which we have heard expressed, in relation to this matter, is that the Grand Jury have rather strained a point in this matter, and that there is probably some cause working behind them which is not fully exhibited, and which has induced them to their course of action. There is an absurdity on the very face of the matter, in the idea that a man of the standing of Recorder Baker should render himself liable to a process of this kind for the paltry sum of $1300. We have no doubt but that the matter will end without the least particle of discredit to him.

To the Public.

CITY HALL, SAN FRANCISCO, 4th June, 1854.

We, the undersigned, have had our attention directed to an indictment published in this morning’s papers, whereby G. W. Baker, City Recorder, is charged with being a defaulter in the sum of $1266. In the performance of our duty, and in order to inform the public of the facts, we have therefore examined the books of the Recorder’s Court, and carefully computed the amount of fines collected for the months of February, March, April, and May. The result is:

We find, that on the 1st of February last the Recorder made a final settlement with the City Treasurer, turning over all moneys then in his hands. Since that date, the receipts from fines have been as follows:

From the 1st to 28th February, 1854, $1292 50
1st to 31st March, 1114 50
1st to 30th April, 1090 00
1st to 31st May, 928 50

Making a total of receipts from 1st February to the 31st May, of $4415 50

We also find from vouchers in the possession of the Recorder, that the following sums
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Squatters and Rumors of Squatters.—A startling rumor was circulated on the streets yesterday morning, to the effect that there had been a bloody squatter riot out near the Mission, in which five persons, three on one side and two on the other, had been killed on the spot. The particulars of the affair turned out to be somewhat less melo-dramatic. There has been for some time a difficulty between Capt. Foaion and a party of squatters about the title of a lot, and about two or three o’clock Saturday morning, the squatters again attempted to take possession of the lot, which is situated on First Street, near the gas works. A general fight ensued between the parties, in which pistols were freely used, but we have heard of but one man, named J. L. Smith, who was on the squatter side, being shot. He was lodged yesterday in the State Marine Hospital, and lies in a dangerous condition. Owing to the darkness of the night and the confusion, it is not known who fired the shot. No arrests have been made as yet.

Board of Land Commissioners’ Sale.—Messrs. Selover & Sinton will sell to-morrow, at 12 o’clock, the State’s interest in a large amount of valuable real estate, for particulars of which see advertisement in another column.
PORT ORFORD NEWS.—There has been a good deal of excitement during the past week at Port Orford, on the subject of rich diggings said to have been discovered on Galice Creek, which empties from the south into Rogue River, about fifty miles from Port Orford. These mines were found by the party which started out about a month since from Port Orford to open a pack trail to Yreka. The prospects are represented as having been exceedingly favorable, and the ground extensive. A number of persons had left the vicinity of Port Orford for Galice Creek, with strong expressions of confidence in the reliability of the report. There was another report that diggings had been discovered on Deer Creek, only seventeen miles from the Port.

The party which had gone out to open the Jacksonville trail, had proceeded beyond the more difficult portion of the route, but have not as yet returned. It was supposed, however, that they had about concluded their labors, and the first train of pack mules was to start for Jacksonville and Yreka in the beginning of the week.

The Lower Klamath.—A number of prospecting parties are out on the Lower Klamath and the reports are very favorable. All agree that the gold is very extensively diffused, and that the valley must in a few years be entirely dug up. Just now the Salmon River mines are the great attraction for the dissatisfied miners, North of Shasta and West of Yreka. The Indians on the Lower Klamath are quiet, and will probably take no part in any difficulties which may follow the alleged murder of Tipps and of Shasta Bill on the upper part of the river.

Sunday.—Yesterday was a lovely day, despite the wind. Stockton street was thronged with people, till a late hour in the afternoon, cut to get a glimpse of the bay, and enjoy the cool and really refreshing breeze, (barring the dust.) There is one of the prettiest views from the foot of Stockton street that can be obtained in any portion of the city.

The Russ Pavement.—What has become of the Russ Pavement which was to be laid down on Montgomery street, between Clay and Sacramento streets? We have a strong desire that the pavement should be given a trial in this city, as it is beyond all doubt the best, and we believe in the end it is the cheapest one which can be used.