

Saturday, 29 August 1846

Lieuteant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena August 29th 1846
There has nothing new transpired during the past twenty-four hours. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign "Alabama"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Josiah Beldin to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
August 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

Sunday, 30 August 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena August 30th 1846
Nothing worthy of note has transpired during the past twenty-four hours, and the place continues orderly and quiet. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant during the night. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Signal

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

Monday, 31 August 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena August 31st 1846
There were two men arrested yesterday for riotous disorderly conduct and fighting, by the names of Henry Thompson and John Williams. After these men were confined, one of them Henry Thompson, was mutinous, noisy and troublesome. Two men, named Wm. Wallis [Wallace] and George Burchell found drunk in the streets by one of the Guard at a late hour, last evening and brought to the Barracks, and confined--With the above exceptions the place has been quiet and orderly. The Guard and Patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. Quite a number of strange Indians were in the town yesterday but they were orderly and respectful, and I believe belong to the place, but have been about until now since the breaking out of the Revolution--There were a number of arrivals in the place yesterday, mostly people who live in the surrounding Country, and vicinity of the place--I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Norfolk

Lieut H. B. Watson
Commdg the Military in
charge of Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Diego Baldes to pass to Santa Clara with some horses, without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
August 30th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the Yerba

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Lieutenant Washington Bartlett

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Aug 31st 1846

The following persons are now prisoners in the Guard House under the following charges and misdemeaner--

Henry Thompson (seaman of ship Stonnington) Charge - Riotous disorderly conduct, and fighting. After this man was confined he was troublesome, mutinous, and noisy, and commenced fighting a second time--John Williams (seaman Ship Stonnington) Charges same as Thompson (witness same).

Wm. Wallace and George Burchell, found drunk in the streets at a late hour last evening, witness Wm. Scott, Private of Marines. I am Sir [&c.]

To Washington A. Bartlett Esq.
Alcalda of the Yerba Buena

Lieut H. B. Watson
Commdg Military in
charge at Yerba Buena

Tuesday, 1 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena September 1st 1846

Sentinel No. 2 about three o'clock this morning heard some person moving about in the bushes in the rear of the late alcalda's residence, he proceeded to discover whether it was any person or not, and found it to be a man, at whom he fired, but owing to the darkness of the night and thickness of the bushes he could not tell precisely where the man was, after the sentinel fired he heard the man running off. I am induced to believe that it was some Indian who belongs here--The prisoners Henry Thompson, John Williams, Wm. Wallace & George Burchell were yesterday brought before the alcalda, there they had a trial and were fined and released. There were a number of arrivals yesterday. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Cherow"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

Wednesday, 2 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena September 2nd 1846

Alexander Blain [Blair] a sailor belonging to the Portsmouth was yesterday found in the streets (having been thrown from a horse) very Drunk and brought to the Barracks. I was compelled to have

him put in Irons, in order keep him in his place of confinement-- Peter Muirs was last night arrested on complaint of J[ohn]. Kearns, master of the Whale Ship Europa, charged with holding out inducements to the crew of said ship to desert. Otherwise the place has been quiet and orderly. Enclosed you will find copies of several passports granted yesterday. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Maryland"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer James Duncan to pass to the Redwoods without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 1st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. B.

(Copy) This is to certify that Samuel Brannan and twenty-four men with three females and one child have permission to pass and repass to any point on the San Joaquin or Stanislaus without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 1st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Jose Benavidas to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 1st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Juan Lottle to pass to San Raphael without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 1st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Lieutenant Washington Bartlett

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 2nd 1846
Alexander Blain a seaman belonging to the sloop of War Ports-mouth is a prisoner at the Barracks. I desire that he may be brought before you on the following charges:

Drunk and trying to desert from his place of confinement and otherwise troublesome.

Witnesses Sergt Miller Privates Reamy, Sample and Scott 2nd.

I am Sir [&c.]

To Washington A. Bartlette
Alcalda of the
Yerba Buena

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

Thursday, 3 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept. 3rd 1846
The prisoner Peter Muirs was yesterday released by the Alcalda, he the prisoner having given bonds for his appearance. The town continues quiet and orderly. Enclosed you will find copies of several passports granted yesterday. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
"Florida" Comdg the Military in charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Mardand G. Foisey to pass to Monterey without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept. 2nd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in charge at the Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Yenas Flor to pass to the farm of the widow Ried's without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept. 2nd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer George Yount to pass to his farm in Napa Valley without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 2nd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in charge at the y. Buena

Friday, 4 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 4th 1846
There has been no change since my last report and the place continues quiet and orderly. By a warrent from the Alcalda of the place, I caused to be searched the house and premises of a man by the name of Glein, and found one barrel of wine and two barrels of cider, which I caused to be removed and stored in the ware house of Mr. Ludesdorf for safe keeping. Glein house has heretofore been a retail liquor shop. It is now closed and the houses of Mrssrs Bennett, & Thompson & Co. & Mr Brown has been licensed as retail liquor shops for the accommodation of citizens & strangers visiting the place. A boats crew belonging to the whale ship Elizabeth, and one to the foreign whale ship Patriot was granted permission to remain in the town last night, they conducted themselves in a quiet and orderly manner. There were a number of arrivals in the place

yesterday mostly men on business. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign
"Georgia"
Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Francisco Peralto to pass to his farm on the coasta contra without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 3rd 1846
H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Saturday, 5 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 5th 1846
There has been no change since my last report and the place continues quiet. George Walker a deserter from Am. Ship Columbus was yesterday confined upon a warrant from the Alcaldia. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign
Nuise
Lt. H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the y. B.

[Lieutenant Watson crossed out the following passport]

(Copy) Permit the bearer James Stokes to pass to sau salito without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4th 1846
H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Sunday, 6 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 6th 1846
There has nothing worthy of note transpired since my last report. Three marines and three sailors were sent to the sau salito yesterday morning to assist Corporal Burnham in arresting some deserters from the shipping on that side of the Bay, they have not yet returned. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. There were eight sailors reported at the Barracks yesterday with the Alcaldia's certificate of discharge, six of them were discharged from the "Peruvian" Barque and two from the American Barque "Caroline". Enclosed you will find several passports granted on the 4th and 5th instant. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign
"Scott"
Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

This is to certify that the bearer Gregoria Breony has permission to pass to San Raphael without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

This is to cerify that the bearer Y. [illegible] Pacheco has permission to pass to san Raphael without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

This is to certify that the bearer Nuncio Berryaza two Brothers and his wife have permission to pass to the Peubla san jose and to carry their arms.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Jose Merimontes to pass to his farm without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Guard in
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer James Stokes to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 4th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Jaspar Arena to pass to Santa Clara, Peubla san jose and their vicinity without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 5th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Nicolas Lepage to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 5th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Monday, 7 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 7th 1846

Two men were arrested yesterday evening for riotous disorderly conduct in the streets and fighting, they are sailors belonging to the Peruvian Barque, there names are Wm. McGlowan and James Henry.

McGlowan drew a knife upon the other, but was arrested in time to prevent his doing any damage. Private McGowan was yesterday placed in confinement for being drunk on duty and mutinous. Private Scott was last night placed in confinement for taking forcible and indecent liberties with a female Indian. I respectfully ask that I may be permitted to flog McGowan and Scott, with one dozen each with the cats. With the above exceptions the town has been quiet and orderly. The Guard and Patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Gaines"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Dr. Thomas Stokes, Dr. Stokes is accompanied by his servant, to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 6th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer John Thompson to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
September 6th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at y. B.

(Copy) Permit the bearer Oliver Magnant to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 6th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Lieutenant Washington Bartlett

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 7th 1846

The following persons are confined in these Barracks under the following charges. Wm. McGlowan charges Drunk riotous, fighting and drawing a knife. James Henry Drunk, riotous, fighting and also with abusing the A. Flag. Witnesses Sergt. Miller, J. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. Sullivan. I am Sir, &c.

Wash A. Bartlette
Alcalda &c.

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military &c.

Tuesday, 8 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 8th 1846

The three Marines and three sailors which were dispatched on Saturday morning to sau salito to assist in apprehending some runaway sailors, having accomplished that duty, returned yesterday evening. In compliance with your order I caused Privates McGowen & Scott to

be punished with one dozen each with the cats, and placed on duty--
The prisoner Wm. McGlowen was yesterday released by the alcalda,
the prisoner having paid the fine which was passed upon him for
misconduct. Two sailors belonging to the Breman ship Patriot were
yesterday confined on a warrent from the alcalda. Two sailors
belonging to the Portsmouth were yesterday confined at the request
of Lieut. Missroon, they were drunk. The Guard and patrol have
been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. Enclosed you will
find copies of three passports granted yesterday. I am &c. &c.

Countersign
"Jones"

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military &c.&c.

Permit the bearer George Hyde to pass to pass to the Peubla san
jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 6th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the Yerba Buena

Permit the bearer John B. R. Cooper to pass to san Raphael, sonoma
and their vicinity without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 7th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Permit the bearer Robert Duncan to pass to san Raphael without
molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 7th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Wednesday, 9 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 9th 1846

A sailor by the name of James Brown belonging to the whale
ship Cabinet, was arrested yesterday evening for having struck a
man on the head with a deadly weapon by which he inflicted a blow
that has greatly engangered the life of the man. Three men belonging
to the whale ship Cabinet were arrested yesterday evening for dis-
obedience of orders and Drunkenness. A man by the name of Thompson
commonly known by the name of Capt Thompson was arrested last night
for maliciously breaking the fiddle bow of a musician which was
playing at the Ball last night, and for boisterous and blasphemous
language and disorderly conduct. With the above exceptions the
place has been quiet. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in
the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Hunter"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the Yerba Buena

This is to certify that the bearer Isaiah Mathery has permission to pass to Capt Sutters and to carry arms without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Antonio Osio to pass to San Raphael and his farm without molestation and to carry a rifle and pair of pistols.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Charles Lauff to pass to San Raphael without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the Yerba Buena

Thursday, 10 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 10th 1846
Two men belonging to the garrison at sonoma were yesterday brought to the Barracks and confined on a warrant from the Alcalda, A sailor by the name of James Miller was apprehended and confined yesterday at the request of Capt Halsey of the American Ship "Caroline" he the said Miller having deserted from the above ship several days ago. The three sailors belonging to the whale ship Cabinet was yesterday released by your order, and D. W. Thompson was released and held subject to the call of the alcalda for trial at such time as the alcalda might deem proper. William Walker a general prisoner was released yesterday by the alcalda. Charles Middleton having served out the full term of his imprisonment, which was fifteen days, was released on Tuesday evening and sent on board the "Tasso" to which ship he belonged. The two sailors belonging to the Portsmouth were yesterday released and sent on board. The place been quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Albany

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Michael Foley to pass to sau salito without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 9th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Auborn Milliard to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 9th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at Yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer John Sullivan to pass to Puebla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 9th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Friday, 11 September 1836

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Sept 11th 1846

Three men deserters from the American whale ship Columbus were brought to the Barracks yesterday and confined on a warrent from the alcalda. Peter Myers a resident of the yerba Buena charged with encouraging and directing sailors from the Breman whale ship Europa to desert was yesterday convicted of that offence and sentenced to fifteen days hard labor on the public works. Two sailors belonging to the Breman whale ship Patriot was yesterday confined on a warrant of the Alcalda, to be detained as witnesses in some case or cases now pending. Jonas Rhodes [Rhoades] & Wm. Cobb apprentice Boys of the U.S.S. Portsmouth were yesterday brought to the Barracks and confined. Two men from the garrison at Sonoma were brought to the Barracks on the 9th and confined on a warrent from the alcalda. James Gilbert one of the Prisoners from sonoma was yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. One Sergt one Corporal and nine Privates of the Guard of the Portsmouth were yesterday transferred to the Military post at Sonoma temporarily. One Corporal and five Privates joined these Barracks yesterday from the Portsmouth temporarily. The place has been quiet and orderly during the past twenty-four hours and the Guard & patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Roanoke

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at Yerba Buena

Saturday, 12 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Sept 12th 1846

There has nothing of note transpired since my last report. Two prisoners detained as witnesses were yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. I caused to be arrested yesterday and confined a man by the name of Alexander Anthony, who says that he belongs to the whale ship Magnet. The circumstances were these. I saw this man pass into bushes near the residence of Mr. Ridley and

believing that there were four men deserters united in the woods in that vicinity, I concluded that his object was to communicate with them. I had him watched, when after remaining about half an hour he returned taking a circuitous rout back again. I had learned that he had asked the boy Green what chance there was to runaway and when brought to the barracks he refused for some time to tell the name of his Ship. Wm Wallace a deserter from the whale ship Columbus was confined yesterday by a warrent from the alcalda. There were two boats from the sau salito yesterday that did no report until late in the afternoon, this gives rise to the arrest of men who are found in the town without my knowing how they came here. The large number of prisoners now confined and the very few marines to discharge the duties renders it important that the captains and mates of vessels coming to the place should report themselves immediately. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Vigilance

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 13 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir:

Marine Barracks, Y. Buena Sept 13th 1846

The prisoners Henricke Schleimer and Gustave Eckhart convicted of Piracy and grand Larceny were yesterday sentenced to two years imprisonment each and to hard labor on the Public works. And the prisoners Cicero Royce, Wm. Dorsey and J. Andrews convicted of desertion were sentenced to be imprisoned at the pleasure of the court and to hard labor. The man Peter Bernard one of the garrison of sonoma was yesterday convicted of having released from the custody of persons authorized to arrest some deserters on the other side of the Bay, he was sentenced to fifteen days imprisonment, which sentence has been remitted by you and the man released. The prisoners Wm. Wallace and Alexander Anthony were yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. I have had to put in confinement and in single irons Corporal [Peter] Heyler [Huyler] of this guard for constant drunkenness, Disobedience of orders and leaving the Barracks when on duty without permission. I respectfully ask that he may be reduced to the ranks & be punished with one dozen with the cat of nine tails. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties and the place has been quiet and orderly. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Clay"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c. &c. &c.

Monday, 14 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 14th 1846
Two men were arrested and confined for being noisy and fighting in the streets yesterday evening. A sailor belonging to the Peruvian Barque was confined this morning for disobeying the orders of his captain and refusing to go on board his ship. With the above exceptions the place has been quiet and orderly. A courier from Monterey arrived last evening. The Guard and Patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I will thank you to approve the enclosed order for the reduction of Corporal Huyler as I find him totally untrustworthy as a non-commissioned officer, and his services are important as a Private. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Adams

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military &c.

Permit the bearer Andrew Haeppener to pass to sau salito and sanoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept. 13th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c. &c. &c.

Permit the bearer Robert Ridley & Lady to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept. 13th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c. &c. &c.

Tuesday, 15 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 15th 1846
The three sailors who deserted from the whale ship Columbus were sentenced by the alcaldia to hard labor during the pleasure of the court, were yesterday released by a warrent from the alcaldia they having shipped on board the whale ship Elizabeth. Alvino Duarte a Mexican was yesterday brought before the Alcaldia, charged with a breach of the peace, he was convicted and fined five dollars which he paid and was released. Francisco Patasse an Indian was convicted of a breach of the [peace] and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 or to hard labor for thirty days. Andrew Smith a sailor belonging to the Portsmouth was yesterday arrested, charged with having stolen two dollars and a half from the Mate of the whale ship Stonington. John Cooley alias Young was yesterday confined by a warrent from the alcaldia. The place has been quiet and orderly during the past twenty-four hours. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. James Peters quartermaster on board the Portsmouth came to the Barracks and stated that he was directed by Mr Harrison (who he said had given him permission to remain on shore)

to come to me and get a pass for himself and two others to stay in the town all night. On inquiring I find that this man deceived me by telling me a falsehood. I therefore conceived it my duty to report him. Four of the Marines of this Guard are sick. It is however but a temporary illness and I hope they will be able to do duty in a day or two. There are now six prisoners sentenced to hard labor. I have no work except on the streets, and for the want of proper tools I am unable to employ them usefully. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Fremont

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearers John Rose, Wm. J. Reynolds and John Kinlock to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c. &c.

Permit the bearer Nicolas Lepage to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Henry Trow and three others to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Ignatius Bohortes to pass to sau salito and San Antonio without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Eusolius Soto to pass to his farm without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Emanuel Miranda to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 14th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. B.

Wednesday, 16 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 16th 1846
There has nothing new transpired since my last report. Quite a number of persons were in town yesterday from the surrounding country. The place remains quiet and orderly. Private [William] Smith of this Guard was taken sick yesterday morning and appears to have entirely lost the use of his mind he is quiet and easily managed but requires a strict watch over him all the time. The Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Henderson

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at the y. Buena

Thursday, 17 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 17th 1846
The place continues quiet and orderly. The Prisoner James Brown (one of the crew of the whale ship Cabinet) was yesterday sentenced by the alcalda to be confined for the term of six calendar months at hard labor upon the public works. John Cooley belonging to the ship Cabinet was yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. Andrew Smith belonging to the Portsmouth was yesterday released and sent on board. A man who calls himself Fanny Ann (a samwich Islander) was confined yesterday as a deserter. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Duvall"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, This is to certify that Don Francisco Sanchez has permission to carry an pair of pistols going and coming from his farm to protect himself against Indians.

Marine Barracks)
Sept 16th 1846)

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military &c.

A similar pass to the above was given to Francisco Guerero Sept 17th.

Copy, Permit the bearer Ramon Arguillo to pass to Santa Clara without molestation.

Marine Barracks yerba Buena
Sept 16th 1846.

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Rudolph Meramontes to pass to his farm without molestation. The bearer has permission to shoot deer or other game on his own farm.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the Bearer Bernard Nullner to pass to the Mission of St. Joseph without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Vincente Peralto to pass to his farm in the contra costa without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at y. Buena

Friday, 18 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Y. Buena [Sept 18th 1846]
Hiram Paine and John Hanson two sailors belonging to the Portsmouth were yesterday arrested and confined for being Drunk, riotous and fighting. After they were confined they were mutinous, and abusive, both to myself and the Guard. Pain broke one of the planks in his cell. Peter Myers confined on the 10th instant for fifteen days, was yesterday released by your order, the remainder of his punishment having be remitted by you. A Mexican by the name of Philipe Gomez was confined yesterday on a warrent from the Alcala, charged with horse stealing which charge having been proved he was sentenced by the court to be confined for one month, "to be employed on the public works, if convenient to keep a good Guard over him, else solitary confinement for that time." Antonio Bernall was yesterday confined by a warrent from the alcala but was released by the same authority in the evening, he having secured Mr Alcala Nai for the payment of some horses which he Bernall had caused Nai to loose. There are now thirteen prisoners confined. There are three of the Guard sick and seven Privates and two Music on duty at this Post,--which makes the duty unusually severe. The Guard has been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Cass"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 19 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Sept 19th 1846
The place continues quiet and orderly. Hiram Paine and John Hanson were released yesterday and sent on board the ship by your order. John Downey was yesterday arrested and confined at the request of Mr. Bartlette. When he was first sent for, he effected his escape, but was soon afterwards taken; he says that he has been discharged from the Portsmouth and that he had made preparations for going to Santa Clara. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Montgomery"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military in
charge at the yerba Buena

Sunday, 20 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Sept 20th 1846
There has been no change since my last report and the place continues quiet and orderly. Three Privates of Marines joined this post yesterday from sonoma,--Colonel Russell, one of the recent immigration from the U. States arrived, here this morning. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Bolton

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 21 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 21st 1846
A sailor belonging to the Peruvian Barque was yesterday evening arrested for being Drunk, riotous and fighting. With that exception the place has been quiet and orderly. Quite a number of Persons arrived in the place yesterday and several carts with fruit and vegetables also came in from the surrounding country. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Russell"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

Tuesday, 22 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 22nd 1846
The Prisoner James Miller confined for desertion from the whale ship Caroline was yesterday released on a warrent from the alcalda. The Indian Francisco Patosse was released yesterday he having paid the fine imposed upon him for being riotous & fighting. An Indian by the name of Jose Domingo Romone was yesterday arrested and confined for being Drunk and taking improper liberties with a female. The place has been quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
Wougton Comdg: the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 23 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Sept 23rd 1846
The Indian Jose Domingo Romone was yesterday brought before the alcalda, charged with having been Drunk and insulting a female on the 21st instant he was fined and released. There were three government horses brought here yesterday by some men who have been in the service to Leeward, the horses are from the Military Post at the Puebla san jose. The fourth horses was lost by a man by the name of Davinport who says that the horse broke loose about twenty miles this side of the Peubla, Davinport thinks that the horse returned to the Peubla, and says that he obtained the services of a person to look for the horse & also to inform Mr. Watmaugh of the loss of the horse in the event of not finding him. The place has been quiet and orderly & the Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
"Chase" Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 24 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 24th 1846
There has nothing new transpired since my last report and the place continues quiet and orderly. The Prisoner John McKey who was sentenced on the 25th of August to thirty days on the public works has served out his term and has conducted himself in a respectful

and subordinate manner during his confinement. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Missroon"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer W. G. Reynolds to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the Bearer Jose Benevidas to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Juan Correbea to pass to Penola without molestation.

Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena
Sept 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer James Profit to pass to San Lorenzo without molestation.

Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena
Sept 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Friday, 25 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 25th 1846
There has been no change since my last report, and the place continues quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Revere"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 26 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Sept 26th 1846
There has nothing new transpired since my last report. The Place remains orderly. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Bartlette

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copies) Permit the bearer John Davis and family to pass to Nappa Valley without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Rose to pass to Nappa Valley without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Jacob Cabell to pass to Nappa Valley without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Walcott to pass to Nappa Valley without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copies) Permit the bearer W. G. Renyolds to pass to Sacramento without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer J. P. Dedmund to pass to the Sacramento, the bearer has permission to carry one rifle without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Herbert Petit to pass to the Sacramento without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Latham to pass to the sacramento unmolested.
Marine Barracks
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Wm. Wallace to pass to san Raphael without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Sept 25th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 27 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 27th 1846
The Prisoner James Henry confined on the 21st instant for being Drunk and riotous was yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. There has nothing new transpired since my last report. The Guard & Patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Hunter"

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 28 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 28th 1846
Three men who say that they belong to the volunteers who have been co-operating with the naval forces to Leeward arrived here yesterday bringing their arms without any passports. A number of sailors belonging to the Portsmouth were found on shore last evening after sunset without any pass. I had them arrested and retained them for the night. A Spaniard by the name of Juan Isare was arrested about half past three o'clock this morning. I released him as it appears he did not intend to violate any regulation of the place. A sailor belonging to the merchant ship Sterling was arrested last night and confined. A detachment of Marines consisting of one Sergeant one Corporal and seven Privates joined this post yesterday from sonoma. I will thank the Capt to inform me if I shall send the Marines on board ship which came on shore when the above men were sent to sonoma. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties and the place continues quiet and orderly. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Flag"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 29 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 29th 1846
There has nothing of importance occurred since my last report. Transferred a detachment of the guard on board the Portsmouth yes-

terday consisting of two music and six Privates and also sent on board two Privates sick. Leaving thirteen men at this post. A sailor belonging to the whale ship America was arrested last night for being drunk and Riotous. The Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Princeton

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 30 September 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Sept 30th 1846
Acting Lieut [Louis] McLane of the Navy arrived here yesterday morning with a small detachment of men and a number of horses. Purser Watmaugh arrived yesterday evening with a detachment of men and horses, bringing with him one prisoner. Andrew Smith was found on shore last night after sunset, he was arrested and confined. I had him sent on board the Portsmouth this morning. The place continues quiet and orderly and the Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Liberty"

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c.

Thursday, 1 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 1st 1846
A negro by the name of James Cook was yesterday confined on a warrent from the alcalda. Two couriers from the Peubla des Angelos arrived this morning with dispatches for the Commodore. There has been no change since my last report, and the Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Relief"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Friday, 2 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 2nd 1846
The place continues quiet and orderly. The Prisoner Wm. Schu-
gler confined on the 29th inst for being Drunk and Riotous was
yesterday released by a warrent from the alcalda. Three or four
persons were found in the streets last night in the first part of
the evening, but being peaceable and orderly they were permitted to

go to their homes. The Guards have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"War"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

Saturday, 3 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 3rd 1846

A man by the name of Bernardino Gassier [Garcia] was brought to the Barracks yesterday and placed in confinement. This man is more generally known as five fingered Jack. Two men were brought from the Peruvian Barque yesterday evening & placed in close confinement on a warrent from the alcalda. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guards have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Guard"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 4 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 4th 1846

A detachment of men and horses arrived here yesterday from the Peubla san jose. Mr. Larkin U.S. Consul at Monterey arrived yesterday evening. Quite a number of persons of both sexes arrived during the day yesterday. The prisoner James Cook, a colored man, was released yesterday, on a warrent from the alcalda. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guards have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Congress"

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
&c. &c. &c.

Monday, 5 October 1846

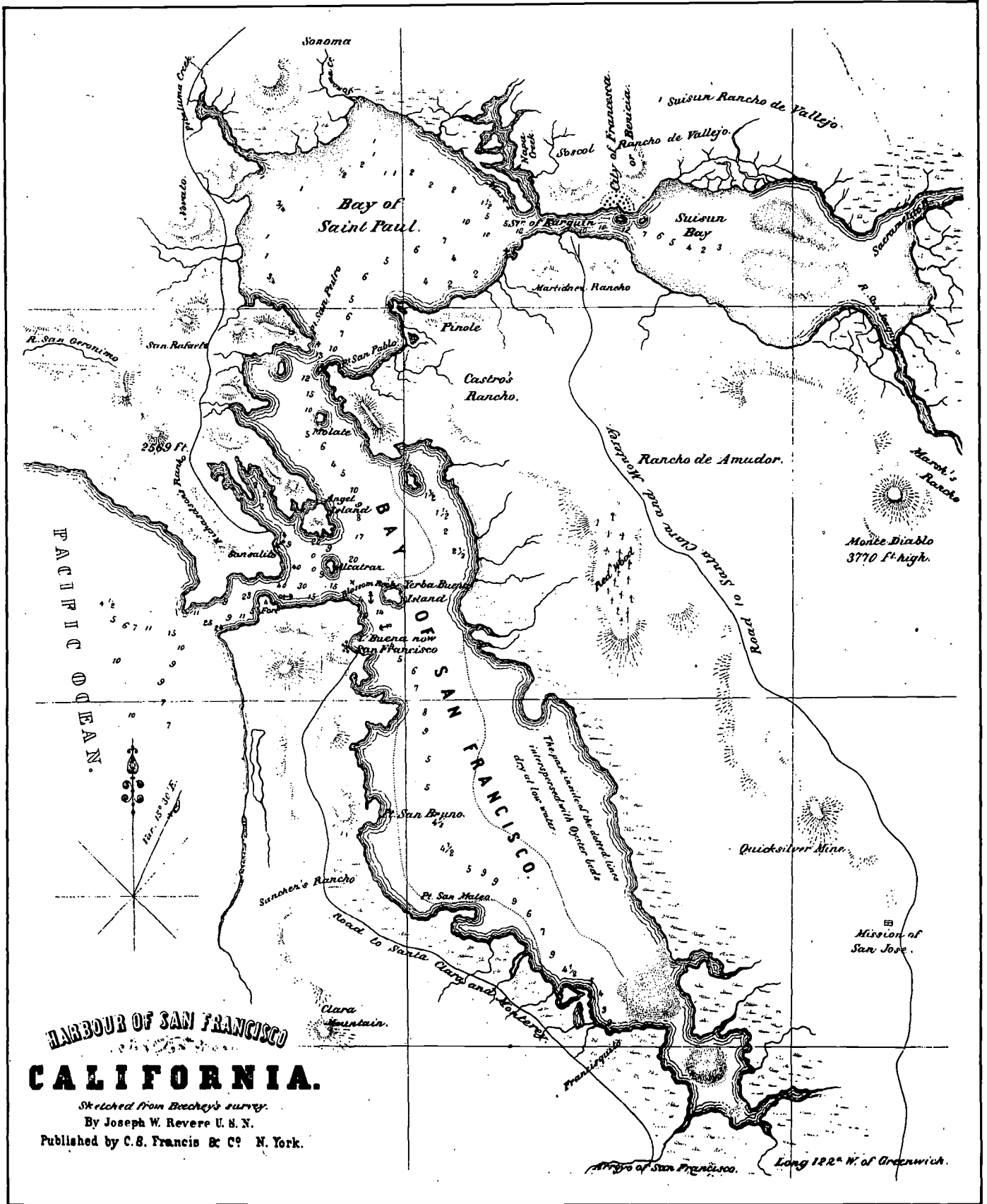
Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 5th 1846

A sailor belonging to the Brig Maria Theresa was yesterday brought to the Barracks and confined charged with being a deserter from the service and stealing. A sailor from the Russian Brig was confined for being Drunk and insulting the family of Mr. Brannan. The place remains quiet and the guards are vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Fremont

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
at yerba Buena



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Tuesday, 6 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 6th 1846
A detachment of Marines from the U.S. Ship Portsmouth joined at the Barracks yesterday morning. And the Guard from the Congress under command of [Marine] Capt J[acob]. Zeilin for the purpose of receiving and forming a Military Escort to Commodore R. F. Stockton Governor and Comdr. in Chief of California. A man by the name of John Clark was arrested last night charged with having disturbed the peace and resisting the authority of the Guard. The Guards have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
Stockton Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Wednesday, 7 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Y. Buena Oct 7th 1846
The whole of the mormon powder was removed yesterday from the temporary magazine, and all but two hundred pounds was sent on board the Congress. Mr. Brannan reserved these two hundred pounds for the use of his company. The sailor belonging to the Russian Brig confined on the 4th was yesterday brought before the alcalda examined and dismissed. John Clark confined on the 5th was yesterday brought before the alcalda examined and dismissed. Private [Rufus] Briggs one of the Guard of the Portsmouth was arrested yesterday evening and confined being found on shore after sunset, and being Drunk and riotous, I will thank the Captain to inform me if I shall use the stables erected for the commodore to put up the horses which he directed me to have stabled. And to what head I shall charge the provender which may be purchased for them. Mr. Watmaugh requires receipts from me for the horses. The place remains quiet and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duty. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
Columbus Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Thursday, 8 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 9th [8th] 1846
Received from Mr. Watmaugh sixty-one government horses, and delivered to Francisco Guerrero fifty more government horses, for which he is responsible having receipted for the same, and he is to receive Fifty cents per month for each horse, for taking care of them. Received twenty-two saddles and four packs, of which I

have reserved five saddles complete for the use of the Post. An Indian named De las Foaro was this morning brought to the Barracks charged by Antonio Pechaco with having committed murder four days at a place called the contra coasta. I have confined him in double irons to assist the action of the civil authority. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Brandywine"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Charles Briggs to pass to the Puebla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Peter Labarsh to pass to Tomoseal without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Vicente Peralto to pass to sau salito without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 8th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Friday, 9 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 9th 1846

There was a mistake occurred this morning in relation to the saddles and Packs. I reported twenty two saddles and four packs. It appears since that Four of the saddles were private property which leave but eighteen government saddles. These private saddles were given up on the assurance of Mr Watmaugh that they were the property of the individuals claiming them. There are five Packs instead of four.

A horse which Mr Watmaugh says belongs to the government, and which was not in the lot with the rest of the horses yesterday when they were inspected was brought to the Barracks this morning by the Indian, who had charge of them. I will thank you to inform me if I shall send him out to Guerrero, or retain him here. I am Sir [&c.]

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 10 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 10th 1846
A man by the name of John Kent was arrested yesterday, for being Drunk riotous and fighting. The Prisoner Augustus Joy, one of Mr Watmaugh company claims to be released to-day, as the two months for which he enlisted has expired. He was confined for being mutinous. I will thank you to inform me if I shall release him. The Boy [William] Cobb, was released yesterday and sent on board the Portsmouth. The place continues quiet and orderly and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
"Warren" Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Sunday, 11 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Baracks, y. Buena Oct 11th 1846
Private [James M.] Wilder of the Marine Guard stationed on board the Portsmouth was found on shore last evening after sunset, Drunk and noisy, he was confined. Two of the volunteers were arrested last night being drunk and riotous, they were released this morning as they go on board ship to day. John Kent confined for being riotous and fighting, was yesterday brought before the alcalde and fined and released. John Barry a seaman belonging to the merchant ship Moscow was confined yesterday by a warrent from the alcalde, charged with refusing to do duty and disobedience of orders. With the above two exceptions the place has been quiet and orderly, and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign Lieut H. B. Watson
"Cyane" Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Monday, 12 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 12th 1846
Two men belonging to the merchant ship Sterling was found in the streets last night very Drunk, and brought to the Barracks & confined. They were released this morning and sent on board that Ship. The place has been quiet and orderly, and the Guard has been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. In my report of the 10th inst. I reported that the term for which the prisoner Augustus Joy enlisted had expired. The Prisoner ask that he may be dischar-

ged. I will thank that Captain for instructions as regards him. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Shark"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Copy, Permit the bearer Don Pablo Noriago to pass to sau salito, and to sonoma if his business requires it without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 11th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Don Juan Casteneada to pass to pass to sonoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 11th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Samuel Brannan to pass to Sonoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 11th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 13 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 13th 1846

The Prisoner Augustus Joy was yesterday discharged from the service and released from confinement. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Dolphin"

Lieut H. B Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 14 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 14th 1846
Three Indian Boys were arrested yesterday evening at the request of the Alcalde, charged with having deserted from the Mission of Santa Clara, and with taking with them three horses belonging to the Priest of that Mission. I learned, thro an interpreter, that the Boys left in consequence of the very bad treatment which they received. The place has been quiet and orderly, and the Guard have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Flirt"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, Permit the bearer Wm. Stout and ten others to pass in a boat to San Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 13th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer John Clark to pass in a boat to the san Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 13th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 15 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 15th 1846

The Prisoner Phillipe Gomas was yesterday released by your order. The three Indian Boys were yesterday released and given in charge to two Indians who were sent from Santa Clara for them. The Alcalde of this place having referred the case of the Boys to Mr. [Charles M.] Weber at the Peubla san jose. The Prisoner Charles Green was yesterday acquitted of the charge of Theft, preferred against him by some of the crew of the Brig Maria Theresa, But he is now detained a prisoner charged with desertion from the U.S. Schooner Shark. The place has been quiet and orderly, and the Guard has been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Lawrence"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Friday, 16 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 16th 1846

Three volunteers from the Sacramento joined here on yesterday, and also one man from sonoma joined at this post sick. Several strangers (mostly American) arrived in this place yesterday. I learned by a note from Mr Missroon last night that an attack from the enemy might be expected momentarily, I consequently posted six sentinel and was up myself all night. The citizen and volunteer patrol were prompt in obeying my call and vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I would respectfully suggest, that a notice be posted in the town requiring every able bodied person in it to enrol his name, and to arm and equip himself ready for any emergency. By doing this we shall the more readily arrive at the dissaffected if such exist, and besides it will enable me to equalize the duty among the citizens much more equitably. The place has been quiet and

orderly and the Guard vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Decatur"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Francisco Mances to pass to santa Cruz without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 15th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Jose Benevidas to pass to Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 15th 1846

H. B. Watson, &c.

Saturday, 17 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 17th 1846

A sailor from the American Bark U. States was confined on the 15th inst. by a warrent from the Alcalde, charge with desertion and refusal of duty. Nothing of importance has transpired since my last report and the place continues quiet and orderly and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Preble"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer J[ohn]. McIntosh to pass to the sacramento without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Smith to pass to the sacramento without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Robert Duncan to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Wm. Lumsdale to pass to the farm of John Castro without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 17th 1846

I had a conversation with Mr. Brannan as regards the families at the Mission in this vicinity, he concurs in thinking that they should be removed with as little delay as possible he says that if he can get two or three large Boats from any of the Shipping in the harbor that all the families can be brought down in a few hours.

There is room in the large adobe house in the rear of the Barracks for two or three families. There is another vacant house recently occupied by Mr. Andrews, (who has removed to the Country) that would accommodate from five to seven families, and the large house of Messrs Howard & Millers near the beach has as I am informed some spare rooms which would accommodate one or two families, The remaining families can be accommodated, by running Bulk heads across the Balling Alley of Mr. Thompson, The order will be given immediately for the moving in of these families. If you authorize the taking of these buildings for the accommodation. I am Sir [&c.]

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at Yerba Buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 17th 1846

In compliance with your order of yesterday; I issued a notice and call'd the people of this place together, for the purpose of Enrolling their names to do military duty in the Yerba Buena or its immediate vicinity. There were Seventy one names enrolled, of this number Thirty-Six are well Armed with rifles or muskets. The remaining Thirty-five are without Arms of any kind except a pistol. The list will be somewhat increased as there are several persons who belong here [who are] absent at this time. There appears to be a very great scarcity of lead in the Town, and without balls the few Riflemen which we have would be useless. I think that from ten to fifteen pounds of lead would supply all that may be in want of Balls at this time. I am Sir [&c.]

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Sunday, 18 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 18th 1846
Mr. Guerrero the person in whose charge the Government horses were recently placed, reports one of the dead. The remainder he says are improving. About half past two o'clock this morning an Indian was found by one of the out sentinels cut and mutilated about the face and head in the most shocking manner, he was brought in and doctor Townsend called to see him, he thinks that the wounds are mortal. The Indian who committed this act of violence belongs here. I have sent a Guard to look for him accompanied by another Indian who was present when he attack the man that is now here. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties and the place continues quiet. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Perry"

Lt: H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Eusolius Soto to pass to the coasta without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 17th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copy) This to certify that I have in my possession two pair of Pistols, the property of Don Pablo Noreago, and this is his receipt for the same.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 17th 1846

(By order)

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copy) Permit the bearer Don Pablo Noreago and servant to pass to Monterey without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 18th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 19 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 19th 1846
The Indian Antonio who cut the Indian that was picked up on the outskirts of the town the night before last was apprehended yesterday and confined. The injured Indian is somewhat better this morning and is not so badly injured as was at first supposed. I caused to be searched and closed the house of Francisco Rumaries and have detained the said Rumaries at the Barracks for examination, he having been guilty of vending intoxicating liquors without a license, and also sold to the two Indians above, liquor on saturday

night, on which they became intoxicated and led to the fight between them in the vicinity of where he lives. Two Sandwich Islanders were confined yesterday, charged by a man called Ralph with stealing a cheese. A sailor belonging to the Bark "Tasso" was found drunk in the streets at a late hour last night, he was brought to the Barracks and confined & [a man] by the name of Johnson brought to the Barracks yesterday evening a horse with the Government Irons on him, but said Johnson claims the horse as his property, which he says he can prove. The horse is in very bad order, but is doubtless a very excellent animal. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties, and the place continues quiet. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Hull"

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 19th 1846

I heard it rumored about the place last night that Francisco Sanchez had on leaving the place a few days since remarked that he had no use for his parol now, and that he would not be seen in the Yerba Buena again soon. I have endeavored to trace this to some reliable source, but I have been unable to do so. I nevertheless thought it my duty to inform you of it. I have been informed that there are a number of horses and mules which belonged to the late Government, were at or near San Franciskito between this and the Peubla san jose. If such is the fact they are no doubt in fine order, and would be valuable at this time as they are fresh and ready for active service. I am Sir [&c.]

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 20 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 20th 1846

The two Sandwich Islanders, a sailor from the Bark "Tasso" and Francisco Rumaries confined on the 18th were yesterday brought before the Alcalde, examined and released. There has nothing of importance transpired since my last report and the place continues quiet and orderly. The Guard and Patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Blakely"

Lt H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Don Antonio Osio to pass to Monterey without

molestation. The bearer has permission to carry one patrol and a knife.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 19th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Wednesday, 21 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 21st 1846
A sailor belonging to the Portsmouth by the name of Thomas Jones, was yesterday confined for being Drunk, Mutinous and noisy. There were five recruits who signed their names yesterday to serve for three months, and two others will do so this morning. The place continues quiet and orderly, and the Guard and patrols are vigilant in the discharge of their duties. Three volunteers left yesterday for the Peubla san jose. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Barry"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 22 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 22nd 1846
The place remains quiet and orderly, and nothing of importance has transpired since my last report. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Miller"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearers George Kinlock & James Cooper to pass to Nappa valley without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 20th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg: the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Copy Permit the bearer John Sullivan to pass to the Red Woods without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 20st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Copy Permit the bearer William Blaisdale to pass to San Raphael and to return without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Francisco Mances to pass to San Raphael without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Wm. McGlowen to pass to the sacramento without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Francisco Benal to pass to the Peubla san Jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Friday, 23 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 23rd 1846

Two sailors from the Portsmouth was arrested and confined yesterday. The first John Brown was confined for being Drunk and Fighting. After he was confined he was noisy and mutinous. The second was the boy [William H.] Kenedey [Kennedy] confined for fighting. A man who was formerly a Marine on board the Savannah, and was discharge from that ship at Mazatlan this last winter is here and wants to enlist as a volunteer. But as he has no fire arms, I have declined taking him. He is however a very excellent soldier. The place remains quiet and the Guard and patrols are vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Gates"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Pedro Soto to pass to sonoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 22nd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Saturday, 24 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 24th 1846

The Prisoner George Benton confined on the 24th of Augt. from the Bark "Tasso" found guilty by the Magistrate Court of disobedience of orders, Threatening the mate and mutinous conduct & sentenced by the said court to sixty days confinement to labor on the Public

works, & to be discharged from the above named Bark, has served out the full term of his imprisonment. During which time he has conducted himself in a respectful and subordinated manner. He has been set at liberty. A sailor by the name of [Willaim] Jones belonging to the Portsmouth was released and sent on board the ship this morning. The place remains quiet & orderly and the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties.

The man Barnet late Marine on board the Savannah enlisted this morning for three months. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Green"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, Permit the bearer Nicolas Lepage to pass to the Mission of Saint Joseph without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer D[on] Manuel Dias to pass to Monterey taking with him two servants and one pair of pistols for his personal defense against the hostile Indians, without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 23rd 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 25 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir:

Marine Barracks, Y. Buena Oct 25th 1846

A sailor belonging to the Merchant ship Moscow, who was confined on the 10th inst was released yesterday on a warrent from the Alcalde. Francisco Guerrero was arrested & ordered not to leave the place at the request of the Alcalde, & further detained upon information received that he was holding a clandestine correspondence with the enemy. The Englishman by the name "Bee" whom I sent for yesterday evening, says that he was not up before the usual hour yesterday morning, & that he has not purchased one ounce of lead since he has been in the place, and that he has served the present government ever since the Flag was hoisted in the capacity of couriers, Guides, and as volunteer. This man is represented by Mr [George] Hyde who knew him well in the Peubla san jose as a very excellent man, hence I am persuaded that there can justly [be] no suspicion of acting in bad faith or opposing the Government, rest upon him. I have information from a man, who from his intercourse with these people would be likely to know. That there is at the house of Francisco Sanchez one arobe [arroba] of powder, several boxes of caps, & a quantity of Lead, which has been collected within the past few days. My informant also informs me that at the house of Antonio Castro on the opposite side of the Bay, that there is

one Barroll of powder and a quantity of arms, which he Castro purchased from a French Ship at sau salito a few days since. This is the report as I received it last night. I cannot vouch for the truth of it. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Lee"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 26 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Oct 26th 1846
I have received five horses from Mr. Larkin and had the U. States Brand placed on them. There are now sufficient horses in tolerable good order to mount all the volunteers that we have enlisted at this place. It will be necessary to purchase five saddles more, as we have but five, & if we reserve one for your horse there will be six required. The volunteers can leave as soon as they have your instructions. I purchased the last Bag of Grain which I can procure in the town this morning. There is however a large supply of Barley very soon expected. The place remains quiet and orderly and the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Cass"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

[The following receipt is appended to the last page of the journal]

I certify that Five horses were received from Thomas O Larkin Esqr. at the Yerba Buena for the general service in California under Lieut Col J. C. Fremont on the 26th of October 1846. And said horses were delivered to L[ansford]. W. Hastings comdg a detachment of men belonging to the California Battalion, And that the sum of One hundred dollars was agreed to be paid for the same.

Tuesday, 27 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Oct 27th 1846
Two sailors belonging to the Tasso were arrested yesterday and confined, charged with attempting to desert. A sailor belonging to the same ship (The Tasso) was arrested in the vicinity of the place by the sheriff, and confined on a warrent from the Alcalde. A sailor belonging to the ship Barnstable was confined yesterday, he being drunk & noisy. An Indian was arrested yesterday and confined, he attempted to pass the sentinel on the Road and when stopped by the sentinel he attempted to run. There was found upon this Indian some five articles of clothing, which it is supposed that he had stolen. There were seven saddles and five Bridles borrowed

yesterday for the public service, and one horse claimed by Mr Johnson, but has the U.S. brand on him taken for public use. Mr Watmaugh took charge of nine volunteers and three Marines and left on special service. Acting Lieut B. F. B. Hunter came on shore yesterday evening with Thirty-two sailors from the Portsmouth and took charge of the Block House. I sent Sergt [George M.] Miller to every house in the place and communicated your order requiring every male citizen to be ready for service at a moments notice. A large number of the citizens are without fire arms of any kind, and may have made application here to be supplied with them, application has also been made for powder. The Guard and Patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties and the place remains quiet and orderly. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Jackson"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, Permit the bearers Senora Guerrero & Miguel Noe to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, Permit the bearers Issac Goodwin & Alondus Buckland to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearers Earl Marshall and Cyrus Ira to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy, Permit the bearer L. W Hastings to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Peter Poole to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer John Clark and John Ried to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer John R Robbins to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Salino Sanchez and her children to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 28 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 28th 1846

The two sailors belonging to the ship Tasso, confined on yesterday. And the sailor belonging to the said ship apprehended as a deserter, were released yesterday on a warrent from the alcalde--also the sailor belonging to the ship Barnstable was released and sent on board that ship. The Indian confined on yesterday with some articles of clothing--supposed to be stolen, was brought before the alcalde and discharged for want of evidence. There has been nothing of importance transpired since my last report, and the place remains quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Washington"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

(Copy)

This is to certify that I have received from Alfred Devinport one saddle valued at twelve dollars (\$12) for the public service.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 26th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

This was given by order of Comdr. J. B. Montgomery, Comdg the Northern Department of California.

(Copies) Permit the bearer Peter Poole to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer the Padre Prudencia Santiman to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Prudencia D'Aro to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Jason Allrich to pass to the Misssion without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Henry Brown to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Lewis Puignet to pass to the Puebla san jose without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Cyrus Ira to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge,at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John R Robbins to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Alondus Buckland to pass to the Mission without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Mamieto (Indian) to pass to santa clara or the Peubla san jose as a courier, without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 27th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 29 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Oct 29th 1846
Mr. Watmaugh returned with three Marines yesterday evening, bringing with him three Government Horses. I have made every effort to procure food for them this morning but there is none in the place. Until food can be procured, I would suggest sending them out to the presidio with the horses of Mr Thompson, or any others that may be kept there. We are unable to have any cooking done, for want of a shelter, I applied to the alcalde to procure some lumber if possible, there was a launch load arrived yesterday which he may possibly secure. There has nothing worthy of note occurred since my last report. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Taylor"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Josiah Beldin to pass to Nappa and Sonoma upon his lawful business without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Daniel Clark and two others to pass in a boat called the Comet to the san Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Cyrus Ira to pass to the san Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Alondus Buckland to pass to the san Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer John Phillips to pass to the san Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearers A. A. Andrews & Phillippe Soto and Prudencia D'Aro to pass to their farm without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy

Permit the bearer Mrs. Ried and family to pass to her family to her Ranch near sau salito without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 28th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Friday, 30 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 30th 1846
A sailor by the name of Brown belonging to the Portsmouth was released and sent on board ship yesterday evening. Francisco Guerrero was given a passport by your order, and he left town yesterday evening. The horses which were here belonging to the government have been sent out to the presidio with the horses of Mr Thompson whose Boy has taken charge of them. There has nothing of importance occurred since my last report and the place remains quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Kearney

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Harry Bee and family consisting of four persons and two carts to pass to santa clara without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 29th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy

Permit the bearer Francisco Guerrero to pass to his farm without molestation.
Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Oct 29th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 31 October 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Oct 31st 1846
A man by the name of Joseph Ham who enlisted as a volunteer on the 20th of this month, and left with Mr Watmaugh a few days ago on special service returned to this post yesterday. Having

been sent back by Mr Hastings, sick with the Ague and fever. I would respectfully ask that this man be discharged from the service. Two volunteers joined at this post on yesterday from the Portsmouth. There has nothing of importance transpired since my last report, And the place remains quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Twiggs"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 1 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 1st 1846
The recruit Joseph Ham has been erased from the list. He claims pay from the 20th to the 31st of October. I have informed Mr. Watmough that it was your order that he be discharged. The two Frenchmen, sent from the Portsmouth to the Barracks on the 30th inst. have been placed in confinement, they being deserters from a French ship now lying at sau salito. Enclosed is a list of the Government clothing which was taken from them. Mr. Webber from the Peubla san jose arrived here yesterday with five men and about seventy horses. He states that a large portion of his company will be here this evening. A courier from the Peubla san jose arrived yesterday evening late. A Boat from the sacramento is reported this morning as having arrived in the night, with a number of Volunteers on board. The place remains quiet and orderly and the guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"May"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 2 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Nov 2nd 1846
There has nothing worthy of note occurred during the Past twenty-four hours. The place has been tranquil and orderly and the guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Dale"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 3 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. [Nov 3rd 1846]
There were several arrivals last night. Among them was Lieut [Enoch G.] Parrot [Parrott] of the Navy and Col [William H.] Russell of the Volunteers. I heard nothing new from them. The two Frenchmen confined on the 30th ult. were yesterday released on a warrent from the alcalde. A company of volunteers arrived this morning under the command of Mr Webber. The place has been quiet and orderly and the Guard and Patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Jones"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 4 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Yerba Buena Nov 4th 1846
Sergeant Miller and Private [John H.] Miller were transferred to the Portsmouth on yesterday and Sergeant [James M.] Wiatt and Private [Henry] Collridge [Coolidge] from the Ports: to the Barracks. A negro by the name of John Wilson belonging to the Whale ship "Janus" last night between eight and nine o'clock entered the house of a Mr Duncan, one of the last imigration, where the said Duncan's wife was in bed sick, and did get into the bed with the said Lady and attempted forcibly to have connection with her, But was prevented by the timely return of her husband. The negro was immediately arrested and placed in confinement. In compliance with your order through Mr [James E.] Montgomery the horses were turned out under charge of the volunteers to graze. The place remains quiet and the guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Henderson"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 5 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Y. Buena Nov 5th 1846
The Government Iron was placed upon twenty-two horses on yesterday, Fifteen of which number were the property of Messrs [Henry] Mellus & [William D. M.] Howard and the other seven I have not yet learned to whom they belonged. I delivered and took receipts for the same two horses to Lieut Parrott, which he was to deliver to Mr Hastings at the Peubla san jose or to Major Fremont. Also two horses [to] Mr. McClary (the harness maker) to be delivered to Major

Fremont. And one horse to Mr. Watmaugh to be delivered to Mr Hastings at the Peubla san jose. The remaining horses were in compliance with your order turned out to graze. There were two men who came into town yesterday evening whom I conceive it my duty to arrest, as soon as I can learn all the facts in their case, it shall be laid before you. The Prisoner Rueben Chase was yesterday discharged on a warrent from the alcalde. The place remains quiet and orderly and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Hall"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Nov 5th 1846
I have arrested a man by the name of John Coppinger from the following words spoken by the said Coppinger last night in the house of Verdemon Bennett, to wit. "That Mr. Webber was a robber, that he was stealing all the horses, & even went into the bedrooms of people and turned women out of their beds, And that he Coppinger had a private revenge for him, threatening Webber's life at the same time.["] He further stated that if the American Government or the authorities of that Government in California went on taking the horses & destroying the cattle the whole up country would be up in arms, and that he Coppinger had fifty men which were ready at a moments notice, and that he would lead the people to put down these abusive proceedings. He charged Capt Fremont when he Fremont first came to California with hoisting the American Flag, and robbing the churches and he the said Coppinger did use other contemptuous and abusive words of the Government and authorities of the United States. I am Sir [&c.]

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. B.

Witness: Verdemon Bennett.) John Sereve
Norman Moses.) Daport

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 5th 1846
The case of the spaniard just arrested is not very clear. His name is Garinemo Mace. He is charged with using very abusive language in relation to Mr. Webber last night. The only words spoken in English was "Webber dam Rascal, dam him." I have arrested him as a suspicious person. I am Sir [&c.]

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Note--I have the names of the witnesses in these two cases, and await your orders in relation to the Prisoners.--

Friday, 6 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 6th 1846
A man by the name of Jack Fuller was confined last night charged by his wife with having struck her several blows and otherwise ill-treated her. Charles Green a sailor belonging to the Brig Maria Theresa was confined on the 5th Oct 1846, charged with stealing and being a deserter from the U. States service. On the first charge (that of stealing) he was fully acquitted by the alcalde. This man requests that an investigation be had into the second charge & that he be released. The place remains quiet and orderly and the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
Hunter

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 7 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, Y. Buena Nov 7th 1846
A man who calls himself "Jim Crow" was confined on a warrent from the Alcalde, the said Jim Crow being a deserter from the Whale ship United States. There has nothing worthy of note transpired since my last report. The place remains quiet and orderly, and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Barron"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 8 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 8th 1846
A detachment of Volunteers & horses left this post yesterday under charge of Capt [John] Grigsby. A number of horses were left behind belonging to the Government having strayed from the caballada. They are in the vicinity [of the] Presidio & persons are employed in getting them up. There has nothing worthy of remark transpired during the past twenty-four hours. The place remains quiet and orderly and the Guards and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Victory"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 9 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Nov 9th 1846
Thirteen of the horses that were left behind have been found so soon as I can ascertain the number of Brannan's men which are going to join the Army, I will procure the requisite number of saddles. I have been informed, that they will not be ready to leave to day. There has nothing new transpired since my last report. The place remains orderly and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign "Montgomery"
Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 10 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 10th 1846
I delivered and took receipts for the same two Government horses to Edward C. Kemble one of the volunteers under Lt Col Fremont. In the case of Charles Green confined on the 5th of October for stealing and being a deserter from the U.S. Service. He has been acquitted of the first charge by the Alcalde, and no evidence appearing or authentic information given as to the second he has been released. The place remains orderly and the Guard and patrol have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]
Countersign "Independence"
Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 11 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 11th 1846
The two horses delivered to the volunteer Ed. C. Kemble on yesterday, were although in fair order, unable to travel. In consequence of which he returned and I gave him a mule belonging to the Government which will doubtless carry him though. The two horses are at or near the Mission and will be brought in as soon as practicable. A vaccaro by the name of Jose Benevidas who returned to this place yesterday with Purser Watmaugh, I have employed and detained here to look out for the horses, as I find it impossible to have the proper care taken of them by any person that I have about the Barracks. I learn that a number of very fine horses have been left on the road between here and the Peubla by the party that went up a few days ago. I caused to be arrested a person who answers to the description given of a deserter from the merchant ship Moscow. There has nothing worthy of note transpired since my last report.

The place remains quiet and the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Relief"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 12 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 12th 1846
The man reported on yesterday morning as having been arrested as a deserter from the merchant ship Moscow, says that he deserted from the English Frigate Fisgard. An examination has not been had into his case as yet as none of the officers of the Moscow have been on this side since his arrest. A sailor belonging to the Sloop of War Warren was arrested or found lying in the street last night about half past seven very Drunk & brought to the Barracks & confined. Act Lieut Hunter left this morning for the Peubla san jose. In compliance with an order addressed to the Alcalde, twenty lashes with the cat of nine tails was inflicted on the bare back of John Wilson a negro belonging to the whale ship Janus, in the Guard room at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The place remains quiet & peaceable. The Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Hull"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Friday, 13 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Nov 13th 1846
The sailor confined on the 7th inst from the whale ship U. States was released yesterday by a warrent from the Alcalde. John Fuller confined on the sixth charged with maltreating his wife was released yesterday by a warrent from the Alcalde. There has nothing worthy of note transpired since my last report. The place remains quiet and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Selden"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 14 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Nov 14th 1846
The Prisoner John Coppinger was released yesterday by your order. The Spaniard Garineno Mace confined at the same time with

Coppinger is still a prisoner and as he was arrested on suspicion of being one of the partisans of Coppinger, I will thank the Captain to release him, as I am convinced that he is innocent and also learn that he has remained quietly at home during the whole of the War. The man which I reported to you as having been arrested as a deserter from the American Ship Moscow proves not to be a deserter from that ship, But is a deserter from the English Frigate Fisgard. I will thank the Captain to inform me if [I] shall release this man, or hold him subject to the demand of the English vice Consul. I gave & took a receipt for the same one Government horse to Wm. Mathus the courier on yesterday. The place remains quiet & orderly & the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Peace"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 15 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 15th 1846

A man by the name of Charles Green alias Hainer was arrested and confined on a warrent from the Alcalde yesterday. One of the Government horses was left some days ago in the Mission (tired out) was found by a man by the name of Meda, stuck fast in the mud, near that place. This man rescued the horse by digging him out, working hard as he says nearly a whole day in order to get him out. The horse is a young one and said to be an excellent one. Although very poor just now, Meda ask to be remunerated for his labor, and time. The horse has been brought in. The Spaniard Garinemo Mace was released yesterday by your order. The Boy Jonas Rhodes was released yesterday and sent on board the Portsmouth. The place remains quiet and orderly and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Vandalia"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Monday, 16 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Nov 16th 1846

Two men by the name of John McLenan and Henry Smith were arrested and confined yesterday for fighting and disorderly conduct. Two sailors were arrested yesterday belonging to the ship Janus, they having deserted from that ship. Acting Lieut Hunter returned yesterday from the Peubla san jose. The place remains quiet and

the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Warren"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Tuesday, 17 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Nov 17th 1846
The prisoners John McLenan and Henry Smith were brought before the Alcalde yesterday charged with a violation of the peace, they were fined & released. Col Russell & Lieut [James M.] Hudspeth of the Volunteers arrived here yesterday evening. Received fifty farrega's of Barley from Mr Howard yesterday for the subsistence of the Government Horses. The place continues quiet & orderly. The Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
James

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy) Permit the bearer Nicolas Castro to pass in a Boat to santa clara without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov. 16th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Wednesday, 18 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 18th 1846
A detachment of Marines from the Guard of the U.S. Ship Warren joined this post on yesterday & the detachment from the Guard of the Portsmouth was returned on board that ship. A detachment of seamen from the U.S.S. Warren came on shore yesterday under command of Lieut [William L.] Maury & took charge of the block house & artillery, relieving Acting Lieut Hunter and his command who returned on board ship. A deserter from the French Whale Ship Ferdinard was arrested and delivered to the Capt on yesterday. Two sailors deserters from the whale ship Janus were released and [sent] [on]board that ship. There were several arrivals on yesterday. The place remains quiet & the Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Change"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military in
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearer Joaquin Igera to pass to the Peubla san jose without molestation.

Yerba Buena
Nov 17th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Thursday, 19 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 19th 1846

Mr. Joseph Thompson arrived yesterday morning from Monterey bringing letters and information as to the arrest of Mr. Larkin late U.S. Consul by a party of Californians. The place remains quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. Received fifty farrego's of corn from Capt Ludesdorff. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Calhoun"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Copy Permit the bearers Wm. Stout and J. S. Sparks to pass to the San Joaquin without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov 18th 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Friday, 20 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. B. Nov 20th 1846

There has nothing worthy of note transpired since my last report. The place is quiet & orderly and the Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Revenge"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Saturday, 21 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, y. Buena Nov 21st 1846

The Prisoner Charles Hainer, confined on a charge of Theft, the 14th inst was released yesterday by a warrent from the Alcalde. A musket was accidently discharged yesterday by a Boy, but no injury was done. An altercation took place last day evening at the store of Wm. A. Leidesdorff between Geroge McDougall (acting Sheriff as I am informed of the town) and George Hyde Esqr. Attorney at Law. (The Alcalde was made acquainted with the case,) it was immediately suppressed by the Guard. Otherwise the place has been quiet and

peaceable. One Volunteer joined this post from the U.S. Ship Portsmouth on yesterday. The Guard & patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Liberty"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Sunday, 22 November 1846

Lieutenant Henry Watson to Captain John Montgomery

Sir: Marine Barracks, yerba Buena Nov 22nd 1846
There were three deserters from the French whale ship Ferdinard confined yesterday at the request of the Alcalde. [Marine] Capt Ward Marston joined this post on yesterday and relieved me in command of the Post. Lieut [William] Rockendorff relieved Lieut Maury in charge of the Block House and Artillery. Nothing worthy of note has transpired since my last report. The town remains quiet and orderly. The Guard and patrols have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. I am Sir [&c.]

Countersign
"Marston"

Lieut H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

List [of volunteers] as it now stands,
Nov. 22nd 1846

Capt A. A. Andrews, resides in the country.
1st Lieut Charles Deornte.
2nd " Francis Hoen.
1st Sergt Vardemon Bennett.
2nd " Pedro T. Sherback.
1st Corpl John Thompson
2nd " Augustus Deek.

Privates

Charles Myers 1
Carl Glein 2
George Dennecke 3
Andrew Hoepener 4 at sonoma
Jacob Dopkin 5
Joseph Yatin 6. lives in the country
Josiah Beldin 7. is away

Inventory of Property belonging to the Government and to Private persons, in the charge of the commander of the Military Post at the Yerba Buena, November 22nd 1846

(4) Four Pistols, the property of Don Pablo Noreago

- (6) Six Prison Buckets,
- (9) Nine " Tin cups
- (8) Eight Musket stock & Barrels
- (45) Forty-five Bayonetts
- (14) Fourteen Lance Blades & six staves
- (10) Ten damaged musket locks
- (1) One carbine without lock.
- (1) One set of Boat cushions
- (1) One Morning Report Book
- (1) One Prisoners Record Book
- (1) One Large mess Table
- (1) One small Kitchen Table
- (2) Two office chairs damaged.
- (1) One shovel
- (1) One wood Axe,
- (2) Two Branding Irons.
- (2) Two Feet Irons.
- (2) Two saddles and one saddle leather
- (1) One Bridle complete
- (1) One Bridle Bit & head stall,
- (1) One office Table
- (13) Thirteen pieces of Lumber belonging to the Congress,
- (17) Seventeen horses here, and Ten that are at Francisco Guerrero for which he is to give a receipt
- (1) One Large Flag.
- (1) One Large Trunk, the property of a Mr. McKinley
- (1) One common Red Wood bedstead, (owner unknown)
- (1) One slate
- (2) XTwo Lanterns (one of them at the Block House)
- (50) Fifty farrega's of Barley (part used)
- (50) Fifty farrega's of Corn (part used)

I certify that the above list is correct

X One returned to the Portsmouth

H. B. Watson late
commandant of the
Military Post of the
Yerba Buena

Memorandum of Muskets

11 Musket cpte
11 C. Boxes
11 Spare Flints
6 Feet & 6 Irons
110 Cartridges

Copy Permit the bearer Russell C. Perkins to pass to the Redwoods without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Andrew Heoppener his wife and three servants to pass to sonoma, without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at yerba Buena

Permit the bearer Moses Meda to pass to sonoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

Permit the bearer Wm. Evans to pass to sonoma without molestation.

Marine Barracks
Yerba Buena
Nov 21st 1846

H. B. Watson
Comdg the Military
charge at y. Buena

[The remaining items in Lieutenant Watson's "military journal" consist of the daily reports, letters, and passports issued by Marine Captain Ward Marston and cover the period 23 November to 24 December 1846; for these items see Appendix C.]

Monday, 23 November 1846

[No journal entry]

Tuesday, 24 November 1846

[No journal entry]

Wednesday, 25 November 1846

[No journal entry]

Thursday, 26 November 1846

[No journal entry]

Friday, 27 November 1846

The weather cool raining and blowing a gale of wind, it is with difficulty that boats can land. Very considerable apprehension is felt about the Warren Launch, which left some two weeks ago for the Sacramento, with Passed Mid. Montgomery, Mid Hugunin and E. Montgomery, it is feared that they are lost in some of the large Tula beds which fill the upper part of the Bay and the sacramento river. A report is in circulation that the government caballada at the Puebla san jose had been stolen by either the Indians or the Californians, it wants confirmation.

Saturday, 28 November 1846

Still cool raining and blowing a gale of wind, no news nor nothing heard of the absent Launch.

Sunday, 29 November 1846

The weather same as yesterday, A boat sent in search of the missing boat. We are all ready and anxious to go to sea,

Monday, 30 November 1846

The gale increasing and very disagreeable, nothing heard of the absent Boat as yet, Gen. Vallejo on a visit to the ship from sonoma.

Tuesday, 1 December 1846

The gale at its height. The sloop of War Cyane, Capt [Samuel F.] Dupont arrived from Mazatlan in 17 days, Bringing intelligence of the third fight of Gen. Taylor which happen at Monterey, it [is] represented as having been a very bloody affair The Mexican account represent that 1500 of the Americans fell during the engagement, this doubtless is an exaggeration. The place was forced to capitulate on the third charge. We learn also that Commodore [William B.] Shubrick with the Ohio, Independence, Brandywine, Potomac, Dale, Preble and Lexington men of war are on their way out here, and also that two or three regiments of U. States Troops are on their way out, together with some twelve or fifteen store ships, filled with Provisions, ordinance munitions of war, artificers, and Tools for erecting forts, with the necessary engineers for superintending the work. The declared intention of the government to retain possession of this delightful country,

Wednesday, 2 December 1846

The gale somewhat abated, nothing new.

Thursday, 3 December 1846

Much more pleasant than yesterday, yet quite cool, busily preparing for sea. The second Lieut [Joseph W. Revere] of this ship, came off this evening, quite excited by Drink. He was met on the quarter Deck, and ushered into the cabin, when he was suspended by the Captain. This officer is by no means a drunkard, and the severity used in this case altogether uncalled for. I oppose drinking and drunkenness as much as any man, but I really think that the common frailties of our[selves] should not be dwelt with too harshly, if we wish to correct them speedily, mild treatment, for slight diseases, is much better, than ill timed excess,

Friday, 4 December 1846

Cool but pleasant, Lieut R. has had charge preferred against [him] for his folly of last day evening, nothing heard as yet of the absent Boat.

Saturday, 5 December 1846

Moderate breeze and pleasant, The American merchant Brig Elizabeth come in last night, 21 days from the sandwich islands, loaded with merchandise and provisions, We made an effort yesterday evening to get out but the wind was too light. This evening there [is] more wind and about two o'clock we got under way and beat out of the harbor. Nothing heard as yet from the absent launch or the Boat sent in search of her, Capt. M. has two sons in the missing Launch, and there is but little hope entertained now that either will be saved, as they are now absent twenty-two days. This is a sad and melancholy bereavement to Capt M. who is naturally one of the most affectionate and kind parents I have ever known, His great anxiety about his son's has no doubt delayed the movements of this ship several days for which viewing urgent necessity of the public service, he is very much to be censured. But I conceive that much lenity should be shown when [one] reflect[s] that it was a father sympathizing over the loss of his children. The Portsmouth anchored in the Bay of san Francisco on the 4th of June 1846, she moved her berth from sau salito to the Yerba Buena on the 24th of June 1846, in sight of each other, since which [time] she has not moved her anchors. The time had been pregnant with intense excitement, as to the operations of the war. But in the immediate vicinity of the yerba Buena there has scarcely been sufficient variety to dispell the monotony of an ordinary garrison life. In fact but for the aid of the madam rumor and the scurrility of party slang, together with an occasional lawsuit among the unfortunate mormons, we should have been sorely pressed for any change in the daily routine of life at the yerba Buena, On some future page I shall devote a chapter to the mormons, their character both in morals & as a body, and I regret here to state that I know so much about them, a poor deluded people. Speculation say that we are bound to San Pedro to assist in retaking the capital of California after which we are to go to Mazatlan and destroy that place, and perhaps the squadron will then unite and make an attempt upon Acapulco, at which place some of the yankees are doomed to loose the number of their mess. But here goes for a Brevet if possible,

Sunday, 6 December 1846

The weather cool but pleasant, wind fair and we anticipate a very short passage. At 10 A. M. had a general inspection of the crew & ship, after which the Capt Read a song, parts of two or three chapters from the Bible and the usual prays of the Protestant Episcopal church, all of which was very well, and doubtless gratifying to Montgomery who wishes to be considered a saint, what ever may be

the evidences against it, which thank fortune are sufficient to prevent imposition.--I have omitted to mention that one of our sea Lieuts. W. A. Bartlette was left behind, he was appointed Magistrate of the yerba Buena, and left to exercise those functions, his last connection with this Mess, was of the most unpleasant character, he was publicly charged with being a thief, a liar and a swindler, none of which charges would be undeserved to deny or refute.

Monday, 7 December 1846

Clear and much milder than we had it for some time. The wind very light but fair, entered the natural canal, called santa Barbara, It is formed by the three islands of San Miquil, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz and a number of small islands or rocks. This distance between the main land and these islands is about Twelve miles, the shores are bold and the navigation plain & easy. Both the main land and islands appear to be sterile and barren, as there was neither tree or shrub to be seen. However I am informed that in the proper season they are covered with wild oats and clover. The first Lieut has since we left san Francisco been keeping watch, in consequence of Lieut Revere's being suspended from duty, Merely to gratify a private pique, although under the semblance of duty, & for the good of the service. Made a sail about 2 P. M. to-day, bore down for her, spoke about half past four P. M. learned that it was the merchant ship Sterling, from san diego, had a letter for the Capt of this ship. The Capt had a boat lowered and sent on board of her, learned that the Commodore was at san diego, & was fortifying the place, the Californians in the possession of the back country and of Capitol, carrying [on] a kind of skirmishing warfare, some of the Commodore's men being killed almost within the Coms. own fortifications, learned also that the Commodore had despatched the Malikadel a prize Brig to panama which is the most sensible move he has yet made. The war is being conducted in a most shameful manner, and I have lost all confidence in the capacity of either Stockton or Freemont for land operations. He has sent orders for Capt Dupont and the Cyane to join him at san Diego, what will be result I cannot tell.

Tuesday, 8 December 1846

Clear & mild, the wind light but fair. Passed san Pedro Bay this morning, and also the islands of San Catalina & san Clementa, both large islands but appear to be sterile & barren. We had punishments this morning, with a short admonition from the Capt, had some few ball & buck shot cartridges made to-day.

Wednesday, 9 December 1846

The weather pleasant, Made the Port this morning and took on board a pilote about noon, learned from him that Brig Gen [Stephen W.] Kearney [Kearny] of the first regiment of Dragoons had arrived in the country, and had had a fight with a portion of the California troops at a place called San Pasqual in which engagement he lost in



Chart of San Diego Bay, California, 1857

killed and wounded twenty odd officers and men, (but farther on this head) arrived in the harbor of san Diego about 3 P. M. found the Congress here.* At half past four received orders from the Commodore to land the Marines and also one hundred and thirty sailors. Landed the men by seven P. M. and took up the line march and reached the town distant about five miles, by nine o'clock P. M.** Marched up in front of the Commodore quarters and the men gave three cheers. While standing in front of the Commodore received orders to draw six days half rations of Bread & Pork for the Guard, and to be ready to march at 10 P. M. A division of the troops were ordered out consisting of two hundred men, under charge of Lieut [Andrew F. V.] Gray, (but the military direction was conducting by [Marine] Lieut [Jacob] Zeilin, as adjutant) The whole to march to the relief of Brig. Gen Kearney and one company of U.S. Dragoons said to be besieged by a large force of Californians under the command of Gen Andres Pico near the valley of san Bernardino or Bernardo. At a quarter before eleven P. M. we moved off with two hundred and fifteen sailors Marines and volunteers, carrying a piece of artillery by hand we marched that night fifteen miles to a place called solidad. The whole party was then cased about 2 A. M. on the top of a high mountain until the night following.

Thursday, 10 December 1846

Moved down the mountain to the road at six P. M. the troops then procured water and we took up the line of march at seven P. M. the artillery in front and the Marines in the advance, we halted about one mile from the rancho of Seignor [Francisco Maria] Alvarado, sent a spy ahead to see if there were any Californians about, so soon as he returned we moved on, found an Indian and two Indian women, a musket, rifle and some powder, took the Indian prisoner and his arms, we then moved on in column of sections the marines in the advance, and at two A. M. after a fatiguing march over a bad [road] of fifteen miles we discovered the enemies camp fires, which were soon extinguished, unintentionally for they did not expect us, we passed immediately over the spot where the enemies was supposed to be, but they had some thirty six hours before removed there camp to an opposite ridge of hills, we were hailed by the enemies out post, but heard nothing more of them after the hail. Lieut Gray when within three quarters of a mile of Gen K. camp (at which place we discovered his camp fires) hailed the camp and announced us as friends, (an unmilitary proceeding to say the least of it) we were soon answered in English and were received with open arms by the

*General Kearny who, after having taken Santa Fe in August 1846 and securing New Mexico, crossed Arizona with a little more than 300 men on orders to secure California.

**Lieutenant Watson's full detachment was transferred to the garrison at San Diego with the exception of Private William Smith who remained on board the Portsmouth, sick.

suffering camp. The whole company was up and we were announced to the enemy by the sound of the trumpet, we went into the Gen. lines and encamped, the Gen received us with true military politeness and urbanity. We found the troops in the most pitiable condition. The men nearly naked, and without tents, living on mule meat and parched wheat, they having in order to facilitate their travelling burned all their camp equipage and tents immediately after the Battle of San Pasqual. I Breakfasted with the General and learned the particulars of the fight which took place the sunday preceeding our arrival. In the camp exposed to the frost at night and the sun by day, lay the unfortunate wounded of the fight. Poor fellows they were pitiable indeed, but to return. Gen Kearney, had left new Mexico with three hundred men, but meeting the commodores courier a very worthy fellow by the name of Carson Generally known as kit carson, he was induced to reduce his force and send a large portion of the men back. The report which the Gen. received was that the country was entirely subdued, and the natives docile and peaceable, which in fact was the case when Carson left the country. The Gen. with his reduced force pushed on in order to reach the country and assume the important duties to which he had been appointed by the Government in Washington, And in reaching Warner's on the West side Rio Colorado he received information that the country was in a state of revolution, Carson Governed by the knowledge which he had of the Californians assured the Gen that so soon as they the Californians saw his advance Guard they would seek there safety by flight, but this was a sad mistake as we shall see in the end. When it is recollected the Gen K. had travelled some two thousand miles in the worst season of the year and had just crossed a sandy desert of one hundred miles in extent, his animals very poor and worn down from fratique, his men but few in number and exhausted and naked, and acting upon the fallacious information the Californians were cowards we shall not be either supprised or astonished at the result of the fight of san Pasqual. On Saturday Dec. 5th there was a heavy fall of rain which continued during that night [and] early next morning the enemy was discovered, and preparations made for a fight. The enemy showed themselves in force, when Gen K. gave an order for the troops to trot in advancing, but unfortunately, the order was not obeyed and the troops charged at full speed, those whose horses were better than the others led the advance. The tactics of the Californians was beautiful on the occasion, they retreated, the Dragoons kept up the chase in hot pursuit until they were stretched out some mile and a half in length, the Californians then by a sudden detour attacked them thus separated one from the other, three and four Californians one man at a time, the carbines of the Dragoons were almost useless, from pouring rains, their swords were dull, while the Californians were armed with lances six and eight feet in length and keen as razors, and mounted on fresh and splendid horses, found the Dragoons thus separated and defenceless, an easy victim and a good deal of the misfortunes of the day were owing to the impetuosity of the gallant but unfortunate Capt [Benjamin D.] Moore who led the advance, as the men unwilling to be left behind or anxious to emulate and the bold push of their leader were thus strung



"California Lancer," by William M. Meyers of the Sloop Dale

in this defenseless line. The losses on both sides were about equal, but the loss of officers on our side was lamentable indeed, there being two Capts and one Lieut killed, on the result of the first charge the force under Gen K. concentrated into [a] more compact body, and moved on, the Californians, again retreated, but did not this time draw off the forces of Gen K in pursuit. The Gen. moved on, and the Californians retreated to a very commanding eminence on the road from which after a slight skirmish Gen K. arrived and encamped, during the first engagement in the morning the mules attached to one off the mountain howitzers of Gen. K. took fright and ran off with the Gun and driver, which the Californians got possession of. Although it was a dear bought victory, yet under all circumstances both as regards the numbers and condition of the troops on both sides, it may be with truth regarded as a very divided victory and also a brilliant affair, clearly evincing the valour and intrepidity of our countrymen, and at the place of the last skirmish, we found the gallant Gen. and his brave troops.

Friday, 11 December 1846

At 10 A. M. The Gen broke up his camp of san Bernardo, and we took up the line of march on our return to San Diego. During the whole morning small parties of the Californians might be seen riding about the plain, and on the tops of the surrounding hills, but none ventured to within gun shot of our Camp, and by 10 A. M. not a single one was to be seen, and we believe then as we afterwards learned to be a fact that they had made a precipitate retreat towards the puebla de las Angelos. The line of march was formed by placing one piece of artillery and one company of Marines in the advance, then followed the remaining two companies of Marines and sailor musketeers, then the sick and wounded, then a mounted howitzer, then a company of volunteers, the Dragoons under Capt [Henry S.] Turner closed up the rear. A small detachment of mounted riflemen formed the flanks, in this order we proceeded to the ranch of seinor Alvarado at which place we arrived about 3 P. M. without an accident or a the sight of an enemy, we collected during the day about two hundred head of cattle which we drove along with us. At this ranch we found a partly full pig stye, poultry yard, and sheep pen, which was a very grateful relief and change to the mule Beef upon which the poor Dragoons had been living, and they were no ways slow in slaughtering and dressing the various meats which they found. We rested here during the night. I was very much fatigued and was unfortunately the officer of the Day, which kept me up most of the night.

Saturday, 12 December 1846

We took up the line [of] march in the same order as yesterday about eight o'clock, and arrived at san Diego about 4 P. M. a good deal fatigued. The Gen. after ordering a halt near the town made a very short but appropriate address to the troops, returning thanks for their timely arrival and relief at his camp, we were here met by the commodore and greeted by every demonstration of joy not only by

him but by the troops and inhabitants of the town. Having accomplished this duty in three days, the distance there and back was sixty miles.

Sunday, 13 December 1846

Raining and Stormy all day, found the strength of the garrison this morning to exceed seven hundred men.

Monday, 14 December 1846

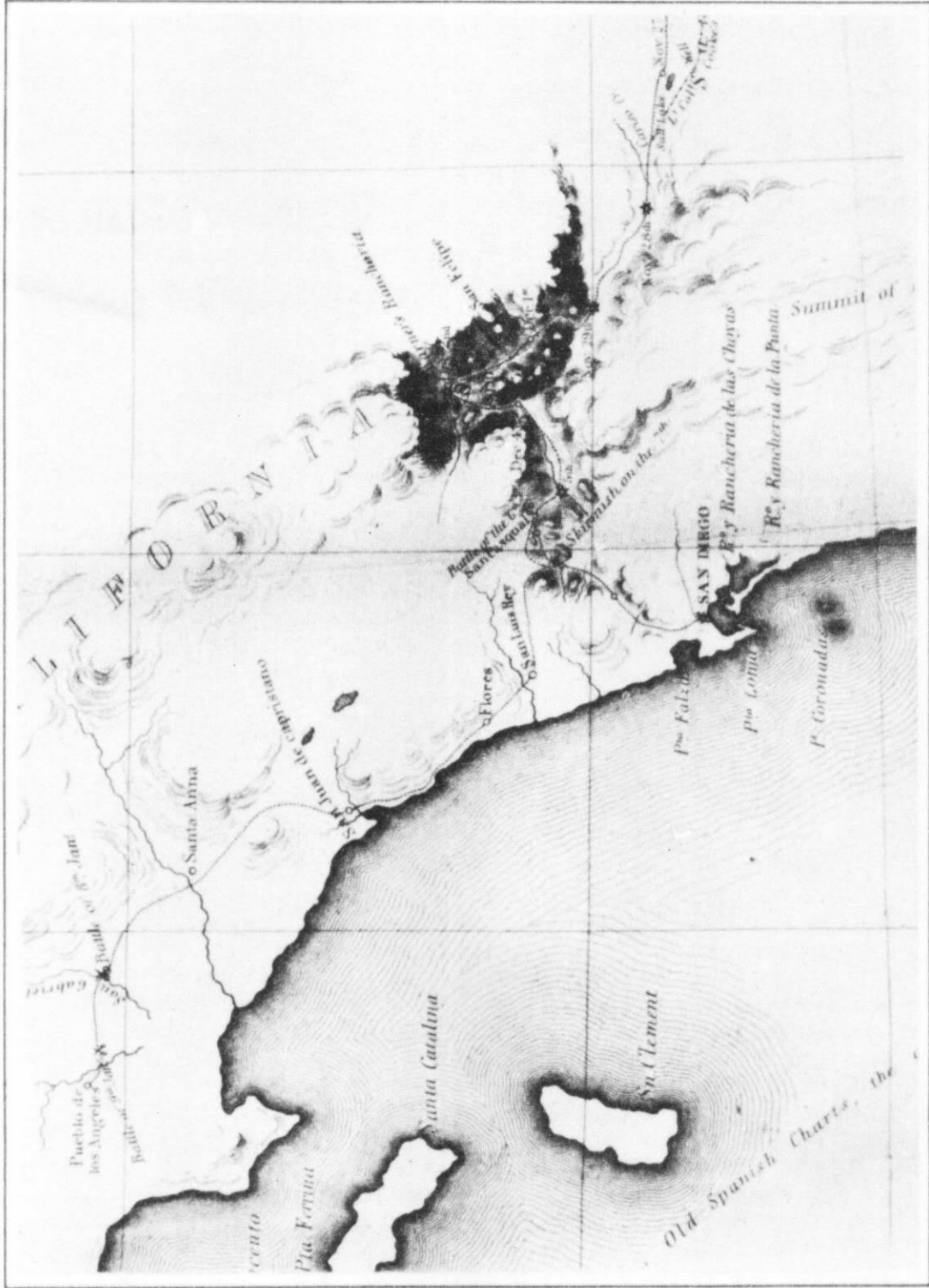
Fair. A detachment under the command of Lieut Rosseau left this morning for the south[w]ard to afford protection to a foraging party which were out. We had an alarm to-night but it was believed to be nothing more than a Cayota.

Tuesday, 15 December 1846

Nothing doing, raining and disagreeable.

Wednesday, 16 December - Tuesday, 29 December 1846

A party left to-day under charge of Lieut [George] Minor for the Mission of san Diego to bring in some private property which was believed to be insecure out there. From this time to the 29th of Dec. all hands were busily employed in making arrangements for the grand campaign to the Puebla de los Angelos, during which time the foraging party from the south and the party from the Mission returned, having accomplished the objects for which they were sent. Having made all the necessary arrangements, and the command of San Diego having been turned over to the Commander of this ship, with some two hundred men, our troops commenced assembling in the Public Square of San Diego Tuesday morning Dec. 29th 1846,--In the following order, the Dragoons, under the Command of Capt Turner, and Lieut [John W.] Davidson took the lead in columns of sections four deep. Then came the Artillery under Lieut [Richard L.] Tighlman and Passed Midshipman [William H.] Thompson Five pieces, two nine pounders, one six pounder and two four pounders, drawn by two and four mules each,--Then came the Marines, eighty-six in number, under command of myself. Lieut [Jacob] Zeilin being Adjutant of the Battalion. The band was just in front of the Marines, Then A company of sailor musketeer's from the Savannah commanded by Lieut [William B.] Renshaw and Midshipmen [Robert C.] Duvall, [P. H.] Haywood and [George E.] Morgan. Then a company of sailor Musketeers, from the Congress, commanded by Passed Midshipman [John] Guest and Midshipmen [Theodorick] Lee and [Benjamin F.] Wells. Then a company of sailor Musketeers from the Portsmouth, under command of Acting Lieut [B. F. B.] Hunter and Midshipman [Edward C.] Grafton. Then a company of sailor musketeers from the Cyane under command of Acting Lieut [Edward] Higgens and Midshipman [John Van Ness] Phillips [Philip]. Then a company of sailor Pikemen under (from the Cyane) command of Passed Midshipman [J. Fenwick] Stenson and Midshipmen [Albert]



A portion of William H. Emory's map showing the route of forces under the command of Brigadier General Stephen W. Kearny and Commodore Robert F. Stockton between San Diego and Los Angeles

Allmand. Then a company of sailor Pikemen from the Congress under the command of Sailmaker [John] Peed. Then the Proviission, Ammunition and baggage waggons, Then the Pack mules and loose horses, then the cattle, Then one piece of Artillery, and then the rear guard. Immediately in rear of the cattle, was a company of friendly Californians, about thirty in number under the command of Don Santiago Anguillia [Arguello]. These were employed as vaccaro's. Two companies of the California Battalion under command of Lieut [Archibald H.] Gillespie, formed an advance Guard and a scouting party on each of the Flanks, The immediate staff of the commodore was composed of the commodore himself, Lieut Gray, Don Miguel Pedrorina [Pedrorena], Sergt Thompson as orderly, The commodore's steward and two California Boy's as vaccaro's, Brigadier Kearny's staff was composed of himself, Capt [William H.] Emory of the Engineers as Adjutant General, Dr. [John S.] Griffin and the Gen. orderly. Assistant Surgeons [Andrew A.] Henderson of the Portsmouth and [Charles] Evensfield of the Congress, and Purser [William] Speiden of the Congress had no particular place assigned them, Lieut [Stephen C.] Rowan of the Cyane had a general superintendence of the whole army, And Lieut [George] Minor of the Savannah had special charge of the wagons and the Quartermasters Department, The[re] were a number of [persons] connected with the different staff Departments, which are too numerous to particularize here. Thus formed and equipped we left san Diego about twelve o'clock Tuesday [29 December] and Moved on to a place called the Solidad, a small beautiful little valley, at which place there was good pasturage and plenty of water. Our animals being poor, we were compelled at every hill, or sandy piece of road to assist by hand in getting along the Artillery and Waggons, which caused frequent stoppages and many long and tedious delays. Our cattle were little or no trouble. These had been brought, in order to supply the army with Beef. There was three hundred of cattle and perhaps Fifty head of sheep. The cause of our taking so large a herd was the impression which was felt, that the enemy might have or would drive off all the cattle in or near our route. Each man carried three days provissions in his haversack, his knapsack and his Blanket besides his arms, great inconvenience was felt by the men, for the want of proper haversacks & knapsacks and a very large [number] were without any but canvass shoes, which were of but little value,--I had in my knapsack a change of clothes, a Blanket and a watch coat. And here I may as well give a hint of our two Commanders. Brigadier General Kearney, is one of the most polite, gentleman[ly] and urbane men I have ever known, kind and affable in his conversation, polite in his bearing and in a word he is both as a gentleman and a soldier one of the very first men in the army or in the country. The Gen is very plain in every thing. He on this march simply used two pack mules for transporting all his camp equipage, his tent and cooking utensels, and not unfrequently assisted in pitching his own tents. Indeed there was no detail however minute connected with the army or the march to which the General did not give his personal attention, studying the comforts of the men, even many times to the neglect of his own. To the Military ability, and the natural fondness which



Commodore Robert F. Stockton, commander of American naval forces in California

the whole army had for him was the cause for our success. Commodore Stockton, is without exception the most overrated man I have ever met and I am sure that I express the sentiment of a great many or most of the gentlemen of the Squadron out here, [he] is at times at least in conduct a crazy man, He is pompous, inflated, phlegmatic, morose, and not unfrequently coarse and vulgar in his manners and conversation, wrapped up in his own importance, he is totally regardless of the feelings of others, vain beyond belief, he is even unable to utter a sentence without revolving every thing down to I Bob Stockton, vacillating and inactive, he is regardless of every interest that does not tend to swell his own importance, Fond of talking, he uses a prodigious quantity of bombast gas and foolishness,--Indeed he goes by the name of gaseous Bob, He on this march had two large Baggage waggons for [his] own personal convenience, carrying a Brass Bedstead, and a Mahogany table, with a large quantity of china and silver plate. This would not be at all objectionable if the troops had not suffered for the want of this very transportation to carry tents and provisions for their actual wants & comfort. I certainly believe that Stockton is totally unfitted for the position which he holds and the interest of the Government must be materially retarded if Stockton is left long at the helm of affairs out here, He is in a word what has justly been said of him by a distinguished gentleman out here, The spoiled child of fortune, with just enough brains to keep it together, and not enough to know that in public matters, money does not screen the culprit. But to return, to our march, we encamped Tuesday night Dec. 29th at the Solidad, Our camp was nearly in the form of a square, The next morning we mounted Guard at eight A. M. When the tents were struck and the animals all hitched up, at a quarter before nine the first call was blown, at nine o'clock the assembly was blown when all the companies were mustered, and formed in their regular place as soon as this was reported to the Gen, The advance was sounded, when we moved off in the route step.

Wednesday, 30 December 1846

we marched to-day to a place called San Diegito, or Rancheria Alvear, a lovely little valley, where we found plenty of wood and water, (averaging about twelve miles per day).

Thursday, 31 December 1846

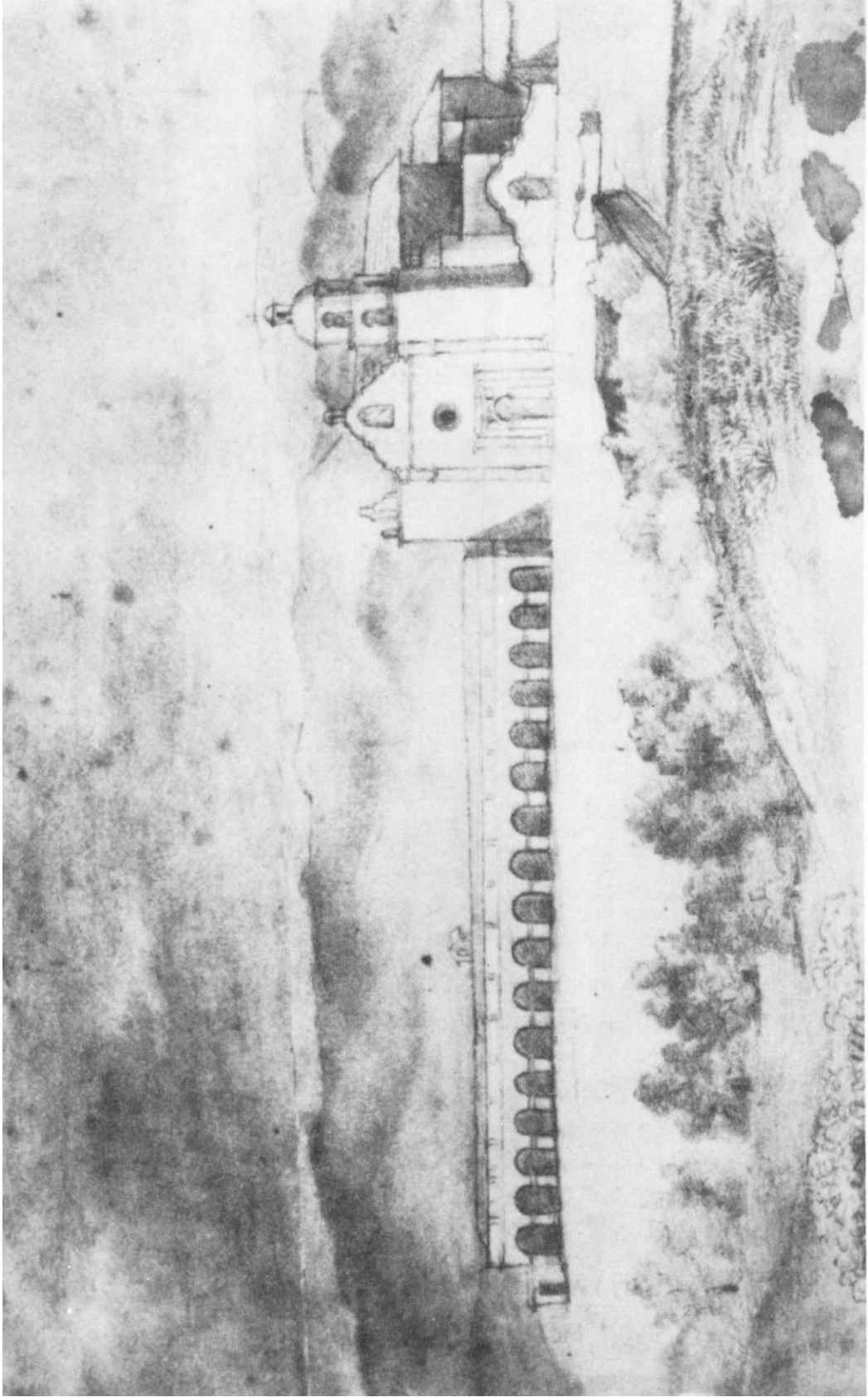
We moved off this [morning] at nine, and marched to the plain of San Bernardo, or Bernadino where the gen. and the main body of the army wheeled off to the right, and encamped near the head of valley in a very delightful spot. The whole of the Marines and myself, had march[ed] on about five miles from this place, to the ranch of a Mr. [Joseph Francisco] Snokes [Snook] where the commodore intended spending the night, as a guard for him, I spent the night very uncomfortably, as I was separated a long distance from the main body of the army, and we all believed that large bodies of the enemy were hovering about us, but happily for us in this we were mistaken.

Friday, 1 January 1847

So soon as the main body came up this morning which was about half past nine, I took my proper place in the ranks, and we continued our route, Lieut Zeilin being the Adjutant, the entire of the Marines and Music, We marched to day over a very good road and most of the day th[r]ough a delightful valley, shaded by large oaks, We encamped this [evening] near an Indian village called Buena vista, The nights were very cold indeed, we having very heavy frost,--

Saturday, 2 January - Sunday 3 January 1847

we marchd this day to the magnificent Mission of San Lewis Rey, and encamped in the spacious court yard of that elegant establishment. While I must despair of giving any thing like an accurate or correct picture of the various departments of this immense pile, yet I cannot pass it by without a few remarks. The location of the building is on a gentle rising table land, with a small but picturesque valley extending off for some miles on three sides of it, which on all sides except one, by a range of high mountains which to the North East were covered with snow. The opening through these mountains is to the South West or almost due West, through which courses a small stream of pure spring water, which has its source in the large and beautiful cisterns, fountains and pools of this establishment, which are all handsomely arranged and tastefully laid out and secured by a masonry of hard burnt tiles or brick. A wide avenue or street separates the church building from the Quartil, and the gardens. The quartil or Barracks is a long row of single story rooms surmounted at one end, by a cupalo a promenade and look out, built of brick. The gardens are enclosed by an adoby wall two feet thick and eight feet high, covered with tiles. In the garden there [are] a number of fruit trees, which [have] been neglected since the banishment of the Priest and are now decaying very rapidly. Nearly due North from the main buildings, about two hundred yards is a vineyard, enclosed by an adoby wall. The vines are now neglected, and the beautiful silver leafed willows which were formerly tastefully arranged, and which reverberated every morning and evening with the melodious notes, of the beautiful birds, and greeted the ears of the pious, are now growing wild, and the birds have sought some other roost, At distances of from one hundred yards to half a mile around the church building, may be seen the neatly thatched wigwams of the Indians, but few of which are now inhabited, the Indians having after they were deprived of their guardians, preceptors and fathers returning back to the fastnesses of the mountain and their orignial wildness to drag out a miserable existence, or become the miserable and servile slave of spanish cruelty, and persecution. The main building is an irregular square, with a front on the avenue, of six hundred and fifty feet, and a corridor eight feet wide, and supported by eighty square massive brick pilasters, tastefully arranged into arches about eight feet wide, with two large gate ways leading into the interior. The whole is composed of a continuous suit of Rooms, such as offices, for business, halls large



"Mission San Luis Rey, March 17, 1848," by William R. Hutton

and beautifully arranged, and small parlor's for company, all finished off in a degree of elegance and comfort, which would do no discredit to to the older and densely populated portions of Europe or America. At the S. East angle of the building stands the Church, which I very much regret was closed and we could not have a view of it or its contents. I am however informed that it is very highly and richly ornamented by paintings and church plate. The building is a story and a half high. The court yard is very spacious, with corridor and roof supported by over one hundred pillars, forming magnificent arches. In the centre of this square, There are lemon & orange trees, with some few ornamental shrubs and trees growing, but much neglected. Around this square are rooms or rather suits of rooms admirably adapted for the habitation of man,--Store rooms, of every kind are also in these rows of rooms,--passing from the square, through a large gate way, you enter into a large street or avenue, but within the exterior or outer walls of the edifice about sixty feet wide, and hundred and fifty in length, running due north, on the right hand facing the north is a mess room, one hundred and twenty feet long by forty wide, at the end of this is a room thirty by forty evidently intended for culinary purposes. On the left of this avenue, are a number of rooms used for the various branches of the mechanical arts. Moving west but on a line parallel to the large avenue, and opening from the main square, is another small oblong court yard, some seventy feet wide and one hundred and fifty long here there are a large number of rooms suited for residence of families, Moving then due East and on a line parallel with the avenue opening also from the main square, is another court yard and similar row of buildings, This composes the North side of this immense pile. On the East side is the Church, & Cemetery in the rear of which, but on the same line extending North, is another court yard and row of buildings, with a small chapel, and in the rear of this again, though separated by a two foot adoby wall, is a large Corral. This forms the East Front of the buildings, The west Front is formed, of three separate suits of rooms appropriated to different uses, in some there are large wine vats, in others hand mills for grinding grain, in others looms for weaving, there are one or two large corrals on this side also, for cattle horses and other domestic animals. The whole of this immense structure is built of Brick, plastered and white washed, hence at a distance, it presents truly a magnificent appearance. The floors are all of Earthen tiles, tastefully laid, The indefatigable father who completed this immense Edifice, was named [Antonio] Perrin [Peyri]. This mission in 1830 owned one hundred and fifty thousand head of cattle alone, and here thousands of Indians enjoyed the comforts of civilized life. But the men who planned, the artificers who constructed and the people who enjoyed, the benefits of this vast establishment have gone, and Mexican rapacity does not even enjoy a paltry reward for the sacriligious theft which it has perpetuated, it is really mortifying to see so noble an Edifice going to decay, it is more painful to see the vast amount of good which would have resulted to the people of this sacrificed to the capricious spirit of a few reckless demagogues. But the day is not distant when

retribution will fall heavy upon these mad invaders of the rights of others, persecutors of the Red man, and sacriligious destroyers of the houses of the Almighty.--Having rested here for the night, we moved early the next morning and marched to the old & decayed Mission of Flories [Las Flores], near this place there is a large village of Indians and feeding on the plain were millions of Brant and wild geese, several of which were killed. We hitherto [had] seen very few cattle or horses or in fact stock of any kind, consequently our opinion which had been in the start that the enemy had driven off all the cattle was in a measure confirmed,

Monday, 4 January 1847

We moved early this morning and on rising the eminence on which the old mission buildings are situated, a somewhat uneven and broken plain opened before us, over which there were numerous herds of cattle feeding, and several manada of wild horses, from among which we obtained a number of very fine work oxen, and a few good horses, about eleven we received a courier from General [Jose Maria] Flores, with dispatches. In this dispatch Gen. Flores stated, it was generally reported and believed that a peace had been concluded between the U. States and the Republic of Mexico, and demanding that Commodore Stockton should return to the port of san Diego embark his troops and leave the ports of California, signing himself Governor and Commander-in-chief of California. This dispatch was dated at the Peubla de los Angelos Jan 2nd 1847. To this Stockton replied, that he knew nothing of any peace and that he should not return to San Diego, until he had taken the capitol, that he Stockton was Governor and Commander-in-chief of all California, and that he wished nothing to do with any man who did not recognize him Stockton as such, and further that if he caught Flores he would shoot him, issuing at the same time a proclamation granting pardon to all other Californians who should lay down their arms and return quietly to their homes. With this answer the courier returned we this day marched to San Matio or San Juan capristano and encamped for the night.

Tuesday, 5 January 1847

We marched to-day, without any farther news, or any objects of interest except the rapid flight of the immense numbers of Brant and Wildgeese, and a few large herds of cattle, to the Alisos, or Indian Rancheria and encamped for the night.

Wednesday, 6 January 1847

We moved early this morning, our road running over a broken piece of country, until we reached the sea shore,--at which place we were apprehensive that we might be attacked it was a place well adapted for an attack, the space between the water and the bank was about sixty feet, the bank was a perpendicular height of over one hundred feet, and about six miles in length, no place could have been better adapted, and nare if we except the one which they did select, which

it would have cost more lives, or more difficulty to carry, they had however determined on another and we were permitted to pass unmo-
lested. We encamped this night at Santa Anna.

Thursday, 7 January 1847

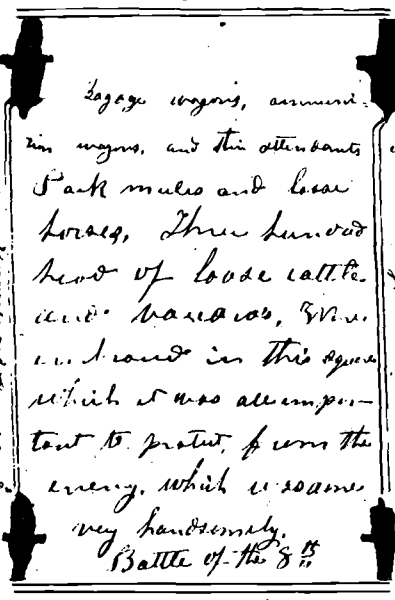
We moved early this morning, about 10 A. M. we pass[ed] the large and decayed mission San Juan Campistanna [Capistrano], with colors flying and drum's beating. In this mission were a lying a number of the unfortunate Californians who were wounded in the battle of San Pasqual, some [of] whom our Doctors say are mortally wounded. I was unable to form any idea of the extent of this mission, as we made no halt, it is now the property of a man by the name of [John] Foster [Forster] who is friendly to our cause, and here we learned that the enemy positively determined on fighting us at the Rio San Gabriel, we encamped this night at the Cayota's [Los Coyotes (Nieto)], or as it is perhaps better known, the ranch of the widow Leander's, (although she is no longer a widow, for in despite of war's alarms, cupid still follows his vocation, and the gay widow becoming enamored with a gallant young Pyisano she took him by the rites of the Catholic church, to her bed and board, and hence her ranch should now be called Campo instead of Leander.[]) The widow is young and handsome, polite and hospitable, her husband is young & [a] man of fine appearance and address, Previous to Pitching our camp at the Cayota's we saw a number of the enemy about the plain, but as we advanced, they rode off, This was my day's duty, and troublesome it enough was. I had a young man as officer of the Guard, who was one of those unfortunate beings who was never known to move quick in his life, consequently I found it more difficult to get him to discharge his duties, than all the rest of the duty together.

Friday, 8 January 1847

This day is the 32nd anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, is now the eventful occasion of the first regular Battle in California. We made a very [early] start this morning in the usual order. The San Gabriel was about eight miles off, We however continued in the order which had hitherto been observed, until we reached some Indian huts about two miles from the River, We had observed several parties of the enemy at a distance from our flanks, At this place near the huts after crossing a rapid little stream, we halt[ed] and formed as follows: The Dragoons, under the command of Capt Turner and Lieut Davidson with one company of sailor Musketeers, under the command of acting Lieut Higgins, and Midshipman Allmand, composed the Front. The Right Flank, was composed of a portion of the Marines, one company of sailor musketeers under the command of Lieut Hunter and Midshipman Grafton, and one company of Pikemen under the command of Mr Peed sailmaker of the Congress. This was the right Flank. The whole under the command of Lieut Zeilin. The left Flank was composed of the remainder of the Marines under my command, and

Friday Jan. 8th 1847. This day is the 39th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, is now the eventful occasion of the first regular battle in California. ^{made} We ^{made} start this morning in the usual order. The san Gabriel was about eight miles off, we however continued on in the river which had hitherto been observed, until we reached some Indian huts about two miles from the River, we had observed several parties of the enemy at a distance from our flank, at this place near the huts after crossing a rapid little stream, we halted and formed as follows:

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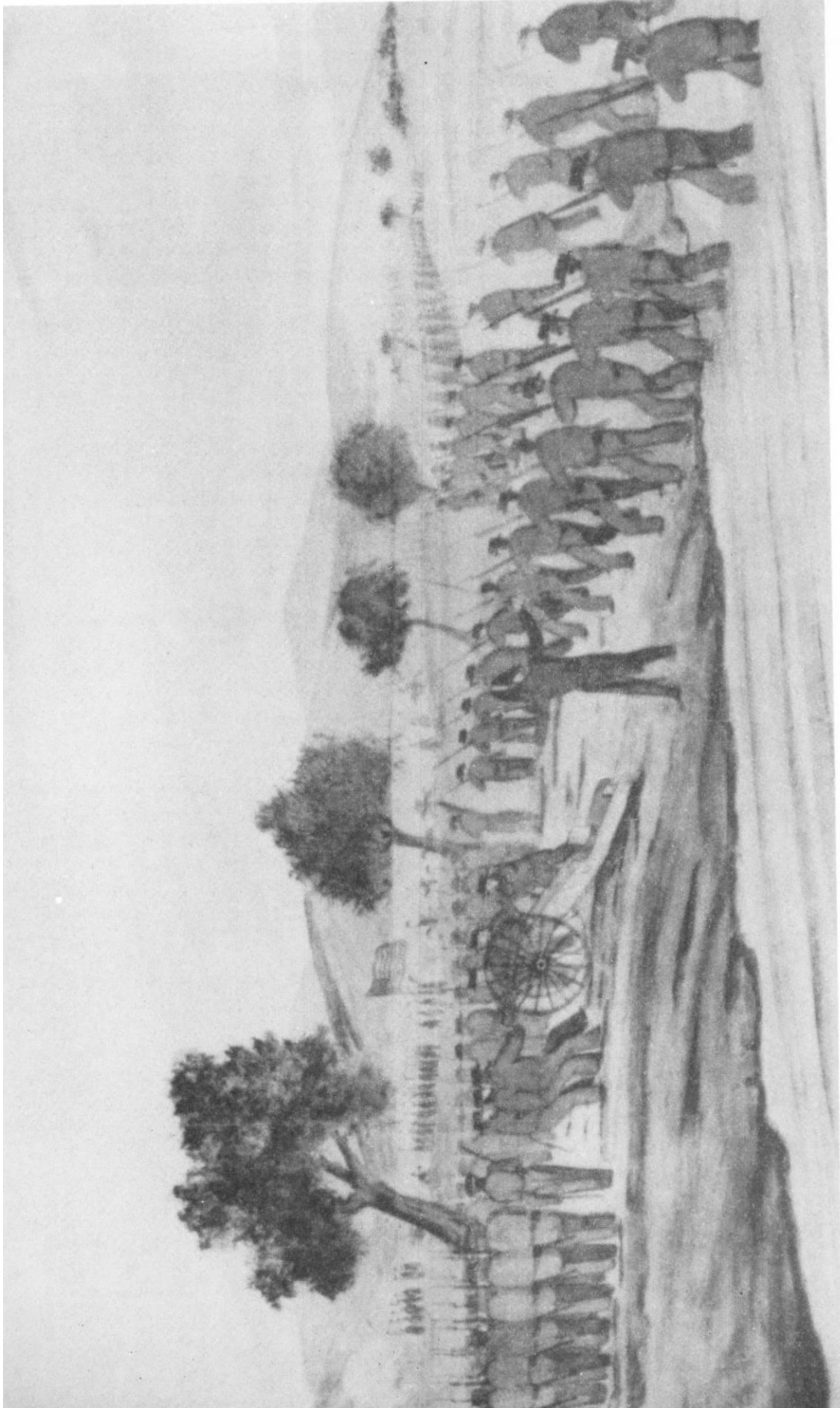
The rear was composed of the main guard for the day, two companies of volunteers under the command Capt. Henry, Gardner and Lieut Gardner. The whole under the command of Lieut Gardner. There were four pieces of cannon in front, and two in the rear. The former under the command of Lieut Lightman, and Lieut Gardner Southwick, the latter under the command of Acting Midshipman Thompson. In this order we advanced on the river. We found the enemy posted on the right bank of the river, on an eminence about ¹⁰⁰ feet above the level of the river with four pieces of artillery. They were about six hundred men strong, all mounted on superb horses, and armed with carbines, pistols and lances about eight feet in length and as keen as razors. The lance is their best weapon, and on horse back they use it with remarkable ease, and effect. In the above order we advanced to the left bank of the River when the enemy opened upon us with their long guns. My first two days have no damage was done, Gen. Kearny here ordered a halt and advanced our long guns for the purpose of covering the crossing of the baggage wagons and animals. Atackton proposed to camp to which the general replied it was impossible. Atackton said that the distance to the enemy was too great for the cannon to do much execution, and said we must cross. Although this was entirely un-
military, yet the Gen. to avoid collision consented. I should have said before that a company of Riflemen armed with pikes and pistols, and

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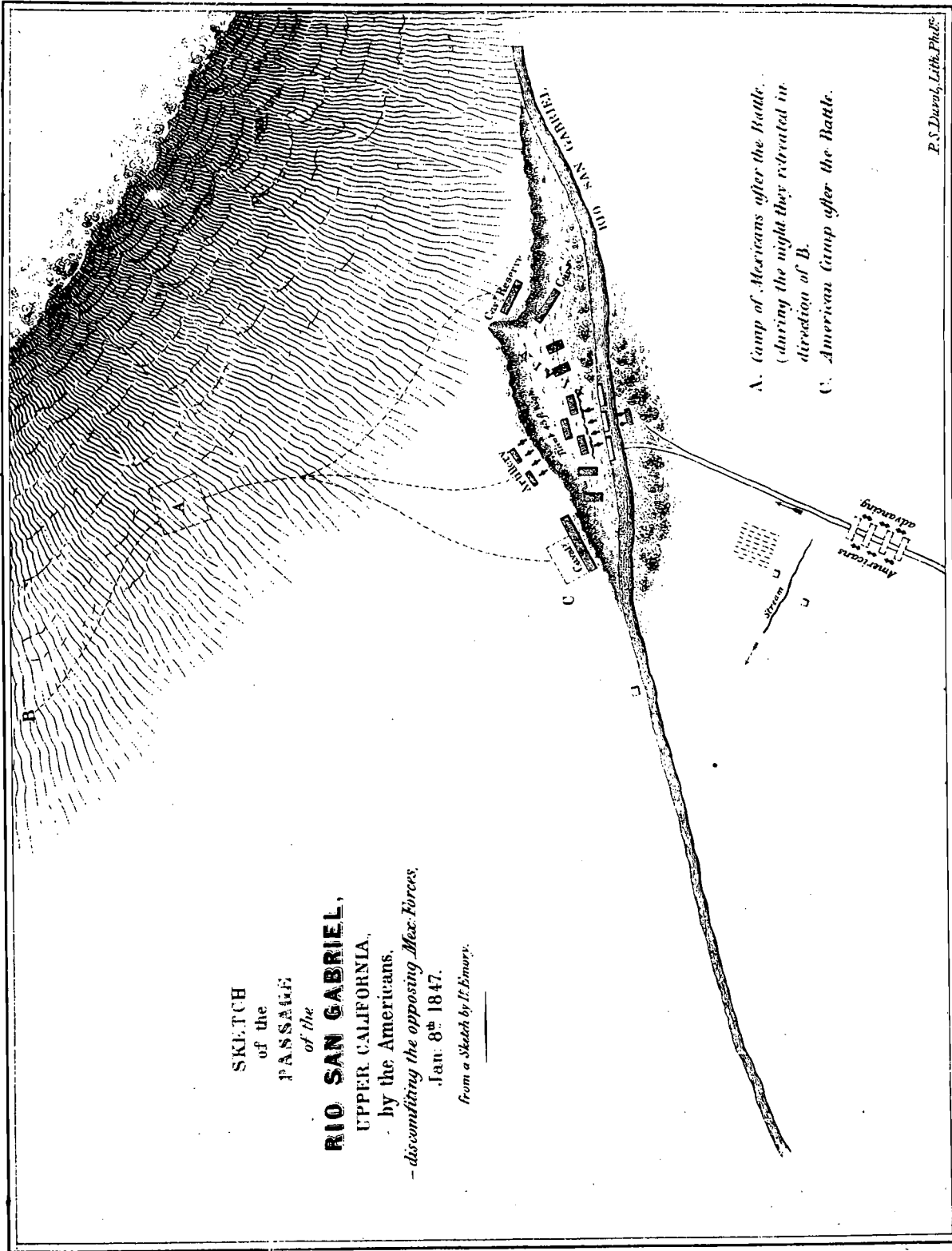
two companies of sailor musketeers under the command of Lieut Renshaw, acting Master Guest and Midshipmen Duvall, Haywood, Morgan, Lee and Wells. The whole under the command of Lieut Rowan. The rear was composed of the main Guard for the day, two companies of volunteers under the command [of] Capts [Samuel J.] Hensly [Hensley], Carson and Lieut Rosseau. The whole under the command of Lieut Gillespie. There were four pieces of Cannon in Front, and two [in] the rear. The seamen under the command of Lieut Tighlman, and Carpenter [John] Southwick. The latter under the command of Passed Midshipman Thompson. In this order we advanced on the river, We found the enemy posted on the right bank of the river, on an eminence about forty 40 feet above the level of the river with four pieces of artillery. They were about six hundred men strong, all mounted on superb horses, and armed with carbines, pistols and lances about eight feet in length and as keen as razors, The lance is their best weapon, and on horse back they use it with remarkable ease, and effect. In the above order we advanced to the left bank of the River when the enemy opened upon us with their long gun, They fired too high hence no damage was done, Gen Kearney here ordered a halt and advanced our long guns, for the purpose of covering the crossing of the Infantry Baggage wagons and animals. Stockton proposed to camp to which the General replied it was impossible. Stockton said that the distance to the enemy was too great for the cannon to do much execution, and said we must cross, Although this was extremely unmilitary, yet the Gen. to avoid collision consented. I should have stated before that a company of Pikemen armed with pikes and pistols, and commanded by Passed Midshipmen Stenson, had been ordered up to the Guns, to assist in carrying them along. I should also have stated that the Pikemen on the right Flank were armed with carbines pistols & pikes, Midshipmen Phillips was also on duty with the artillery. From the time we reached the left Bank of the River until we crossed, perhaps fifteen minutes, we were under the fire of the [enemy] without returning a single shot. The distance from the left Bank to where the enemy were posted was about a quarter and half quarter of a mile. There was not however until after we



"American party under R. F. Stockton crossing the river San Gabriel, Jan'y 8th 1847," by William M. Meyers

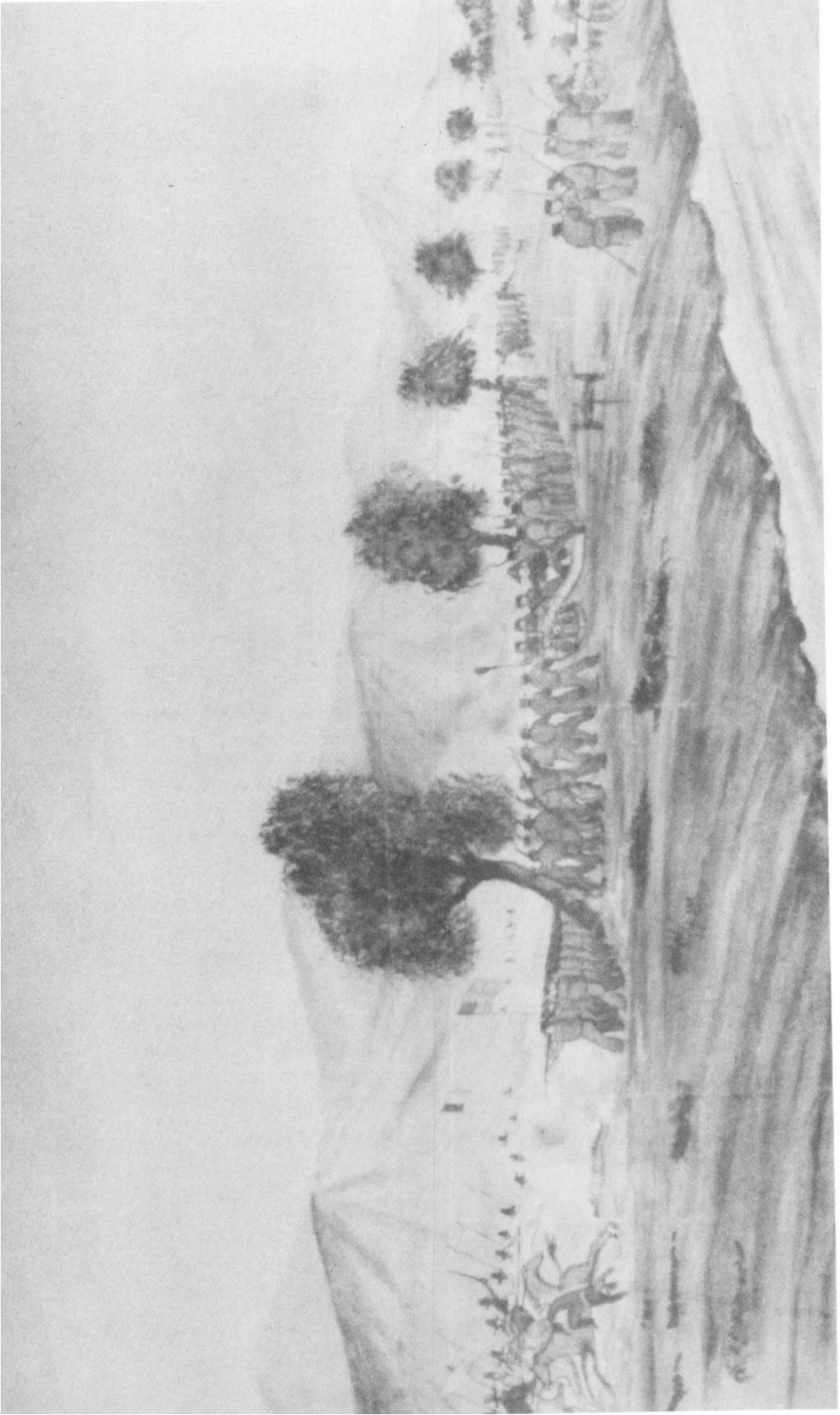
crossed any one killed or wounded, although there were several stand of grape and round shot [that] fell in among us. The river was about fifty yards wide, and from knee to half thigh deep in water and quick sand, the right bank of the river was a perpendicular rise of about three feet high of sand, between this and the bank where the enemies cannon was posted was [a] space of two hundred and fifty yards, perfectly level, then there was an almost perpendicular rise of forty feet, consequently they were firing down upon us, all the time. As soon as our cannon was dragged across the river we opened up on them with our long Guns when Commodore Stockton made some of the most excellent shots perhaps ever made with field artillery, A man by the name of Frederick Straus a sailor belonging to the portsmouth, was killed instantly by a shot from the enemy, this poor fellow was one of the artilleryman. A sailor standing near me was shot by the accidental discharge of musket from one [of] our own men, just about this time commodore Stockton made a shot which considerably injured the enemies nine pounder, and cleared all the men from around it. The order was then given to charge, we advanced firmly in our lines at double quick time about one hundred yards, when we discovered the enemy forming for a charge, The order was then given to form squares, The front and Right flank formed into squares, The left Flank was well nigh being thrown in forming a square, this arose from the fact that an addition had been made to the left flank without my knowledge and consequently the left of the flank had not been told off, or rather the fourth division was not informed what part of the square they were to form, seeing this [I] immediately brought them into line and halted. As it turned out it was very fortunate that I did so, otherwise we might have lost a number of our wagons and cattle, while this was going on the Right Flank and Front were again thrown into line, a brisk cannonade was kept up all the while. The enemy charge[d] at full speed throwing in among us a volley from their small arms, from which some five or six of our men were wounded, though not dangerously, coming at full speed, the enemy had got within seventy yards of our left Flank when the commodore, injudiciously gave the order to fire. The fire from the flank was well directed, and numbers of the enemy were wounded, they wheeled and retreated. The order however was injudicious, as the enemy might after the discharge of our muskets have taken us with our breeches down, for had they have returned to the charge we should have had nothing to oppose to them but our bayonets, and [in] all probability they would have broken our line, but this they did not do, which I consider very fortunate for us. The order was then given to charge up the eminence which we did, and just as we rose the Bank they gave us a discharge of artillery, but our men had learn[ed] to dodge so well that none were hurt, We invariably laid down flat on the ground at the discharge of their guns, and as they fired high, but few were hurt. The Marine Scott belonging to my Guard was shot in the breast by a musket ball just as we were rising the hill, but fortunately it did not prove serious. At this time [the] enemy were retreating and in a few minutes they all disappeared. It was just one hour and twenty minutes from the time the action commenced until We drove the enemy from the field

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RIO SAN GABRIEL,
 UPPER CALIFORNIA,
 by the Americans,
 -discomfiting the opposing Mex. Forces,
 Jan. 8th 1847.
 from a Sketch by Lt. Emory.



A. Camp of Americans after the Battle.
 (during the night they retreated in
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 C. American Camp after the Battle.

and took possession of the ground occupied by them, and we pitched our camp on the very spot from which they had retreated with their cannon. Thus in one hour and twenty minutes we decided the engagement of this day, Our loss in killed and wounded was one killed and five wounded, The enemies loss we had no means of ascertaining we however saw a good many empty saddles during the engagement, The enemy retreated about five miles and entrenched themselves in a deep ravine, We pitched our camp, went to work and slaughtered a number of Bullocks, and had a very sumptuous supper, at dark we put out our pickets and made all the necessary arrangements to guard against a night attack, by placing all the baggage wagons just outside of our lines, around which we stretched a rope to guard against cavalry, Just after we had gained the eminence Commodore Stockton, who I must and say it was pleasure, had been during the whole of the engagement in the most exposed position, and had acted with a heroism never excelled, and with as much coolness as his excitable nature would perhaps admit of. Just as we halted on this eminence the Commodore ordered the band to play our national airs, and he made a speech which I conceive his modesty if not his better sense, would have forbid, but as he made it, it became our property, consequently I shall introduce it here, The Commodore very much elated, said that is the way to whip the Californians, that people might talk about Gen Taylor's victories at Palo Alto and the Resaca de la Palmo [Palma], but that Gen. Taylor nor Gen no body else ever gained a more splendid victory, and that the present victory or rather the crossing of the river was not surpassed even by the celebrated pass of Napoleon over the Berezino [Berezina], on his return from Moscow in 1812. Now the making a speech to the men commendatory of their coolness was all well enough, but the making [an] invidious comparison was altogether in bad taste. For while it could detract nothing from other hero's, it did not in the slightest add to ours. Yet laying all personalities [aside] it was a very handsome achievement, taking all the circumstances together, For in the first, it must be recollected that there were but one hundred and fifty regular troops on the field and but fifty of these use to field exercises. The remainder were sailors, who had been on drill but some three weeks, hence our force except in point of discipline were inferior to Militia, for it requires some considerable [time] to learn sailors to load a musket, and their ignorance of line evolutions, and the excitable character of their natures were difficult, of no small moment, yet be it said, to their eternal praise, that their conduct would have done no discredit to veteran troops;--and when it is considered, the large number of wagons, Pack mules loose animals and cattle which we were to protect, which are always restive at the sound of fire arms particularly cannon, The great advantage which the enemy possessed by being mounted and from their location, I conceive that few engagements of the same numbers have ever excelled it, none has ever excelled it when we consider the character of the troops and the distance they had marched, (one hundred and fifty miles) which is perhaps a greater distance than sailors ever before marched. Consequently I think in all modesty, we may claim for ourselves a very splendid fete and



"Genl Flora's charging the left wing of Stockton's on the river Gabriel, Jan'y 8th 1847," by William H. Meyers

handsome victory, which is heightened in my opinion, by the very small loss which we sustained. In this affair every man and officer did his duty, and the brave & intrepid conduct of our company of friendly californians is worthy of the very highest praise. We rested on the battle ground that night, The poor fellow who had died during the night was the one injured or wounded by one of his own comrades, during the engagement. This morning just as the gray dawn was to be seen, both him and the one killed in the fight, were wrapped in their blankets and both laid in the same grave side by side, with a neat little wooden cross at their head, this was placed there because we believed, that the enemy would respect them and leave them unmolested, but in this I regret to say we were deceived. For they were in a few hours after we left dug up, and stripped of their clothing and left exposed to the birds and beast of prey which are numerous about here, Fortunately however some american visited the spot in the evening, and again buried them, where it is hoped that their bodies will be permitted to sleep in peace, they fell galantly in their countries cause and were both good men. Several memento's of the fight were pick[ed] up on the field of Battle, such as lances, pistols, swords and hats, which are kept by the persons finding as trophies of their fight. I should have mentioned at another place, that the two companies of the mounted California Battalion under the command of Lieut Gillespie, at the commencement of the action of the 8th were ordered to dismount, tie their horses together and turn them in with the rest of the animals, when we were on the left Bank of the river, but instead of which they dismounted & tied their animals to some Willows, and consequently when we charged across the river the horses were separated from the army between three and four hundred yards, And the enemy when they charged our left and rear succeeded in cutting off all these horses, which was about the only thing which they captured, the equipments of the horses were valuable, and was the private property of the volunteers, the horses themselves were thin very much jaded and of little value. The loss of the volunteers is alone attributable to themselves, had they obeyed orders it would have been otherwise;

Saturday, 9 January - Sunday, 10 January 1847

The fight of the eighth is distinguished by the title of the "Battle of the Rio San Gabriel" We moved early this morning, with some alteration in the line of march from yesterday, it was as follows: One nine pounder was placed in the front. Then came the Dragoons and one company of sailor musketeers. One nine pounder and a four pounder was placed at the head of the right column, The whole of the Marines one company of sailor musketeers and one of Carbine and Pikemen formed the right flank or column. One brass piece was placed at the head of the Left Flank and two companies of sailor musketeers and one of carbine and Pikemen composed the left Flank. On the left of the right Flank was a six pounder and on the left of the left Flank was a mountain howitzer, The rear was the same as yesterday. The position of the staff is not stationary as the Gen.

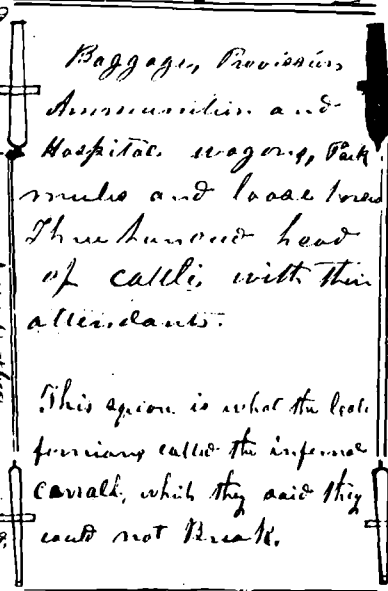
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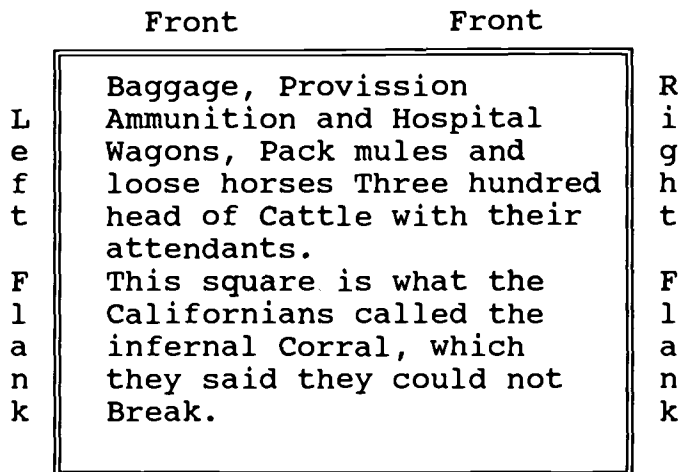
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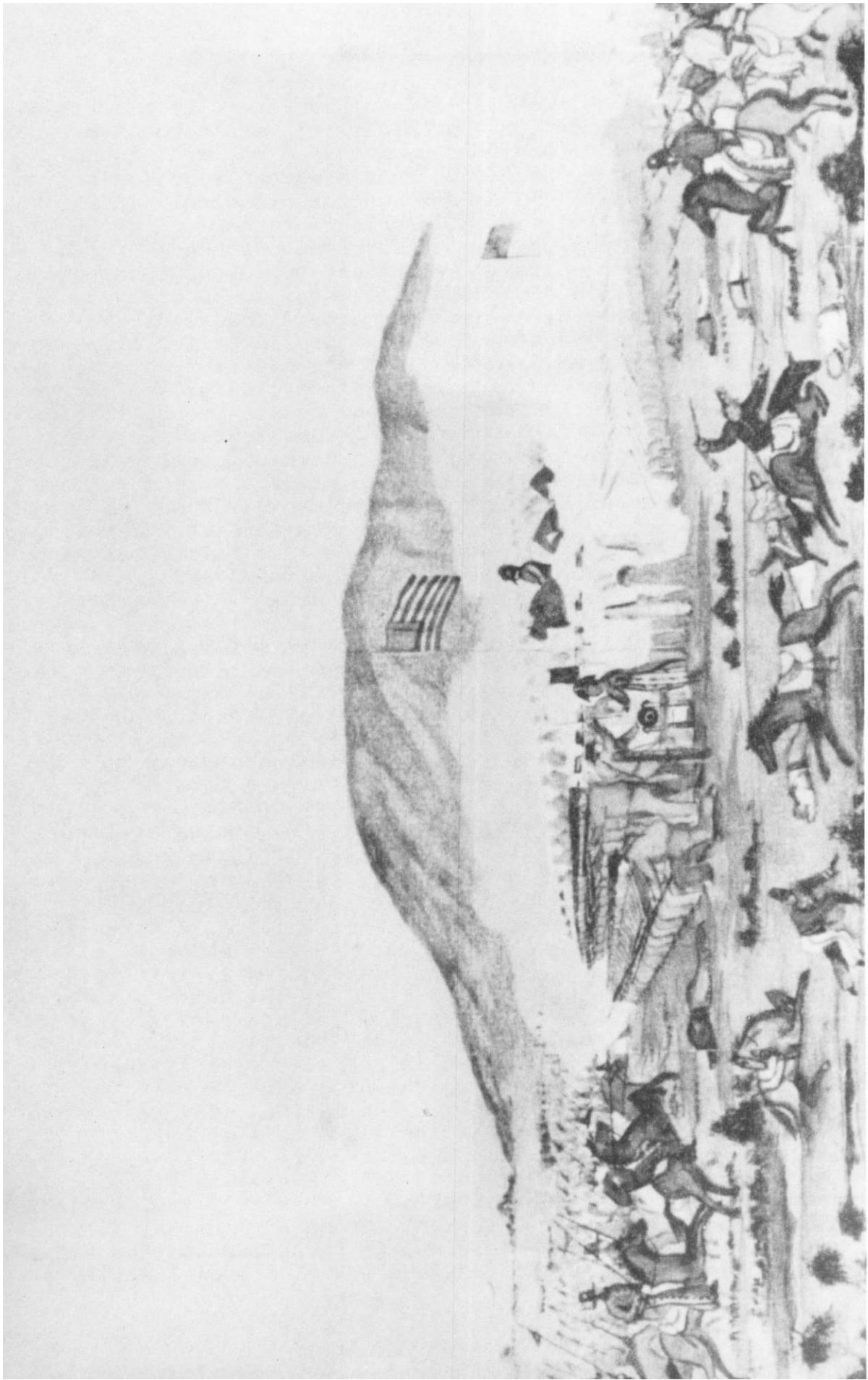


was taken up the line of march about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, a few of the enemy had been seen scouting about early in the morning, we however advanced some five miles before we saw them, about eleven o'clock we perceived the enemy on the move about three miles off on our right and a little before twelve o'clock they fired one gun at us from a ravine which however did no execution as it fell very far short or in fact as was believed at the time there was no shot in it. The second fire which they made from this long gun, struck and lodged in the fore soulder of a mule attached to the gun just in the avenue of our march. They continued firing at us, but we continued our march displaying to the left. For some two or three miles, (by which the enemy evidently believed we were bound to pass) but they soon found this mistake. The enemy were entrenched in a small ravine, so soon as we had drawn them out of this position (which was nearly an hour and a half) and during which they were pelaging upon us with their long guns without our returning a single shot, we halted and opened upon them with our big guns. When a cannonade was kept up on both sides for some time, the enemy as was said having expended all their ammunition, sallied out and formed in single files, for the charge. I have never seen in my life or more beautiful sight than they presented. They were mounted on elegant horses, and on without exception the best specimens in the world, they all had broad white bands around their hats, and learned after that this was worn by



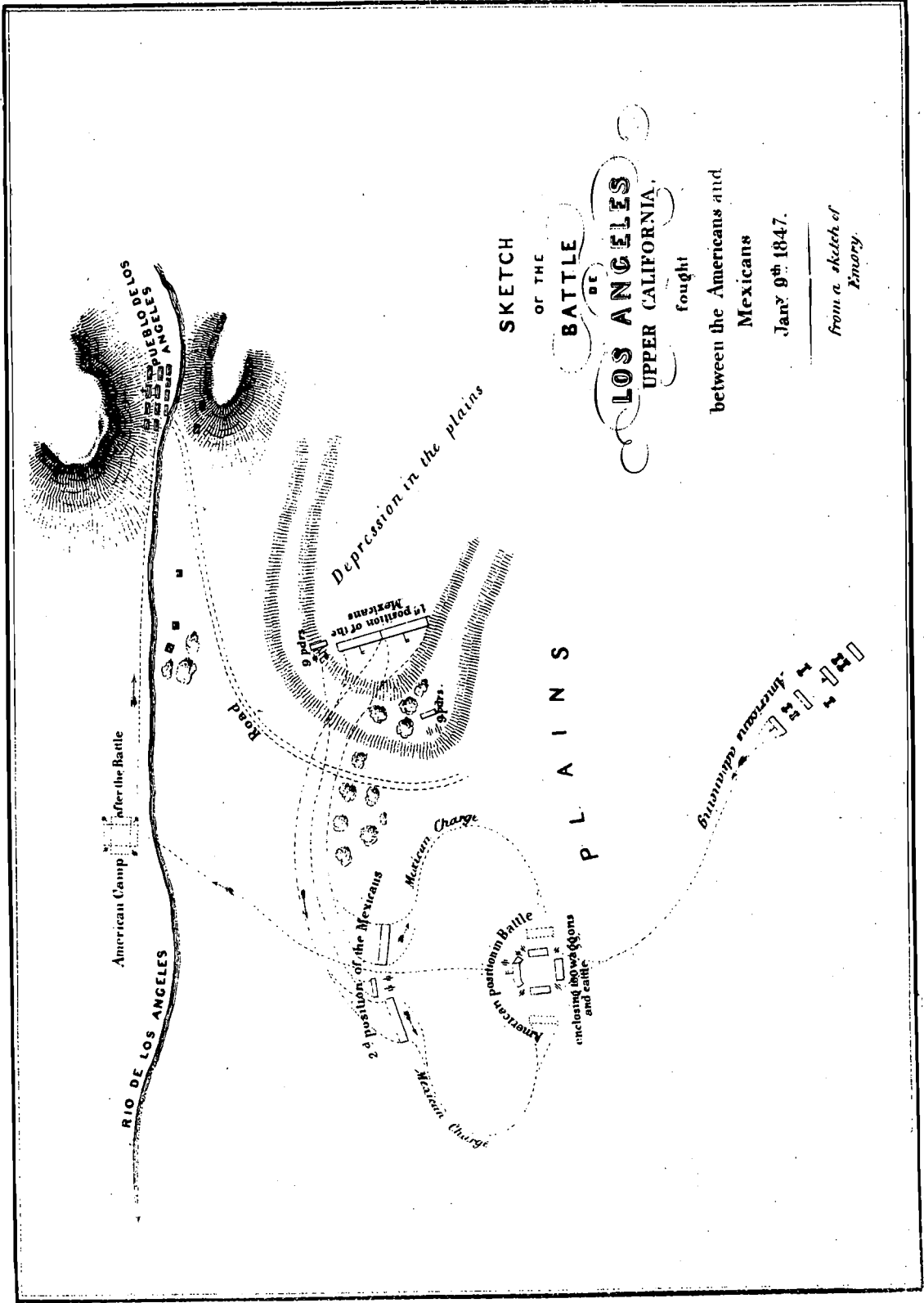
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Commodore and their aids, the Adjutant and the officers in charge of divissions have to be constantly moving about the different lines, in order to keep every[thing] right. The medical officers were near the wagons containing the wounded, and the officer of the day is generally on the move attending to the rear column. In this order we took up the line of march about 8 A. M. Saturday morning. A few of the enemy had been seen scouting about early in the morning, We however advanced some five miles before we saw, them, about eleven o'clock we perceived the enemy on the move about three miles off on our right, and a little before twelve o'clock they fired one gun at us from a ravine which however did no execution as it fell very far short or in fact as was believed at the time there was no shot in it. The second fire which they made from the long Gun, struck and lodged in the fore shoulder of a mule attached to the Gun just in the advance of me, They continued firing at us, but we continued our march deploying to the left, for some two or three miles, (by which the enemy evidently believed we were bound to san Pedro, but they soon found their mistake) The enemy were entrenched in a small ravine, so soon as we had drawn them out of this position (which was nearly an hour and during which they were playing upon us with their long Guns without our returning a single shot,) we halted and opened upon them with our big guns, when a cannonade was kept up on both sides for some time, The enemy as was said having expended all their ammunition, sallied out and formed in single files, for the charge. I have never seen in my life a more beautiful sight than they presented, They were mounted on elegant horses, and are without exception the best horsemen in the world, They all had broad white bands around their hats, we learned after that this was worn by them as a distinguishing mark, for as they said that they should break our lines, and then in the confusion which would ensue that they might kill some of their friends, unless there was some mark by which they might be known. This breaking our lines they found that they were unable to-do. They formed in single file, and charged on us at full speed, we remained at a halt firm in our



"Battle of the plains of Mesa, Jany 9th 1847," by William H. Meyers

ranks, they came up to within about fifty yards of our left flank, when they received a most galling fire of musketry from our lines and also a cross fire from our cannon, at this discharge they wheeled and retreated,--We saw a number of vacant saddles, and wounded horses, The Californians retreated in considerable confusion, and in a few minutes we saw their cannon and the principal part of their force far in our rear, retreating. During this action, we had a number of animals killed, and six or seven men wounded, The action lasted three hours and a half, we continued our march about two miles from from the field of action, and encamped on a branch of the Peubla river about three miles from the city. Thus ends the second days fight. The place where we fought to-day is called Llamo de la Mesa. We pitched our camp, and made all the necessary preparations for a night attack or rather to guard against a surprise. As soon as this was completed, all hands then went to work to collect wood, which was very scarce, we however found a substitute in dry cow dung, killed our beef prepared and took a hearty supper, and soon most of us were sound asleep,--during the night one poor fellow died, from the wounds which he received on the first day of the night [fight?]. The enemy as we had supposed were very much cut to pieces, and had determined to fight no more, but to try what they could gain by negotiation. The first of the fight that is on the 8th the enemy had six hundred men well mounted. On the 9th they had but some three hundred men, Had they have gained any advantage on the first day of the fight they would in all probability have been able to bring eight hundred men into the field the second day, but as they were whipped they were unable to keep more than half their force, This is the general character of these people the slightest disadvantage, and their spirits droop, and they generally seek their safety in flight, the least advantage and they act directly the reverse. The next morning at early dawn we buried the poor fellow who had died in the night. At eight o'clock Sunday January 10th 1847, we struck our tents and took up the line of march for the city. Just at this time we received a flag of truce, from the town, conveying a petition that the town might be preserved from destruction, giving assurances that nothing should be injured and that no body should be molested but all who laid down their arms should be protected. We continued our march and entered the city about half past eleven with band playing and colors flying, we saw a few of the enemy hanging about [the] hills, but they disappeared on our advance. We immediately took possession of a prominent hill, which commanded and overlooked the city; the remainder of the troops were then distributed in companies about the city, the cannon were distributed between the hill the General's quarters and the commodore's. I occupied with the marines, and Passed Midshipman Guest with a company of sailor musketeers and a company of Artillery, the same quarters with the Commodore, Thus ends our campaign, we have marched one hundred and fifty miles, fought two Battles in both of which were victorious, taken the city, and are now in the wildest scene of confusion, for nearly one half of the army are drunk, On entering the city, we found most of the houses deserted, and in nearly every house there was a large quantity of



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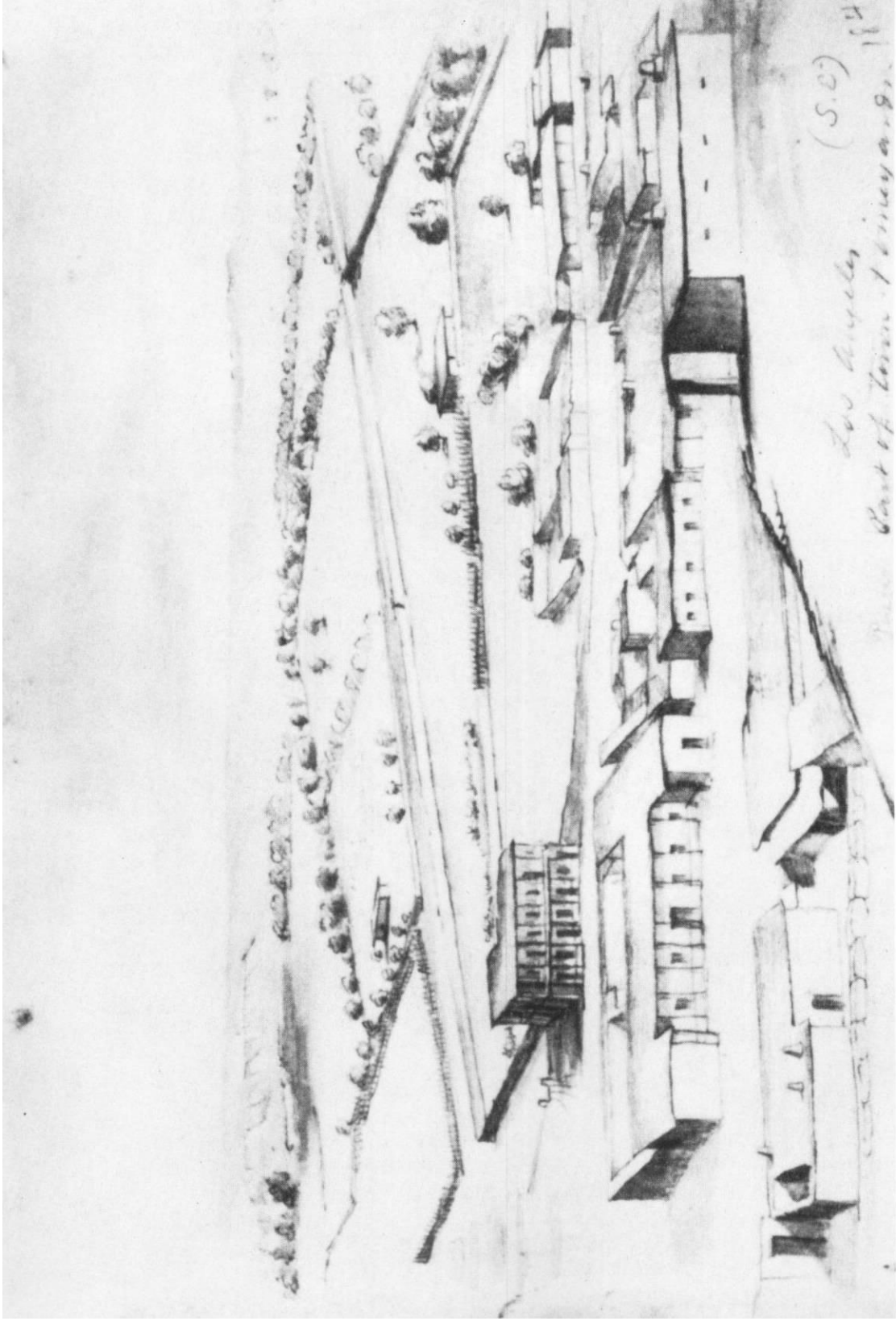
Brandy or wine, and as soon as the men were quartered they got on the scent of it, and falling back to their constant habits on shore, they were soon drunk.

Monday, 11 January 1847

We this morning were ordered out in detached bodies and proceeded to search every house, and before night had nearly all the liquor under lock and key with sentinels over it, or under such strong bonds that the proprietors were afraid to sell, consequently we in a measure got rid of this nuisance. To-day we received intelligence of Fremont and his forces, They had reached San Fernando, where Lt: Col Fremont had halted on purpose to recruit his force, We also learned that the enemy had made a proposition to treat with Fremont for peace, Concluding that they might obtain better terms from him, than from the Commodore or General Kearney. At least the result will show that the californians are decidedly better diplomatist[s] than the Lieut Col, They concluded a treaty of which the following is the substance. "They were to lay down their arms, and to deliver up all public property, and that they were to remain neutral between the U. States and Mexico, until the restoration of peace. In consideration of which they were to be protected in life and property, It is farther agreed that all persons of either party who had given parol[e]s of honor, should be released from the same and set at liberty." These are the terms which were granted by an American officer with a force of four hundred and nineteen mounted riflemen, to a whipped and much inferior foe, And this the treaty approved by the self constituted Governor & commander in chief R. F. Stockton. One would suppose that it were enough to dam any set [of] men, but we shall see bye and bye something which is more revolting to [the] feelings of an American patriot.

Tuesday, 12 January 1847

Nothing new to-day. Raining. The Pueblo de los Angeles is situated in a delightful valley, at the base of a lofty f[l]ight of mountains which are covered for the most of the year with snow. The buildings are irregular and scattering, and attached to a large number of the houses are some fine vine yards. Many of the houses are two stories high, built of adobes, and in the modern style, the[y] are irregularly laid out, some very wide and others very much contracted, all of them abounding in putrified cows Heads and other offal, which render them not only disgusting to the sight and senses, but even dangerous at night. The city is abundantly watered by the Peubla river, which as the valley is similar to an inclined plane, may be led with little labor and expense to any part of it. The population in peaceable times is about two thousand, it has for a long time been the residence of the civil governor of the country, and bids fair to be a place of considerable importance. This is one of the finest grape growing districts in the world, the yield in this country is unequalled by any in the most favored districts in Europe and is perhaps not excelled by any in the world, The wine is re-



"Los Angeles pueblo, Part of town & vineyards, 1847," by William R. Hutton

presented by wine drinkers to be of a very superior quality, The produce from Both a red and white wine. The white is represented as the most superior of the two. A kind of Brandy is also produced by distillation called aguedente [aguardiente], which when new is very strong and fiery, though of a pleasant taste, and is said when it has age[d] to be very excellent Brandy. I learned that there was probably, forty thousand gallons of wine and brandy produced in the country, all of which I regret to say is consumed in the country. There are a large number of Foreigners residing in the Peubla, mostly american, all of whom were prisoners on parol[e], when we arrived, they greeted us with the most lively demonstrations of joy, from these we received numerous and polite and kind attentions, and learned the loss of our enemy who it is said acknowledge, between sixty and seventy killed and wounded.

Wednesday, 13 January 1847

Raining and disagreeable. Lieut Col. Fremont and his [troops] entered the city this morning. There were four hundred & nineteen mounted Riflemen, they were mounted on miserable horses, and the men, heaven deliver me from such a looking set ragged, dirty many of them with the dirt so thick that you could scarcely tell whether they were white men or not. They however were quartered in the eastern end of the city, and judging from their conduct, they [were] but little used to either discipline in a military point of view or the civilities of ordinary life. But I shall have occasion hereafter to speak of them and their commander hereafter. A number of the enemy came in to-day, among others General Andraes [Andres] Pico, a fine handsome looking young man, and who is represented to be one of the best informed and polite men in California & who was induced to join in this last outbreak, by the harsh treatment which he received from Lieut Gillespie, which I shall have occasion to notice in a separate chapter.

Thursday, 14 January 1847

The weather pleasant, and a number of families returning to their houses. There is something going on between Gen. Kearney, Com. Stockton and Lt. Col Fremont, of an unpleasant character which has not yet leaked out.

Friday, 15 January 1847

The weather pleasant, nothing new except that the Commodore had made Passed Midshipman [Louis] McLean [McLane] and Lieut Gillespie Brevet Majors in the California Battalion Bah.

Saturday, 16 January 1847

Pleasant, no news.

Sunday, 17 January 1847

I was awoke this morning by the ringing of the church bells, The weather pleasant, Learned this morning that Gen. Kearney with dragoons were going to leave to-morrow morning.

Monday, 18 January 1847

Pleasant Gen. K. and his troops left this morning. The difficulties between the Gen. and Commodore have leaked out. I shall make them the subject of a separate chapter.

Tuesday, 19 January 1847

Pleasant the Commodore leaves this evening for san Diego. The difficulties of the Gen. the subject of conversation the citizens are much alarmed at the Generals leaving, for they dislike Fremont and have no confidence in his men, learned to-day that we were to leave to-morrow.

Wednesday, 20 January 1847

This morning one of the most disgraceful scenes occurred which has taken place since we left San Diego. The sound was blown at 8 A. M. for the companies of assemble, which we did in front of the Government house, When it was found that we had about one hundred men, almost helplessly Drunk, and a good many staggering in their ranks. To the Praise of the Marines there was but one who was sufficiently [intoxicated] to show it and he was most severely punished, by his indignant and mortified comrades. We succeeded in finding room for most of the Drunken men in the carts and about 10 A. M. we moved off for san Pedro the sea port of the Peubla de los Angelas. We marched this day to the ranch of Seinor Domingo's [Dominguez], distance fifteen miles, and encamped for the night. I have never seen any thing in my life to equal the quantity of Brant wild geese and Ducks which were to be seen in the vicinity of this ranch. We encamped here for the night.

Thursday, 21 January 1847

Our Drunken men had pretty much slept off the effects of their debauch, and we moved early this morning, sending our carts and wagons ahead, and by twelve o'clock we reached the ranch of [Jose] Sepulvido [Sepulveda], where one half of the command encamped for the night, and the other half continued on to san Pedro, where they embarked on board the whale ship Stonington. I was in this party. The next morning the remainder of the troops came [and] embarked on board. The vessel was only three hundred and sixty tons.

Friday, 22 January 1847

by one P. M. to-day all hands were on board, and a more perfect jamb was never seen before, There were on this little ship of 360 tons Five hundred and thirty souls, and a large number had to stand up all the passage, for there was not room for them to sit down, Friday about two P. M. we made sail, the wind was light and the weather clear and pleasant,

Saturday, 23 January 1847

Cloudy and raining this morning and the wind dead ahead, the ship full of fleas, and almost every body wet cross and very uncomfortable, upwards of two hundred men unable to find shelter from the rain, continued raining all day and wind increased to a gale at night. The ship however was extremely easy in her motion rained all night Saturday, and there were thirty nine officers of us in a little cabin certainly not more than ten feet square. The fleas so very bad that no one could rest, and altogether I never conceived that man could be so perfectly miserable, but after all there were those among [us] who were content, and full of anecdote, so that between laughing, eating & scratching, we passed the time away, some swore that it was both anti-christian and barbarous thus to treat a victorious army,

Sunday, 24 January 1847

still raining, the wind had lulled considerable, and about twelve o'clock it cleared and we found ourselves near our port, at which all were hands were much rejoiced, run and anchored in the outer harbor about ten P. M. The boats from the shipping came and took off most of the men, I however was so unfortunate as to be left until morning.

Monday, 25 January 1847

At early dawn this morning the boats of the Portsmouth were along side. I got my Guard into them and shoved off went on board the Portsmouth and was truly thankful, at getting back once more to my own comfortable quarters. At nine o'clock this morning a feu de joi was fired of seventeen Guns in honor of our return, and of our victories of the eighth and ninth, nothing new having transpired at san Diego during our absence.

Tuesday, 26 January 1847

very pleasant, nothing new.

Wednesday, 27 January 1847

The weather pleasant, but little going on. The battles of the 8th & 9th the general topic of conversation.