

April 7, 1922

Mr. H. E. Anthony, Vice-Pres.,  
Merchants National Bank,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Anthony:

Answering yours of March 29th, we are paying  
\$1,000 today on the Henshaw note, which please apply  
on account.

I will pay \$500 on the \$4500.00 note early  
next week.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

May 12, 1922.

Attention Mr. Burt Anthony.  
Merchants National Bank,  
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Regarding making a new note on the  
Henshaw-Fletcher pipeline account, the First  
National Bank have agreed to accept a new note  
for a year, and I would appreciate it if you  
would do the same, and I will get Mr. Henshaw's  
signature thereto.

While our agreement was for five years,  
this will however be materially reduced, as we  
will pay off this year over \$15,000 on your note  
in addition to interest, as the City is now tak-  
ing two million gallons of water a day instead of  
a million gallons last year.

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER

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# MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

OF SAN DIEGO

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

May 13, 1922.

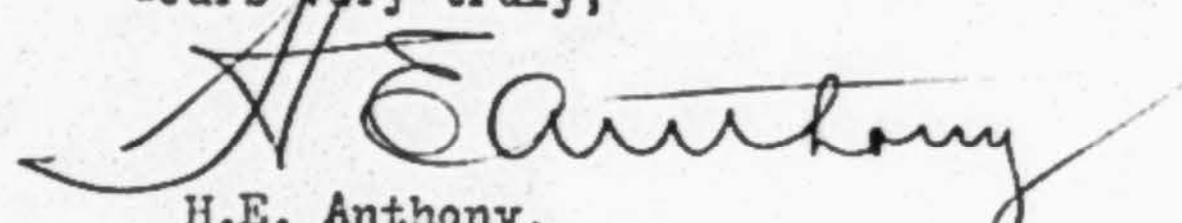
Col. Ed Fletcher,  
920 Eighth Street,  
San Diego,  
California.

My Dear Colonel Fletcher:

As requested in yours of the 12th we are enclosing herewith a new note to be signed by you and Mr. Henshaw in renewal of the balance due on your note covering the Pipe Line Account.

As requested, we have made this note for one year. Will you kindly notify me as soon as possible regarding the instructions to the Southern Title Guaranty Company regarding the other Henshaw note.

Yours very truly,

  
H.E. Anthony,  
Vice-President.

HEA:B

September 13, 1923.

Bank of Italy,  
San Diego, Calif.

Attention Mr. H. E. Anthony

Gentlemen:

This is probably the last time I am going to ask you for money on national highway work.

I have been, within the last two weeks, over to Arizona on business and while there went over the road situation. Phoenix has been industriously working for a direct highway to Blythe marked in red. A bunch of public spirited citizens of Southern Arizona are determined to outwit Phoenix at her own game and they have prepared a map similar to the one herewith enclosed.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter from Mr. Hunt that is explanatory. This money must be raised. I am giving \$100 myself toward this expense and ask that you send me \$50 to \$100 for the good of the cause to complete the building of the road Gila Bend to Casa Grande along the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is practically as short a route as the Ajo, and is more attractive to the Eastern tourists on account of its following the Southern Pacific Railroad the entire distance. It gives them a safer feeling.

The highway is already built in good shape from El Paso via Lordsburg to Douglas, Tombstone and Casa Grande. It is all built and in good condition from El Paso via Globe and Superior to Casa Grande. It is already completed or under contract from Gila Bend to Yuma, a magnificent highway, which I went over the other day. The connecting link between Gila Bend and Casa Grande is mostly in Maricopa County, dominated by Phoenix, with the result that not one dollar will be spent by Maricopa supervisors to build the Gila Bend, Maricopa Casa Grande road and it all must be done by private subscription.

San Diego will then get its share of the travel without a doubt, when the road is built, and this is the best money we can ever spend.



Our activities in helping Southern Arizona get a highway direct to Yuma have borne wonderful results. We have many friends and the San Diego & Arizona Railroad is getting a tremendous benefit on account of the friendliness of Southern Arizona toward San Diego.

This money must be raised immediately. We propose to have the work completed in 90 days and I hope to have a check from you by return mail for whatever you can afford to give, made payable to J. E. Franklin, President of the Yuma National Bank, who is custodian of the funds.

With the completion of a good passable road San Diego to El Paso, my highway work is completed.

I want to thank you for the hearty cooperation I have received from you in the past. Our work is bearing fruit. Nearly 100 machines a day are coming thru Yuma now to El Centro. With the work completed you will soon see three to five hundred machines a day coming thru Yuma to the coast. This is the number of machines that are now coming thru Needles and by Barstow. The Chamber of Commerce should immediately take steps to put up proper signs at advantageous points between Holtville and Phoenix and all the way to El Paso, telling of the advantages of San Diego.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

September 13, 1923.

Bank of Italy,  
San Diego, California.

Attention Mr. H. E. Anthony

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of letter from the County Engineer of Pinal County, which is explanatory.

Please make out check for your donation to W. F. Clement, President of the Casa Grande Valley Bank, instead of J. E. Franklin and I will forward them on to him as soon as received.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

*same to whole list.*



September 28, 1923.

Bank of Italy,  
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Colonel Fletcher wrote your bank, attention Mr. H. E. Anthony, relative to the Gila Bend-Casa Grande road in Pinal County, Arizona, but as we have not heard from you it may be that Mr. Anthony was out of the city.

Mr. Smith, the county engineer in charge of the work writes that it is progressing in good shape, which means that any money San Diego citizens are donating for the good of the cause must be sent them at once. Mr. Fletcher promised that he would raise \$1000 or \$1500 in San Diego, and inasmuch as this out-off will divert much travel our way and will rebound to the benefit of San Diego City he felt sure he would meet with prompt response to his request.

Ex Governor Campbell of Arizona went over this road on his way back to Phoenix and was surprised to see with what ease a good passable road can be constructed.

If you have already sent your check to Mr. Clement, direct, will you please telephone to this office that we may keep a record of same? If not, we would like to have a check for whatever amount you can give for this work, made payable to Mr. Clement, treasurer, that we may send it to him promptly.

Thanking you, we are

Yours sincerely,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

P. S. Mr. Fletcher is in the East and we are writing this in his absence for the reason that it is necessary that the money be raised as quickly as possible.

HEAD OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CABLE ADDRESS  
BANKITALY

# Bank of Italy

SAVINGS-COMMERCIAL-TRUST

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

October 2, 1923

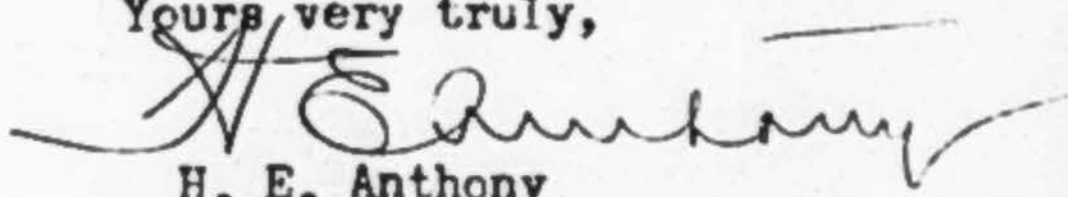
Ed Fletcher Company,  
920 Eighth Street,  
San Diego,  
California.

Gentlemen:-

We have your letter of the 28th asking for a donation toward a road being built in Arizona.

If this matter is brought before the Clearing House Association and they will appropriate a definite amount, we will be glad to stand our prorata. Under the Clearing House agreement, however, we cannot make a donation in any other manner.

Yours very truly,

  
H. E. Anthony  
Manager

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**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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