

April Fifth,
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Mr. Ed Fletcher,
1020 Ninth St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I could appreciate your loaning me \$125 at this time for my immigration passports and you may deduct \$25 a month from our salary of our family until paid together with interest.

Yours truly,

Sota

May Second,
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. M. Sota,
Encinitas,
California.

Dear Mr. Sota:

Mr. Conner is now paying you the same wages he is paying the other men and the boys are getting \$3.00 a day and I feel that you should pay \$20 a month for rent for the house and hope this is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

Encinitas, Calif.

May 3rd '29.

Ed Fletcher Co.

Box 1412

San Diego Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher — I have just received your letter of the 2nd and wish to answer it immediately.

Possibly Mr. Connor has not mentioned to you that I have done considerable work around the place where I now live, with no extra cost to you.

One of these things is the taking care of the horses, others, the cleaning up around the barns

and outhouses, gathering and burning the trash etc, also I would like to mention that the avocado trees were in bad shape when I came, several of these I have replaced.

I have kept the trees watered and the weeds cut down, all of this work, please understand Mr. Fletcher, has been done on my own time.

As you mentioned the boys are getting three dollars a day, which is satisfactory to us altho they do work equal to any of the other men, which I feel sure Mr. Connor will substantiate, but in view of this fact and the extra work I have done and am now doing I dont feel like I can pay rent on the house.

The two Acres with water, that you so kindly allowed me to use, I have not been able to take care of on account of the extra work I have put on the place.

If you please at your convenience, could you come up to the house and look things over and see if they arent in good shape and satisfactory to you.

But after mentioning these facts you

still feel you should have the
rent, I will gladly meet your
wishes,

yours very truly,

James M. Smith

May Fourth,
1929

Mr. J. M. Sota,
Encinitas,
California.

Dear Mr. Sota:

Answering yours of May third will say that under the circumstances there will be no charge for rent of house for a while at least.

I have had twenty different people make applications for work in the last week and can get all the help I want at \$3.00 a day for the boys and \$4.00 a day for service of a man but in consideration of your doing the extra work and keeping the house and grounds nice and clean we will make no charge at the present time.

That wood should be cut up south of the tree and the place cleaned up around there.

Yours very truly,

BF:AK

Encinitas Calif.
May 31st '29.

Ed Fletcher Co,
1020-9 st.
San Diego Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher— Would it be as convenient for you to deduct the \$25⁰⁰ a month on the 15th inst. as on the end of the month, as now.

I would appreciate this favor very much, providing it would not inconvenience you, as all of my other bills come in at the end of the month.

I have treated the mare and it looks like she will be entirely well in two or three days. I remain,

OK -

Yours very truly,
Jm. Sota.

August First,
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. M. Sota,
Encinitas,
California.

Dear Mr. Sota:

Enclosed find list of a part of your debts that you are supposed to owe.

It has reached a point where I am absolutely discouraged. I have helped you in every way and yet you have run up all these bills and in addition to that bought an automobile which you never should have done.

I don't know what can be done in this matter and I am very much discouraged.

Please let me hear from you immediately as to what your plans are.

Why shouldn't you sell your automobile and pay your bills?

Yours truly,

EF:AK

Encinitas, California,

August 21, 1929.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Not being satisfied with the conduct of that which Conner has toward me, he keeps on bothering me continuously, I am obliged to ask you to accept my resignation.

I want you to know that I feel very sorry that he carries on this way. I would have liked to have worked with you forever, owing to all past favors and good treatment that you have shown me, but it would be impossible because Mr. Conner would never permit anyone to work for you that would really look after your interests.

Not only my work, but my boy's has been for your interest, we have worked as if this was our own. Not wishing to leave as my sons did and wishing only to have your good will and hope there will not be any ill feelings, wishing to thank you for all past favors.

And if at some other time I can be of any service to you, I am at your disposal. I am enclosing the check of ten dollars (\$10.00) which you sent me, with this and my work up to and including the 24th of this month, you and I will be even.

Yours truly,

J. SOTO.

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August Twenty-third,
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Mr. J. Sota,
Encinitas,
California.

Dear Mr. Sota:

Answering yours of August 21st, I appreciate the motive that prompted you to write as you did. I have every confidence in you. Please keep me posted as to where you are.

Conditions may change in the very near future.

I would be glad to see you when you come to San Diego as I would like to have a talk with you.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK

September Tenth,
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. M. Sota,
89 Palm Street,
La Mesa, Calif.

My dear Mr. Sota:

If you do not get regular work a little later on I have some work for you I think, at Fletcher Hills.

Will get in touch with you a little later.

There was no use in your staying up there. I could not let Mr. Conner go at the present time for reasons that I will tell you some time. Everything happened for the best, I think.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

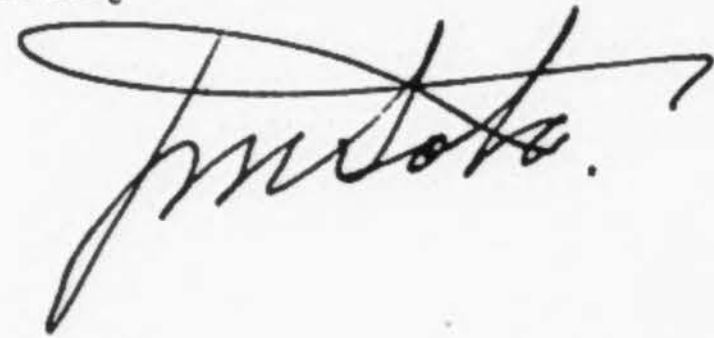
J. M. Sota.
Box 797. La Mesa. Calif.

Mr.
Ed. Fletcher.
San Diego. Calif.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am very happy to send you at christmas time
my wishes for happiness for you and your family both now and
through the coming year.

Sincerely.



December Thirty-first,
1 9 2 9

Mr. J. M. Sota,
Box 797,
La Mesa, Calif.

Friend Sota:

I thank you kindly for thinking of Mrs. Fletcher
and myself this New Year. I wish you every success
and happiness.

I hope the time will come soon when you can be
with us again.

There was never any criticism of your work. Your
boys made the trouble and I don't know as your
boys were to blame. Conditions may change a
little later.

Let me know how you are all getting along.

I understand you have been getting along very
nicely and have a good position with Hansen.
I hope so.

Give my kindest regards to the madam and I am
sending a little picture of the Fletcher Family.

With kind personal regards and Wishing you all
a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. & Mrs. Solari
are willing to have
their passports, and
wish you can help
them, with informa-
tion as a letter to the
consul. They need
the money, to pay
for, too.

They are anxious
to have their emmi-
gration papers ready
because they have
been, bother about.

Mrs. Lotu is very sorry
to bother you, and
they are being grate
ful.

Ed Fletcher Papers

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