

June 26, 1919

Mr. Emmet Davis,  
Rapid Blue Print Co.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

We have at last decided what we are going to do about the measuring of water in the Hodges Conduit about which we were talking when you were in San Diego. For the present we will try to get along with one gaging station and will require one No. 633 Gurley Graphic Water Stage Register.

Our maximum vertical range will be 3 feet and the time scale should be arranged to cover seven days. This meter is quoted in the Gurley catalogue at \$90.

The telegram I had from W. J. Rankin, Jr., quoted \$103 as I understand, delivered here. It seems to me this is a rather big boost over the \$90 price for delivery to San Diego and I hope you can get a better price for me. This should be billed to the San Dieguito Mutual Water Co.

Kindly let me know how long it will take to get the meter to San Diego. There is no special rush as we have not started to build our concrete station yet.

Yours very truly,

THK:BK

P.S. Let me know also how long it will take to get a Stadia hand level No. 649, page 192 of the Gurley catalogue and what the price would be. This is for me personally.

July 7, 1919

Mr. Emmet Davis,  
Rapid Blue Print Co.,  
754 South Los Angeles St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

I was very much surprised to receive a letter from Frederick Post Company regarding the Gurley Graphic Water Stage Register which I ordered from you. The letter was signed by V.O. Post. It states that the Gurley people in Seattle have shipped a No. 633 Register, but with a 10 ft. range instead of a 3 ft. range as per my order.

I do not see how we can use this 10 ft. range. As I understand it, the only difference in the register of different ranges is in the gearing. For example, in a 10 ft. Range register, the drum carrying the chart is revolved one full revolution by a change of 10 ft. in the elevation of the float. In a 3 ft. range register, the drum will make one complete revolution by a change of 3 ft. in the elevation of the float. Thus you will see in the case of the 3 ft. register, slight fluctuations will be magnified to a much greater extent and will be much more easily read.

As we wish this register for use on the concrete lined canal which has to be rated with extreme care, you will see that we will want the fluctuations to be recorded with as great accuracy as is possible. It should not take more than 4 or 5 weeks, it seems to me, to get a different set of gears and this will give us a meter in ample time.

Will you kindly take this matter up with the Gurley people and let me hear from you.

Yours truly,

THK:BK

RAPID BLUE PRINT COMPANY

752 South Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

T. H. King, Esq.,  
Fletcher Building,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter  
with reference to the Gurley register.

We placed your order thru the Fred. Post Co.  
of San Francisco as we do all such orders  
since it is of value to them, and since it  
may be of assistance to our customers, this  
company keeping a stock of instruments on  
hand.

In this case they did not have your instrument  
and they immediately wired Seattle. Also I  
think they explained to you that if the 10 ft.  
range is unsatisfactory they will send you a  
little later the 3 ft. range.

We will take the matter up immediately and let  
you hear from us at once. In the meantime  
if you will return the other instrument to  
Seattle; on second thoughts we will ask you  
to hold it until you hear from us further.

Yours very truly,  
*Emmett H. Davis*

The Rapid Blue Print Co.

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RAPID BLUE PRINT COMPANY

752 South Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

T. H. King, Esq.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We have just been informed that  
you are correct in your assumption that all  
that you need is a different set of gears.  
Therefore, we will ask you to keep the in-  
strument that has been sent you, and a new  
set of gears will be forwarded at the very  
earliest moment.

We trust that this will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,  
*Emmett H. Davis*  
The Rapid Blue Print Co.

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RAPID BLUE PRINT COMPANY  
752 South Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

August 19  
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T. H. King, Esq.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

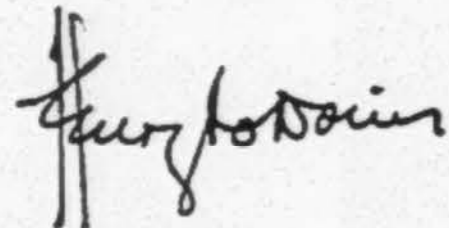
We wish to inform you that a set of gears for your water register are being shipped to you via parcels post from Gurley direct.

It will not be possible to pick up a stadia hand level such as you desire in Los Angeles or San Francisco, and should you request it we can place an order with Gurley, but we will not be able to make any definite shipping promise.

Will you let us hear from you?

Yours very truly,

The Rapid Blue Print Co.



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Sept 25

Mr. Emmet Davis,  
Rapid Blueprint Company,  
752 South Los Angeles St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Davis:--

This morning we unpacked the Gurley Water Stage Register we purchased from you, preparatory to sending it out on a job and to enable us to install the new set of gears which you sent us, before sending it into the field and to my surprise I find that it is not the Gurley Register 633, which was purchased. The latest catalog does not show the register sent us at all, but it is shown in a manual of Gurley's Hydraulic Engineering Instruments, page 129, in which the No. 634 Gurley Graphic Register is shown installed in a sewer in Newark, N.J. It is evident that the Gurley factory has substituted the old Register 634, which, according to their new catalog they are no longer manufacturing. The gears which you sent for the new No. 633 Register are evidently all right, but will not fit on this old No. 634.

Since we have paid the advance price they demanded, of \$103, which is \$13 more than their newest catalog price on No. 633, I feel that we ought to get the instrument we bought. The old instrument is probably a good one, but the 635 is evidently an improvement or they would not have changed the design. On the new instrument the recording sheet is much more accessible.

I will not ship the instrument until I hear from you, as I do not know whether it would be best to ship the instrument to you or direct to the Gurley factory.

I hope you will force the issue on this proposition for me and get the thing straightened out and see that we get the proper meter at the earliest moment. I am sorry to bother you with this but we all like to get what we pay for especially when we pay an advance over the list price without argument. I am perfectly willing to keep the old meter provided they make a reduction in price and furnish gears 5 to 1 instead of 10 to 1, as our original order called for.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

THK:K

Engineer

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T.H. King,  
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November 4, 1919.

Rapid Blue Print Co.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention Mr. Emmet Davis.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your Night Letter of October 27th, some-  
time ago we received a communication from the  
Frederick Post Company, San Francisco, relative to  
the matter referred to in your telegram and  
immediately wrote the Home Office but up to the  
present writing we have had no reply from them.

If the Water Stage Register furnished the San Dieguito  
Mutual Water Company was of other style than those  
we have been supplying our customers, we were not  
notified to that effect and the only way to obtain the  
right information regarding it is for us to immediately  
request it from Troy and communicate with you just  
as soon as we hear from them.

We make no excuses nor explanation other than this  
Register was sent to us from the Factory as a No. 633  
and was shipped to your customer as such. If it is  
not suitable for their requirements, we regret it  
and will do whatever we can to hurry a satisfactory  
adjustment. It will be well to notify them that the  
matter is in our hands and having our best attention.

Very truly yours,

W. & L. E. GURLEY

*Mr. King: WJR:H  
of this letter after my conversation  
with you. Have written  
them again.*

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Rapid Blueprint Company,  
753 South Los Angeles Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen: Attention of Mr. Emmet Davis or Mr. Henry Davis.

On June 26, 1919, I wrote you ordering a Gurley Graphic  
Water Stage Register, giving catalog number and very explicit  
directions as to the range of the instrument.

On July 2d, I received a letter from the Frederick Post  
Company telling me that the Gurley branch factory at Seattle had  
made a direct shipment of this meter on June 30th, but that  
Gurley had informed them that they had shipped a 10-foot range  
instead of the three-foot range, as specified in the order.

On July 7th, I wrote you telling you we could not use the  
10-foot range.

On August 19th, I received a letter from you telling me  
that a set of gears were being shipped from Gurley.

On September 25th, when we tried to install these gears,  
we found that they would not fit the instrument, as the water  
stage register which we had received was not the one illustrated  
as No. 633 in the catalog. I wrote you on this date explaining  
the situation and since then, in spite of a Long Distance call,  
I have heard nothing from you offering any relief. Is this fair?  
The time is now at hand when we must measure our water. The in-  
strument we have is absolutely useless to us and I have depended  
on you to make good. It does not seem to me that you are taking  
the proper interest in this matter. Can you not, in some way,  
strain a point and try to make good?

I shall expect a reply by return mail.

Yours truly,

THK:K

Engineer.

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and Equipment  
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Surveying  
and Engineering  
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RAPID BLUE PRINT COMPANY

752 South Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

December 9th  
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W. T. King, Esq.,  
San Diego, Calif.

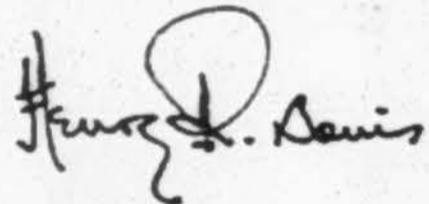
Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a check for \$103.00  
and are very sorry that the instrument caused  
you so much trouble.

We particularly thank you for the permit to use  
the cottage at Cuyamaca, and we hope to have  
as much success as we did last month. We hope that  
we may be able to extend some courtesy to you  
some time.

Yours very truly,

The Rapid Blue Print Co.



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December 15, 1919.

Rapid Blue Print Company,  
752 South Los Angeles Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Attention: Mr. Henry Davis

Gentlemen:--

This is to acknowledge receipt of the check for \$103,  
for the Gurley Water Stage Register. I want to thank you and  
your brother for your courtesy in this matter and assure you that  
I fully realize you were in no way to blame for the unfortunate  
circumstances attending the purchase of this register. My only  
feeling of resentment is against the Gurley people.

I hope that you had a pleasant and successful hunting  
trip to Cuyamaca and that you will be able to repeat some of these  
pleasant trips. I cannot, of course, always guarantee to arrange  
for the use of the cottage, but I can at least guarantee to extend  
to you the hunting or fishing privileges of the Lake together with  
the use of the boat.

Yours very truly,

THK:K

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Blue Print Company, Los Angeles**



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