

(Confidential)

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Sr. Br.

I am improving in my health, by medical aid, although the climate is not so good at Home. Who will be Senator? all ask for the uniform answer is, quin saba. Most likely Weller & Latham. The Atlantic mail is looked for tonight. It is snowing, such a thing as no person saw here since 1849. & chilly & cold. No mistake.

Since leaving home, I have reflected on what you told me respecting the proposition made you by Mr. Belthrop, to establish a ranch, for stock &c. and if you decline his offer - perhaps - he & myself might come to some arrangement on that subject - I would give the ranch my personal attention, if terms would warrant, and might do other kinds of business in conjunction with him. If you should think proper, you may mention this in confidence to him - Please write me the result. I am stopping at the St. Nicholas, for the present, but on the 4<sup>th</sup> of next month, I will go to Sacramento, & remain the winter - or I may return here - & be found at the Custom House - but any letter put in the post office will be sure to find me, more so, than through the express. Mr. State debt you will see the S. Court has declared unconstitutional & void. Just as Salway said the St. Diego jail debt was. What has been p<sup>d</sup> to Harasthy, Kenty, Methaby, & all others may be recovered back. St. Diego C<sup>o</sup> is fast running into the same vortex.

The extravagance of the C<sup>o</sup> officers, is monstrous - partly from corruption, & partly from ignorance. It is to be hoped that other Justices will be elected in March, who have the intelligence & firmness to be honest. The taxes this year cannot be p<sup>d</sup> for 1857, a reform must be had. put in any body that know how to - & will reform. Keep out of debt, if possible, but if not keep down taxes. Capitalists here say our taxes are too high, & it is their objection to purchasing Real Estate. they ask who are your City & C<sup>o</sup> officers? what is their interest in Real & Personal property? When these questions are truthfully answered, they shake their heads. May that show in whose hands I must place my Capital. & decline. so you see how vital this is. - A word to the wise is enough. I have done little else than attend to my health, which is improving. money is scarce - that is it will not invest unless all things suit - it is in sufficient demand to enable landers & buyers to choose Customers - the demand, in beyond the supply, on ordinary terms - but on just rate terms & paper it is plenty enough. our Road deal I hope to bring shortly into favourable notice... I think we shall have a Convention, when we may get a division of the state. I think we should not Repudiate our State debt, nor C<sup>o</sup> or City debt. The State & C<sup>o</sup> can do as they please, the City as she can. let the Convention pay her debts with the Swamp Lands. (\$3 to 500,000) if creditors will not take the lands - then make a sinking fund of the lands let them wait, without interest. limit the session of the Legislature to 60 days, limit the annual expenditures to \$100,000 & allow in no case to exceed \$5. per day. cut down fees, at least 100 per cent. & other things in proportion & we can pay & support a state machinery - ~~leave out~~ for the support of her

State Govt. from \$75,000 to \$100,000 per Annum. where flour, Groceries, & all the necessaries & luxuries of life cost as much as it does here, with the exception of beef & C. which is but a trifling item. unless this is done, & that very soon, California must retrograde. We cannot conceal the fact, from ourselves, that the people have no confidence in their authorities. State, County or City, generally, hence Vigilance Committees. let them things be done, & you will never see or hear of a Vigilance Committee in California - but continue as we are & no one can tell the consequence - you know my abhorrence of Mob Law. Please talk to our friends about this particularly Mr. Rose, Nichol, Gitchell, Daniel, Lyon, & any one you think useful. I may probably write you more definitely hereafter, when I have more fully matured my views. I notice that our Legislature, last year, expended about \$100,000 for their printing alone - enough to support a reformed State Government. Please stir up all our R. Road committees to do their duty. no time is now to be lost. get up the division of the City & R. Road Lands. have the deeds got up & recorded. & send up our map & have copies struck off, or contemplated. Mature the plans to give present Stock the preference over all other - make the present assessments to be in full. time is precious. I am laboring incessantly for the benefit of the R. Road C<sup>o</sup> & the coal interest. I advise the City Justices to write Mr. Keller, & Denver urging them to obtain the passage of the River Bill. & also requesting them to introduce a resolution enquiring into the importance of immediately fortifying the Harbor & Port of San Diego. you Gitchell, (as you may think best) draw up the letter,

Yours very truly

J. W. Robinson

1857

Jan: 1. I now close - Kendrick thinks Weller  
will be elected - & the other - he cannot say - I have an  
assurance that Weller will push over Southern R. Road  
in Congress. I now for the first time wish I was in the Legislature  
I could obtain a division of the state. But it is not seen  
for about \$150,000 - I can have delivered at San Diego  
a Steam Saw mill. complete. See Mr. Role, & go in C. S. R.

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