

Thos R. Parnall  
in A. S. E.  
of Donoho  
1837

San Diego Calif

Jan	James Donoho			
"	Do Bread		\$4.87 1/2	
"	" "		5.25	
"	" "		3.50	
" 24	" "		3.25	
"	Biscuit		1.12 1/2	
25	" "		1.43 3/4	
26	Do Bread	Flour	4.50	
29	" "		1	3.25
Feb 2 <sup>d</sup>	" "		1	3.25
" 4 <sup>th</sup>	" "		1	4.25
5 <sup>th</sup>	" "		1	8.25
6	" "			8.75
7	" "		1	3.25
8	" "		1	4.50
9	" "		2	5.00
10	" "		1	3.00
11	" "		5.00	
12	" "	1	5.00	
13	" "	1	4.00	
15	" "		6.00	
16	" "	1	3.00	
17	" "	1	4.25	
18	" "		3.25	
20	" "	1	5.00	
	Carried forward		\$108.93 3/4	



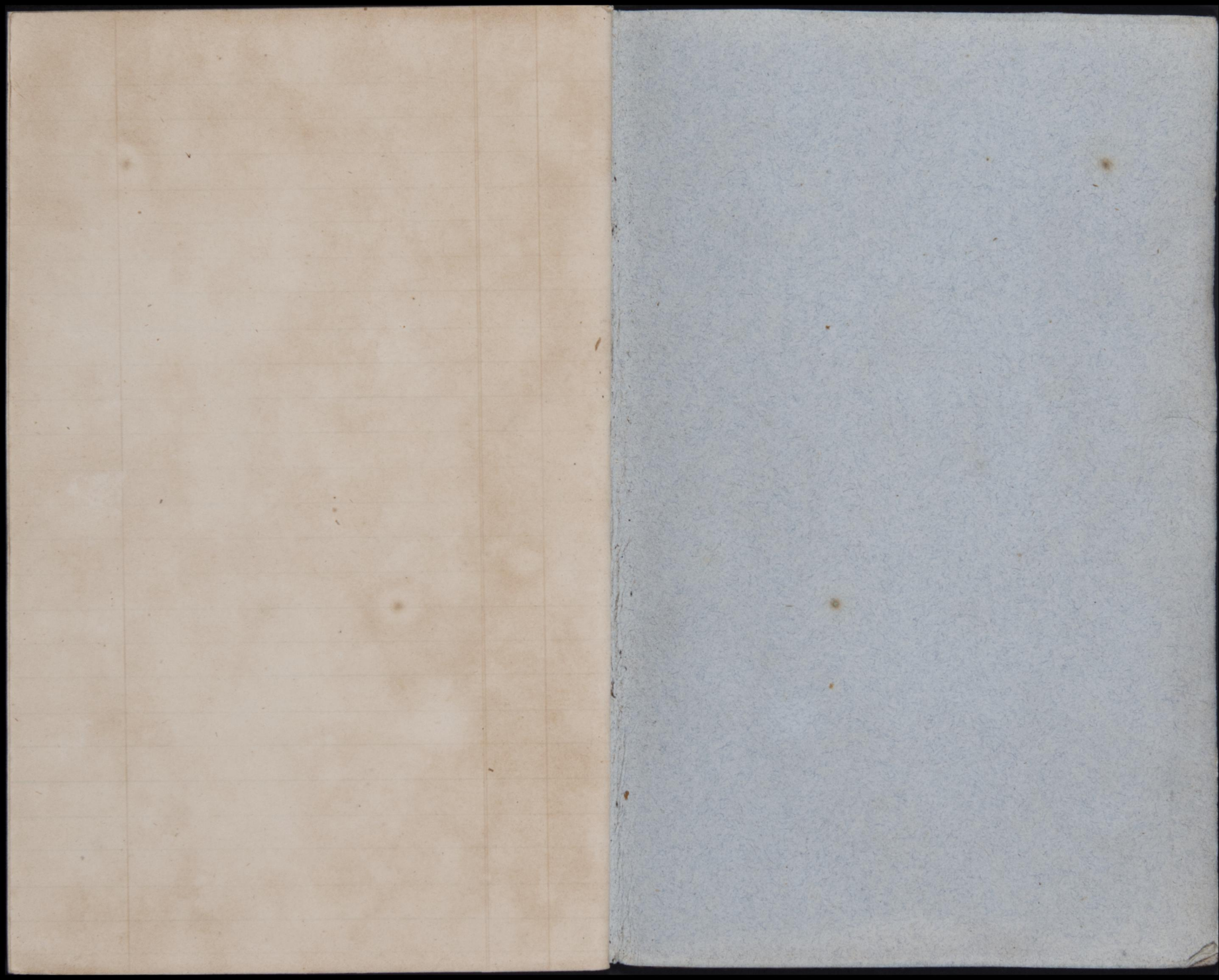
Feb 20	To Am't for up	108.95 $\frac{3}{4}$	March 23	To Am't brot up	289.93 $\frac{3}{4}$
" 21	" Bread { 25	5.00	" 24	" Bread-	7.00
22	" "	6.00	25	" "	10.25
23	" " (15	5.00	" 26	" "	9.75
24	" "	3.50	28	" "	8.25
25	" "	5.00	29	" "	15.50
26	" "	5.00	31	" "	6.75
27	" "	5.00	April 2 <sup>a</sup>	" "	6.00
28	" "	5.00	" 3	" "	6.50
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	" "	8.00	" 7	" "	9.00
3	" "	4.50	8	" "	10.00
4	" "	4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	" "	7.25
5	" "	9.00	10 <sup>th</sup>	" "	8.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
7	" "	9.25	12	" "	9.50
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J. S. Mannasse & Co  
March 28 To Bread - \$4.00

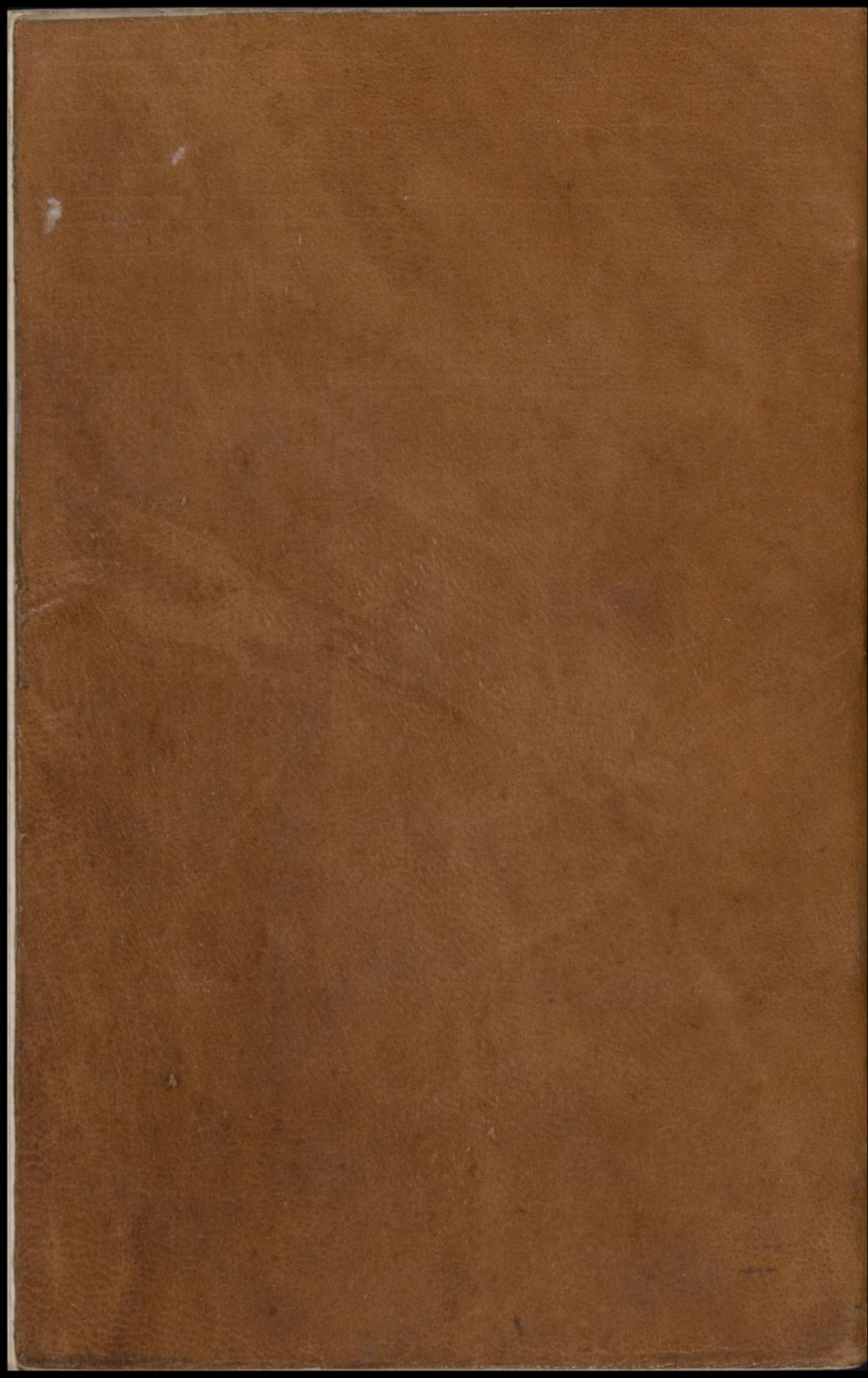


Bread to Morse's

Feb 5	1.25
6	.75
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25	1.00
26	1.00
27	1.00
28	1.00
March 7	.50
10	1.00
11	1.00
Cr by Flour & wood	<u>26.00</u>
	23.50







San Diego.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 1854.

~~/\$~~ 55.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Inc. D. B. Hoffman, or bearer, on demand  
(~~/\$~~ 55.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) fifty five dollars, for value received

Thomas M. Sutton



\$125.00 San Diego California March 22 AD 1854

For value received we promise to pay  
to George B. Tolman the sum of one  
hundred and twenty five dollars. four months  
after the date above mentioned

D. H. Rogers & N. Ware

San Diego Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1854

Rec'd of W. Ware  
Sixty Two & Fifty cents  
(\$62.50)

Feb'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

Received of W. W. Ware  
Nine Dollars & Fifty cents  
leaving a balance of Sixty  
Two Dolls. & Seventy Five  
cents due which I transfer to  
James Donohue in full

George B. Tolman

Rogers & Ware  
Note



Papers of  
J. R. Berndt



Colorado (City)  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 57

Friend Thomas

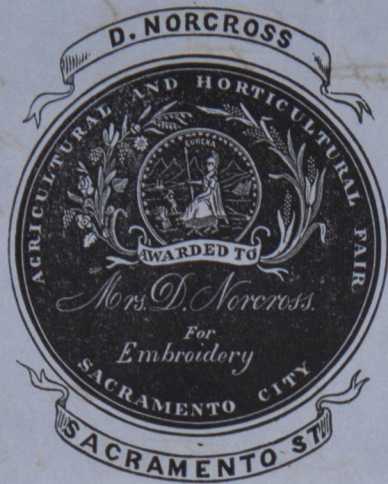
I found a Letter from you, in the Office, but it was too late to answer it by last mail. In regard to the Dr. I am astonished, (God help him), what will he do next? Say to him that he must settle his acct. with you according to our previous arrangement. If I am indebted to him, let me know it & I am perfectly willing to pay it. You recollect the time, when I was stopping with you, & had the Venereal, at that time I consulted the Dr. & got some Med. at the same time he occasioned me for Forty dollars, which I paid him, & I supposed that was the amt. of the Bill, if there is any more I know nothing of it, if he does, that is a matter between us, & has nothing to do with you, God willing, I shall be out to see you, in a short time, and then if I can raise enough to satisfy the Dr. it shall be put to rest. How are you getting along in your Mining business? I have heard a very favourable account of your operations, I hope it will turn out well, but Tom there is many a slip between the cup & the Lip - I have had Men prospecting in this part of the country, for the last year at a considerable expense, & as yet have nothing to warrant a return of the outlay.



I have at present 4 men up the River  
& have just received a few specimens  
from them, which are very rich in  
Copper & Silver, but that is no sure  
criterion to be governed by, when you  
come to sink a shaft the chances are  
they will turn out, too trifling to work  
with profit. Perseverance is always  
looked upon as a virtue, but I begin  
to think that in prospecting, it is to  
be questioned. Let me hear from  
you & mine all

Yours truly  
J. Weston





San Francisco, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1857.

J R Darnall Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. was this morning received, and reply that there must be some mistake as to quality of goods and perhaps time of purchase as each year we have very much reduced our prices, perhaps those purchased as you say by a merchant were subsequent to the time of your purchase,

Did you send to me direct for the articles bought, or was it entrusted to a third person? frequently orders are sent to friends, and the custom among many persons here is to have two bills made out one the price paid, and the other at an advance so as to make a commission, was that so in your case? One thing certain the Regalia



you received was not charged at  
higher prices by me ~~that~~ than that  
purchased by any other person at the  
same time as we have never sold  
goods in that way

Please be kind enough to inform  
me the date of your bill and  
by whom purchased so that I may  
refer to my books for better information

I regret you did not advise me  
at the time then the matter could  
have been easily explained

Hoping to hear from you  
again I am

Yours Respectfully  
D. Norcross

D. Norcross  
Jan 12 1871



San Francisco Sept 2<sup>d</sup> 1858  
Dear Tom

The Senator leaves here tomorrow morning I expected to have written ere this per Schooner but one thing and another has turned up to prevent us as yet getting a vessel off for Encinada the great cause is a scarcity of vessels in the Crafting trade nearly all small crafts have found a good job for Frazer River but they are now returning soon many will be up for job or Charter I have engaged the Schooner Falpouth to go down she will leave here on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst and will be in at Encinada about the 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> inst I will send Groceries dry goods & such as Mr Knud on her and about \$500 in Cash to pay those that it is policy for us to pay & get rid of per Schooner I shall send you a list when I come down I expect to bring more money with me if I am not disappointed in getting it to pay off all my debts I have promised this Schooner 50 Tons of



or besides I have promised Messrs. Leach  
& Dibble 50 Tons to ship by the the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Inst to ship on the "Ship Rattler" and of whom  
I have got \$2000 advance on these Terms  
Viz - I have given them a conditional bill  
of sale of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of my <sup>share of metal</sup> interest in the Jesus  
Maria, Carolina, & Grand Rodan mines for \$5000  
payable when they have returns of the 1<sup>st</sup> 50  
Tons shipped to N.Y. which I have agreed  
to deliver them by this vessel, I have  
also agreed to deliver them here 100 Tons  
more within 60 days from this time and  
for all this have only got an advance of  
\$2000 with the understanding that if after  
the metal arrives here & they are not willing  
to make a further advance we have  
the privilege of taking the metal & refunding  
them \$2000 & the bill of sale I  
have given them. of course is mere  
matter of form but they have had it  
transcribed and drawn up in regular form  
and I will either send it to you by  
this or the next steamer for record you  
can see "Mundou" and arrange the matter with  
him, have his signature & send it back the  
reason Tom I have done this is because  
I have not got the money to advance and

this is the best arrangement I could make  
all I want of you is to try and get  
the metal out and ready to ship as fast  
as possible say 50 Tons by the Schooner  
and 100 Tons in 60 days from this time  
I can then make arrangements to put  
us all out of debt & in a sure train  
to make money so don't be discouraged  
we will get / make it pay well I am now  
more sanguine than ever we not only  
have a good but a glorious thing and it  
only requires a little patience and economy  
to put us all right, I think would be well  
to let those merchants go to work taking out  
metal by contract the best you can make  
with them by all means Tom try & send  
up 50 Tons by this vessel which will be  
at Encimada by the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst, much depen-  
dence on this; in regard to any difficulty we  
may anticipate from creditors as to shipping  
I think the amt Ash sent sufficient to  
satisfy them & would after paying off discharge  
all the white men except 3 or 4, tell  
Vidal & Kube I will send the things order  
by them on the Schooner Free Porter I will  
send his goods on the Schooner & also write  
him I have gone through a very exciting  
over



Political canvass since my return when  
I arrived I found myself one of the  
nominees on the administration democratic  
Ticket for the legislature we have fought  
a hard fight we now think "D<sup>m</sup>" the  
Victory is ours at all events I am satisfied  
we have beaten the bolters from our  
party and may think I am elected I  
have run ahead of our Ticket consider-  
ably but if I am really elected I  
think it a misfortune as my expenses  
will be more than the office pays  
now Tom be of good cheer arrange  
with Reuben and all the discordant  
elements with you, & all will yet be  
well, Mr Hodgins the Furnace man  
will probably go down with me, I am  
working hard ship up the metal and  
make a great effort to get 50 Tons for  
this Schooner as I have at present much  
to think of Political and otherwise you  
will excuse this hastily written Epistle  
& believe yours Truly J. C. Capra



P. W. Baird

of And  
Thomas R. Barnell Esq

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San Antonio  
Lower Cal

Carisa Creek  
Dec: 20<sup>th</sup> 1858

Mr. Morae

Since writing from San Felipe  
I have concluded to try to make the  
"riffle" so I wish you to send my coat by  
Greaves to the river - if I cannot sell my  
horse at the river for a good price I will  
send him back to you

Yours &c

Thos R Darnall



J. N. Darnall

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

1858

E. W. Morse  
Sandusky



Colorado City  
Dec: 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

Mr Morse

Dear Sir

I arrived here safe on the 21<sup>st</sup> just safe and sound, with "Beruvie" the horse poco mas flaco. I think from all that I can learn here that the mines have "come in" return miners are passing here every day cursing them as a great humbug; I have not been up to the mines as yet, but think of going to morrow or next day. Pres' sold his horse at San Felipe and came out here on the stage and returns tomorrow without going to the mines. To judge, from the reports here, of themines I think it will not pay anyone to come out here for the purpose of mining, when one man makes one dollar there are twenty who do not take out a bit." The Overland M. Co have raised the price of their passage to some jurisdictions only to the moderate sum of \$175. from here to Memphis; which lets me out of that game. I guess I will try the overland trip on my own hook. There are chances from here almost every day to go company, so I think of trying my luck with some of them



at any rate I will stay here for a month  
and recruit "Benuria".

Hooper & Co are doing all the business here, Jack  
tells me they made an inventory a few days  
since, and that their stock amounts to eighty  
thousand dollars including, about fifteen thousand  
dollars that are now at the mouth of the river  
I think ~~is~~ worth about seventy five thousand  
dollars, quite a snug little sum for an  
old "back". The merchants from San Francisco  
who came down here with goods have sold at  
the invoice price to H & Co and Jeger and  
have returned to the upper country.

If there are any letters in the office send  
them out here to me, also send me  
some papers

Yours &c

Thos R Darrall

T. R. Darrall  
Dec 24 1858



Fort Yuma

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Mr Morse

Jack left here this morning for San Diego - I will stay in the store until his return - he has (so he says) got sick store keeping - expects to close out in April next - intends to buy a ranch and settle down for life.

The Copper mines that you speak of are in full blast at this time, they have forty men at work, but as yet have no encouraging prospects. I think they will abandon them within a month all the share holders here appear to be discouraged and say they will advance no more towards the mine - all of Winder's assessments are paid - Capt Burton is the only stockholder behindhand - The gold mines on the Delta are about the same, till Sloan I think there is but a bad show here as yet - there are parties prospecting and may possibly find something that will pay yet - I don't think there has been ten thousand dollars taken out from the first discovery

It is reported here that 20,000 head of sheep



have already passed, that there are 50,000  
more behind - they hold their sheep at  
three dollars here. John Winter told me  
that old "Roubidor" at Jarupe was offering  
his sheep at three and a half dollars per  
head - You may expect in about ten days  
plenty of sheep in the neighborhood of Warner's  
ranch, & think not before that time  
send my papers & letters here until fur-  
ther notice.

Yours fraternally,  
Thos R Darnall

P.S.

I wish you would ask San Diego   
No 35 J & A M. for a permit for me  
(your)

Thos R Darnall  
May 12 59



Fort Yuma  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1839

Mr Morse

I have nothing of interest to write. The mines are in about the same state as when I wrote last the biggest lump or nugget taken out yet. weighs twenty seven dollars, (at sixteen for oz.) the gold that Hooper & Co have sent to San Francisco yields \$19. for oz. There is a company erecting machinery for raising the water from the Dila and conducting it to the "diggins" their estimate of the work amounts to \$50,000, but others imagine that it will cost \$150,000. I have no doubt but there will be very rich "diggins" here if they ever succeed in conveying water to the mines -

Old-man Coleman has been in Co- with J. Kelly - but they have divided could not agree - Here is keeping a store in the mines also - but I think they are all doing a poor business.

I have traded my horse to Mr Hooper for a large mule, I have not seen the mule yet, but



Those who know it say the mule  
is worth here \$150. I put the saddle  
on the horse and then asked Hooper  
to take a "paseo", and he never got  
off until he had made the trade

Send me all the papers and letters  
in the office for me and as many  
more extra ones as you can spare

I have written by every mail since  
I have been here but have received  
no answers, if you have received them  
please acknowledge; the P.M. at this  
place has the reputation of being a  
d-d fool - he sends (so report says)  
the letters in the office by the first  
conveyance without regard to directions

Give my respects to my friends  
and believe me

Yours &c

John R Darnall

John R Darnall  
Jan'y 13<sup>th</sup> 1859



Fort Lyman  
Feb. 15 1859

Mr. Morse

Dear Sir

Tomorrow I start on my way home. I will probably stay in Laramie of two or three weeks. There has been considerable excitement here about the new mines on the Rio Colorado, some twelve miles above this place, I was up at the mine for a week but with my usual good luck made nothing a few men are making good strikes, but the majority do not get more than two \$ per day. the dirt has to be packed a great way to water. If water could by any means be conveyed on the mountains I think they would be the richest "diggings" in the world yet discovered. The Colorado Copper mine has "cove in" stoped work last week, and I think the present proprietors will never renew operations. The party that went up the Gila prospecting have returned without having discovered any gold whatever, several parties have now gone up the Colorado to try their luck some 100 miles above here - Bob Groom Jim Lloyd and Dennis Connors started last week full of golden hopes. They expect



To go about 150 miles up the river.

Business in the mines are very dull. The miners  
in bulk have no money, but all have good  
claims in anticipation,

Inside and well. Hutch are both broken  
I intend to go to Platte City Mo- where you  
will direct your letters, after I pass Lufkin  
I will write you immediately on my arrival in  
Lufkin.

Yours De

Thos R Darnall

J R Darnall  
Feb 1st 1889



J. W. Darnall  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 59

Platte City Mo  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1859

Mr Morse

Dear Sir

I have been here now almost a month, and have not as yet written you a line. I left Tucson on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb' in the Stage, and arrived in St Louis in fifteen and a half days. We saw no Indians on the route that were hostile, were capsized once by a drunken driver, had a rather hard time for want of sleep - otherwise we had quite a comfortable journey - Mr Chas L Boston was a passenger. I am not determined yet as to what I shall do. I can purchase packs on better terms than I anticipated - Mules and horses are as high if not higher here than in California particularly mares; mares that you can buy in Cal' from twenty five to fifty dollars are worth here from seventy five to one hundred and fifty. I have a pack as large as your bay horse - that I will take with me if I conclude to return, valued here at \$1200, but I can get youngsters of a more inferior quality from \$150. to \$600. half the money down and the other half on twelve months at 10% per annum. I will not go to Ky for two or three months yet and then will not remain there long because



My father and nearly all of my relations are now living  
in Platte Co. Mo. Father came here in '33 and purchased  
seven hundred acres of land at fourteen and a half dollars  
per acre, that he can now sell for fifty dollars per acre  
and yet he thinks that is not enough.

I think that I will get married as I have a chance  
here to get a nice little wife with \$15000. in her own  
hands—father dead—yet I have been aspiring mas  
ariba in figures— what a d—d fool I should  
have been had I married in Cal' without a red  
any nice young man (Squaws) like your humble self  
can easily marry eight or ten thousand and not  
half try— Marry for riches and kiss for love, is  
my motto at present.

I have visited but one lodge in Mo. They work  
somewhat different from us— but not much— they members  
are generally very rusty. I have a book here titled  
"Allyn's Ritual" which I advise you to try and get  
if you can not get it in San Francisco I will try  
and get another and send it to you.

I can't think of any more to write— hold yourself.

I send you some "Cushaw" or potato pumpkin seed  
the fruit of which you will find almost to equal  
the sweet potato. Give my respects to Long  
Smith &c— and write

Yours

Thos R Darnall



Platte City Mo

Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> / 59

Friend Nora

Yesterday I received  
yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult. a few  
days since I wrote you one telling  
of my safe arrival here.  
I think I have suffered more  
from cold since I have been here  
than I ever did in my life.

The natives say this is the coldest  
spring they have had for many  
years - yesterday it snowed all  
day - but to day the sun is shin-  
ing warmly and nicely -

Kurtz is going (don't you think my  
hand tremble) to marry Seraphina  
till him I will not fight him a  
duel for I intend to get <sup>married</sup> here  
but old fel I hear that Blunt thinks  
of marrying Miss Libbitt (how's that - eh?)



Tell Bro' Sloan that I think he  
is a hard case what precedent  
has he to accuse me of changing  
mochilas (you don't spell it right) with  
him "cum intentione fraudis" (is that good)  
he made me a present of a new pair,  
and I imagined I was doing the  
amiable to take the old one and leave  
the new, thus it is, I thought I was doing  
a good deed, but am accused of false  
motives - I believe I will never try to  
do anybody another favor; Oh the in-  
gratitude of this selfish world.

I am keeping back - at this time  
Father left here for Keatuseky on the  
18<sup>th</sup> inst - and "I am monarch of all  
I survey".

I would like you to enquire of some  
one whether the Rancho de Santa Margarita  
can be leased for a term of years not  
less than ten, and twenty five if possi-  
ble, or if Pico would sell it and at  
what price probably do Jaquin Ortega  
would be the best person to enquire of

but keep it to yourself that I want  
to know anything about it.

I hope that I can induce father to  
sell out here and go to Cal; and  
if he does I want to get hold of  
that ranch. Father can sell his property  
here for sixty thousand dollars, and  
with that sum I think stock raising  
in Cal<sup>ca</sup> would amount in ten years  
to quite a snug little pile say half  
million.

When father returns I intend to go to  
try to see my old friends - what few  
are left there, most all are here in  
Mo - There has been a great excitem-  
ent here this spring about Pike's Peak  
gold mines. The knowing ones say  
Pike's is a humbug - gotten up for  
another filibustering expedition in  
Sonora - given Sabo, atleast as yet  
they have no reliable information  
as to there being much gold in that  
region. The excitement is almost as



great as the 49 experiment

The amt of Rubens bill was  
charged against him at the  
mine.

When I come I intend  
to bring some good stock as  
you advise - probably I will  
start this winter - and guess  
next Spring

give my respects to Barnes  
and I wish  
that means Lang and all  
the rest of my friends

Yours &c

Thos R Darnell

Thos R Darnell  
Sept 22<sup>o</sup> 59



J. N. Darnall

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 59

Nickle Creek Ky

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1859

Mr Morse

You are by the reading of this that I am again in Old Ky. The day before I left Mo I wrote to you telling you that I would start next day - so you see I have been here more than a month, and will remain about one month longer. I have just received yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> of May, which accounts for the tardiness of the answer. As soon as I return to Mo - I will send some money to little Eddie. You say that you spoke of that in a former letter if so I never received the letter. I fear that I will



to persuade father to remove  
to Cal. he first spoke as though  
he would go - but he has  
been foolish enough to get  
married again, so I fear he  
will never get the consent  
of his new wife. At any rate  
I intend to return as soon as  
I can and take with me a wife  
I have formed the acquaintance  
of a splendid girl, and am  
vain enough to flatter my-  
self that I have made a  
favorable impression. "Quin Sabi"  
at least she has exchanged dog-  
types with me which I deem  
very encouraging. If I had  
Doris Whaley's pen or inspiration  
I would attempt to describe her,  
but for fat er will say that  
she is not handsome, but  
good and intelligent, besides  
being encumbered with about

twenty thousand dollars, now  
if I am lucky enough to  
make the raffle won't I be able  
to stock a nice little ranch?  
I would like very much to  
visit your folks, and if I can  
possibly do so I will, I am  
almost determined to go to see  
them before I return to Mo.  
If I do I will be there about the  
middle of Sept.

You say that you will continue  
to write me long letters so long  
as I give you any encouragement  
if being very grateful will encourage  
you any, keep writing for I assure  
you that I am well pleased and  
very thankful, but you must  
not expect my letters to be as  
interesting to you as you are  
to me for there are no mutual  
friends here for me to write  
about, and you know that



I have never been accused of  
writing long letters, so write long  
and often. When I am in Cincinnati  
I will get your Allegorical and  
send to you - if it is full of plates  
and I suppose the one Robinson  
had was the same - have  
heard nothing of George Darnell  
tell Ladd if he ever hears from  
him again to tell me know  
where he is. You seem surprised  
that there should be so many mar-  
riageable girls in the west. I suppose the  
reason is that so many young men  
have gone from Mo to Cal, but  
at any rate there are more girls  
than boys, which makes a good  
show for an old Back.

Continue to tell me something  
about every body - respects to  
all my friends and believe  
me still

Thos R Darnell

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J. N. Danwell

Oct 7. 59

and pay 3<sup>d</sup>. 60

Keene N.Y.  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> /59

Mr Morse

You see that I am still in N.Y. I expected to have gone to Mo before this but been detained by a heavy love suit - which I am happy to say has at last terminated in her consent to become my wife, but as there is "many a slip between the cup and the lip" you may defer your congratulations until a future time. I came as near following your advice to "marry not without love" as circumstances would admit - I was determined not to love without money, and to be very susceptible to the tender passion, regardless of beauty when



The object was possessed of  
the requisites money and  
sense. If I had been free from  
debt, or false pride, then I should  
never have let money occupy any  
part of my thoughts when seeking  
a wife, but I felt that I must  
satisfy my creditors, this I could  
do if I could make up my mind  
to tell my father of my circum-  
stances, but here the false pride  
interfers. I can only tell him that  
I brought no money home with  
me - have not the heart to say  
that I left debts behind me.

Consequently I have made pro-  
posals to a girl, who I respect  
and will try to never let her  
feel but that I love her, to be-  
come my wife. She has thirty  
thousand dollars in the hands  
of her guardian, which will  
be hers on her arrival to

maturity just one year  
hence. She is not beautiful  
but has fine sense and I  
think will make a good  
wife. She has accepted, but I  
do not know yet when we will  
marry. If I do not succeed  
then I will have to make a clean  
breast to my father and ask  
his assistance.

I shall yet be worth some  
money and then will be able  
to reward those who have  
been my friends - it may  
be some time but tis sure  
to come. I know that a  
man who leaves a place in  
debt stands in the eyes of some  
people as no better than a thief,  
but what chance had I in San  
Diego to liquidate my debts - none  
then I ask you, whenever you  
here my name traduced, to



tell The Traducer that  
I erred from The head  
and not from The heart.

In one of my former  
letters I asked you to  
get my demit from  
the Lodge - If you have  
not done so yet please  
to do so and forward it  
to Platte City Mo.

I sometimes fear that Charges  
will be preferred against me  
in the Lodge, for leaving There  
in debt, for I know the same  
thing has been done in the  
same Lodge, Charges were  
preferred against Loring &  
Cremory because They left  
in debt - but I am confident  
you will act in my behalf  
Should any thing of the kind ever  
happen and believe me  
Yours gratefully  
Gerr



Platte City Mo  
April 3<sup>d</sup> 1860

Mr Morse

Your kindness almost overwhelms me, you, who have the right to make a demand of me for money, come in the form of a suppliant, as though I did not owe you anything. If you come through this spring I will not be able to pay you anything, but can do so in Autumn if you pass back this way. I know you will believe me when I tell you I cannot pay you any money this Spring, and consequently will not advance any reasons why; but simply that I have no money at present. If you do go home you must be certain to come by here. When you get to the terminus of the Pacific R R take the stage for Kansas City Mo - thence by steamboat



to Leavenworth City K.T. whence  
there is a stage every day for Platte  
City, where, if you will enquire for  
Wm J Darnall (my father) of any of  
storekeeper - you can learn the direction  
to our house - don't fail - It is now  
rather late in the season to start on  
the stage, it will be tremendous hot  
on the plains, otherwise you will  
enjoy the trip delightfully, I would  
advise you to wait now until colder  
weather before you start. I arrived home  
from my journey on day before yesterday  
which must account for my tardiness  
in answering your last letters. I would  
have visited your folks, but I was  
taken sick in Ohio, and was sick  
for two months, and together with  
the hotel and Doctor I was so near  
strapped that I was unable to proceed,  
which you may be sure I regret very

much. I am satisfied that  
Miss Laura will suit you for a wife,  
I know that she would, and I would  
have been pleased to have seen her.  
Your congratulations are a little  
premature, for I am not married,  
nor do I know that I ever will  
be, the gal I spoke about I am  
still engaged to marry, at some  
indefinite period, which may never  
arrive. I believe, I have a slight  
remembrance of a certain young  
lady that you mention, and sub  
rosa nothing would please me more  
than to hear of her marriage with  
some good fellow, the marriage  
at any rate. If old Barnes comes  
in this direction, tell him how to  
find me, he must come to see me.  
I want to return to Cal' but fear that  
I will not be able to go in the manner



I wish to go. I have got a young  
colt one year old that I intend to  
send to you for a stud as soon as  
he is old enough - I can send him  
almost any time from here to Sac-City  
where you can get him. My brother  
exhibited him last fall and at  
every fair (three) that he was at, he  
took the first-prize. Probably by  
the time he is ready I will be also  
and so take him out with me  
Remember me to Old Pap and  
all that - enquire for me Long  
Smith in particular

Yours &c R  
Tom Darnell

Long  
Smith  
Sept 28 1850  
L. R. Darnell



Platte City Mo  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1860

Mr Morse

That I do not write to you "oftener", you must not attribute to forgetfulness or ingratitude, for the true reason is that I am actually ashamed to write. Ashamed to say in every letter that I "can't", when I fear you are not so thoroughly convinced, ~~but~~, that I might if I would only try. I have never told any person here that I am in debt in Cal<sup>ie</sup>, and do not wish them to know it, for several reasons, which I can explain to you more fully when you come along.

I received your letter (forget the date) last week and will write again in a few days, in answer to your various questions. My matrimonial prospects are not so



bought as they were a few  
months since, at least; & then  
considered myself engaged, but  
now I "recon" I "aint;" He let the  
engagement "dry up" & I was only  
after her money. So I am still  
an old "back" - and still "bumming  
round."

I will write before a week  
a better letter than this.

I will send you some newspaper  
extracts or clippings.

Who do you support for Presiacc.

Yours &

Torn

21st Danville  
July 18th 1860



Darnall  
Sept 30. 60

Some black have seed and  
one purpleimmer will find  
you some pappaw soon

Platte City Mo  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1860

Mr Morse

Dear Sir

It is with pleasure  
that I acknowledge the receipt of yours  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult. And will endeavor to  
answer the series of questions you ask.  
First I am still in Platte at my  
fathers. And have written a few  
times, this is the fourth letter that  
I have written since I returned  
from Indianias (which was in  
march) I do not know when I will  
go out to Cal; but, am nearly dead  
to return. It would not surprise  
me any day to find myself on the  
road back. When am I going to get  
married is a question I often ask  
myself, and would give both my  
ears to have it answered definitely,  
I am, positively, engaged at the



present time to five different girls,  
and do not expect to marry either  
of the five. But I intend to "bide my  
time" and see if I cannot make  
something handsome out of the oppor-  
tunity. If I was back with you,  
prepared, it would be no difficult  
matter to persuade me to put down  
a stake with you; you have a strong  
impression about the cold in this  
part of the world, here it is much  
colder, in the winter than any part  
of San Diego County - snow often  
remaining on the ground during  
the whole winter - as soon as I  
get married I will start, which  
may possibly be next spring.

*Toda* eso de su compañero he sabido  
mucho tiempo - And like the old wo-  
man who was told by her husband, the  
cow had eat the grindstone I can  
exclaim "I told you so." What am't  
of money would be necessary to  
purchase Smith's share in your  
concern, probably when I get me

a wife with money enough to pay off  
my debts - and a little *mas* I will come  
and relieve you from your disagreeable  
situation, you cannot pray with any  
more earnestness for that day than  
I do; that is my only prayer morn-  
ing, noon and night, the salvation of  
my soul has become a secondary  
object compared to the former.

I wrote you in the next to the last  
letter to come by here on your way  
home this winter, and I would try  
to let you have some money, I  
hope you will come by so that  
you can see how I am situated  
and be convinced that what I  
owe you is a safe investment;  
but, I want you to come independent  
of any money you may expect to  
receive from me, that is if I  
should not be able to let you have  
any money, you will have enough  
for your expenses - I hope you  
will come by for then I can tell  
you things that I will not write



and I know that you will be perfectly  
satisfied when you know and see  
the circumstances in which I am  
placed.

I am sorry to hear that Col Kendrick  
has so far forgotten his obligations as  
to take and act in the manner he  
has done I thought a great deal  
of the Col when I was there, and  
still do, but I think he lets his pol-  
itical feelings get the better of his  
heart, and goes by the rule that  
"all is fair in war." To the best of  
my recollection Bill Cole got the  
original subscription from me,  
for the avowed purpose of retain-  
ing it so he would who and  
how much to pay. At least I know  
you never had it, nor did you  
ever collect one dollar of that  
amount from Cole or the others.  
I will write to the Col about  
it in a few days and will  
also write to you soon again  
I will not wait for an answer  
Tom R D



J. N. Barnall  
Jan'y 30, 61

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1861

Friend Morse.

Day before yesterday I received two letters from you one dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov the other, the 22<sup>d</sup> of Dec' one of them being sometime over two months on its way. But even as long as they were on the road, I derived a great deal of pleasure from them. And was truly glad to hear from the old place once more. Every day, my desire to return to Galia' is on the increase, if 'tis possible to increase I long to be back among you, more than I ever did to return home; and am sometimes almost persuaded to pack up and leave even without a wife. I do not find home such a place as I fondly anticipated. Father has taken to himself a new wife, and I have learned by experience



and the general concession of public opinion that a good step mother is an exception.— I suppose (vanity) that I could get married; if I was so disposed at any time, have three or four "strings to my bow" but when I trade my bachelorship for benedictine honors I want considerable in the way of loot, and probably by the lack of this requisite and my indecision, I will verify the old fable of the asp between the stacks of corn, and starve to death before I can decide which to take. I have determined to act by your advice and not marry a woman whom I do not love, but will endeavor not to love one who is not able to give me considerable "pilon de azucar".

The girl that I was "sparkin'" sometime ago was rich enough, but my God! what a temper! I traveled with her to Kentucky and thus had a good opportunity to study her disposition.

I think she would have no hesitation about throwing the coffee pot at a "fellers" head, and then send the knives and forks in rapid succession after the coffee pot; even for a slight provocation. I was committed but backed fairly (?) and squarely out, without any explanation whatever. We exchanged "pieters", and both are still retained, she has never asked a return of hers, nor I of mine. I hear that she still wears min. (in a bracelet.) I am well pleased with her in every thing but her temper; and I think that I would make a poor hand at "taming a shrew," and have let her slide for the time. Quien sabe?

Next day = Last night I stopped writing because I had run down and needed rest and winding up. If any of the boys come east this spring tell them they must be sure to call on me I would



glad to see any of them. I think John Minters folk live in Clay county which adjoins Platte - tell him to be certain to come up to see me; does John intend to remain here or to return to Calif<sup>ia</sup>

You say that perhaps my wife (when I get her) will be opposed to moving to California, but I intend to make that a condition in the marriage contract. All that I have talked with on the subject have answered in the words of Ruth, "Whether thou goest ~~or~~ so I imagine there will be but little difficulty in gaining her consent to migrate.

I am sorry that you have been so unlucky in companero, but you know "what every body says is so must be so" and everybody says he is a "mal hombre" and from what I know of him personally I will not attempt to deny the truth of it.



I am very grateful to you for the manner in which you express your sentiments in regard to what I owe you. Although I have not been able to pay you any thing as yet I am anxious that you should feel as you write that you do.

Does not your heart tell you that if I were reversed in situation with you that I too would write in the same manner that you have done. I know, at least that it is so, and hope that you feel and know it too.

You write that you are ashamed of the thought of some of your debts, but my shame is worse than yours can dare be, for mine is mixed with remorse. I upbraid myself as being the principal cause of all your loss in the Copper mines, it is true that I used no force



or undue persuasion, nor was I  
the direct cause of your going into  
them. If I had lost an equal amount  
with you the case would be different,  
but I had nothing to lose and you  
all. And I think that if I had  
not gone into it - that you never  
would, and you would not now  
be under the weather as you are,  
but in an independent situation  
I can, and do, heartily curse the  
day that old Jesus Mesa first  
brought a specimen of Copper ore  
to San Diego. So don't talk about  
being ashamed of your debts, to me  
for the shame of your debts does  
not cause you one half the misery  
degradation of mind as mine  
does. You have relieved my mind  
a great deal, by appealing to my  
knowledge of your friendship and  
confidence. 'Tis true that from my

knowledge of your friendship  
I should have felt no hesitation  
in writing to you, but my share  
in part arose from the necessity  
of ever having to make excuses  
for the non fulfillment of old  
promises, and to make others.  
Now, that you write, "I am willing  
to believe that you would help  
me if you could," I shall have  
less hesitation in writing to you  
and will not wait to swap  
letters but will write often.  
You may think that this confes-  
sion exhibits a lack of confidence  
in your friendship, which I  
assure you is not the case.  
I could not have written so, if  
you had not first made advances  
I have always been anxious that  
you would come to this place and  
see how I am situated, so that



you would have no misgivings  
as to the ultimate settlement of  
all I owe, as well to you as others.

I had heard nothing of the mines  
at Wetherbys being worked. What kind  
of mines are they? by whom are they  
worked? &? &? What has become of  
Mr Nichols & family— By the way  
I little rather think that is the  
name of the gal who will be  
Mrs Samall— though they spell  
it here Nicol— Write me something  
about almost every body, I would  
like you to mention my name  
to Barnes from appearances tell  
him I think he has given me the  
cold shoulder. How is ~~the~~ Rose  
and affairs— will he ever be able  
to release you from your responsibility  
to Soto— Give my 'Speck' to  
Smith and "quirin" ferns"

Yours  Thomas