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New York Feb 5th 1889

Señor Don J Pombo
City of Mexico, Mex.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr Herrera that the Department of the Treasury has issued an order to pay The Credit Foncier Company, the sum of $8.229, 82. by virtue of Articles 16 & 17 of the Colonization ~~Contract~~ Concession.

Will you please deduct from this sum, the sum of $2.400. for two years Salary, due yourself as Colony Agent, and $500. to reimburse you the expenses you were put to to furnish the bonds required by the said Contract.

Will you also pay to Mr Herrera the sum of Five hundred dollars ($500.), and remit the balance $4,114,96 to this office by draft, payable to the order of myself as Treasurer of The Credit Foncier Company.

With great respect, I remain

Your Obedient Servant

John M Lovell

Treasurer, Credit Foncier Co.

Copy of Mr. Lovell's letter
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Don Ignacio Pombo
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We have just now been notified by the Custom House here that orders have been received from Mexico to collect part of the duties on the two cars goods brought in by you for "The Credit Foncier" of Sinaloa. The amount has not yet been ascertained

but when this is done, we shall forward statement to you for settlement. In the meanwhile we beg to remain Sir

Yours faithfully
P. Sandoval & Co

Mr. Lamb went down to guaymas on the 8th and his goods went on the 11th. We have a letter from him from Guaymas, dated the 19th, where he states he has succeeded in securing a vessel for Topolobampo.

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Enterprise, Kansas, June 25th 1889.

Friend Owen:

What does this mean?

Please take such steps as will fully protect me. I cannot afford to pay this bond - nor should be called upon to do so. There must be something wrong somewhere.

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A break of this kind viz: being compelled not only to give bonds but pay them would destroy our work in Kansas for the Colony and Mexico.

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Dear Friend:

Your favors of July 2nd and 9th have been duly received and their contents communicated to Mr Pombo. About your suggestion of making out a Bond to the extent of what the Government is owing your Company, I am unable to give you a definite answer, as Mr Pombo spoke on the subject to Secretary Dublan, and, although the latter promised to give a resolution, he has not done it yet.

As regards your question about import duties on tools, I have to state that if the tools, imported by the Colonist, be new, they will be subject to duties; but, if they be not new, that is to say, if those tools are being actually used by the Colonist, no duty will be charged on them.

We are anxiously waiting to hear from you about the London contract, and hope that everything is all right. When do you expect to be able to begin sending railroad materials to Tapolobampo?

Yours truly

Ed. S. Herrera.

My regards to Mr Rice.

Copy

City of Mexico, Augt 29th 1889.

A. K. Owen, Esq

Dear Friend:

Your favors of July 23rd, Augt 1st, 5th, 8th and 13th have been duly received and their contents noted and communicated to Mr Pombo. We have, also, received letters from Messrs P. Sandoval & Co., Nogales, about the Collector there asking them to pay the amount of Bond furnished for the goods imported by Mr Hoffman and party. Application has been made to Secretary Dublan, and most probably an order will be telegraphed to-morrow instructing the Collector at Nogales not to collect any Bonds given for goods imported for the Colonists. When I wrote that such order had been sent, it was on the assurance given me, by Señor Juan Dublan, that such had been the case. I have written Messrs Sandoval & Co., by this mail, announcing to them that the order will be sent to-morrow.

As I wrote you, a few days ago, I have been sick, and consequently prevented from pushing things at the Department of the Treasury; but now that I am better, I ~~shall~~ promise you to have everything that is pending promptly dispatched.

Now, what news about railroad Construction? We are anxiously waiting to hear from you on the subject, and are at a loss to account for these delays.

Mr. Bulnes says "he expects you are not going to wait 'till December to ask for a new extension of time".

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Nogales, Arizona, Dec 4th 1889

Mr A. K. Owen -

Dear Friend:

Yours of Nov 26th received. I at once, applied to the Mexican Customs Department (through Mr Sandoval, as interpreter) to ascertain if the necessary orders had been received from Mexico City, as per your inclosed letter from Mr Ed. L. Herrera, of Nov 19th, and they informed me that no notice was received, as yet, of any kind. ("There's a Nigger in the fence" somewhere.)

I notice Mr Herrera's letter applies or refers to some law, of Aug 3rd 1889, while the ruling you sent me, was dated July 15th 1889.

I received lists of Page's, Jappan's, Thurston's and other's goods.

Please refer to President Diaz's ruling of July 19th, '89. and give me your construction of Article 1st. Does this Article apply to individual Colonists importing the following for their own need, or does it mean that Colonization Companies may import these goods for the benefit of their Colonists? If the latter construction is put upon it, it would involve a large per centage of the goods of our party.

There will be many articles that are dutiable, in either case. Do our friends understand that they must advance such duties, or is there some other way proposed to cover them? They will take no more bonds here, except they are fully backed, or otherwise ordered to do so from Mexico City.

It is my opinion, that the Customs Dept here (or somewhere) will make us all the trouble the law will allow.

Yours Truly, H. Patrick

Nogales, Arizona, Dec 7th 1889.

Mr. A. K. Owen -

Dear Friend:

I have just been informed, by our Broker Mr. Sandoval, that orders were sent to the Department here ordering them to treat the Colonists with favor, but also say it does not in anyway apply to the Presidents order of July 19th '89. Sent you telegram to-day, of this.

This is provoking when our friends are all ready and waiting to move.

Received to-day 900 pounds of freight, supposed to come from Mr. Lovell, marked books. Charges about $35.. Will inform you later.

We will soon pass a large shipment of rail road material, in Bond, for Guaymas. Supposed to be for the Guaymas and "Topo" Railroad.

The Mexican Officials will not interfere with those small packages of inflammable articles mentioned.

In haste. Your friend. H. Patrick.

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Copy of Telegrams.

Nogales Arizona, Dec 7, 189

A. K. Owen
32 Nassau St
N. Y.

Favorable orders from Mexico, but do not apply to July Act. Will write particulars.

H. Patrick.

Nogales Dec. 11th 1889

A. K. Owen
New York:

Orders ~~from~~ received from Mexico and all right, will write today.

H. Patrick.