

Tucson Aug 30th 1854

Mr Morse

Dear Sir

I am at present at Tucson
and am to be station betwene
Fort Yuma and this place for the
present to meet the San Diego
Mail and return till i meet the
eastern one and return with that.
I wish you to send me my Spanis
h Bridle and some shirts 5 or six
good check or some calico shirts and
some under shirts. Mrs Emery
has some of my shirts and some
other things. And six pr of
cotton socks. Please send me these
by the first (mail) and oblige
yours C Strathburn

Mr E W Morse
San Diego
California

C. Mathews

Colorado City Sept; 22 1857

Dear Sir

Marycopes

I start this evening for the ~~well~~^{Marycopes} near the peanoe villages which is my station ~~and~~^{as} far East as I go, I started from ~~there~~ on the 18th at noon and arrived at Hiltons Store in two days and 15 hours a distance of 180 as they call it, but 200 if it was measured.

I hear that Thomas Darnell is in the lower Country in jail and that they are a going to hang him and his men i sent the news to Barnes in Tucson Please write to me as soon as you receive this and give me the particular, and how my bus'ness stands & how the people appear to stand as regards Tom or if i can do any thing for him by coming to San Diego write quick and tell me you know ~~me~~ i am not afraid; if I can get the mail rider to change scouts with me i shall come in the next mail yours in truth

C. Rathbun

P.S. Has my monney come

C. J. Rauhley
Sept 22

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Fort Yuma Oct. 11th 1857

Dear Friend

The mail has just arrived and i must
go i received your letter and ~~one~~
inclosed send an order for a hundred
and twenty five dollars

C S Mathews

C. Rothkun

Marycopia Wells Gadsontucke
Oct 27th 1837

Friend Morse

I received your letter
of Oct 8th and answered it sending you
an Order for \$125. one hundred & twenty
five dollars on the Superintendent at San
Diego, but on reading over your letter
when i had more leisure i discovered that
i had scarcely half answered your letter
but it was to late to write by that Mail
and i had to wait till the next one.

First Olof Weatherby Note with the interest
~~I have on Oct 27th with Olof Weatherby \$100 five dollars for having a book case~~
amounts to almost \$100 dollars stop the interest
and Robinson Rent i should like that stoped also
yourself & Doneha

Wanstl & Isreal (Wanstl i paid \$18.50
and Steeney Whaley —

I wish i could pay you all at a time
and i would not be in your debt long.
~~But~~ in case my money does not come from
home by the time i hear from you again,
I will send you a Monthly Order for Fifty
dollars on the M&M Mail Co. till it is all
paid, if i can get time i will come in and
arrange it myself i shal know pretty soon
when J & Woods comes i shall know what to do

do not sell the cart or the horses but sell anything else
that you can

what does Mr Getchel say about that
money that is due me from Los Angeles County
i believe he said he would see about it
has Judge Shaire been to San Diego since
i left, did he know any thing about the
money that was coming to the sheriff of
San Diego County

Do you know what the Mail Co is going
to do with me, or how i stand with them
in regardas to what i have done out here S.C. Woods
left me here with one man and two broken
down Mules to take the Mail to the Colorado river
a distance of 200 miles
in three days or less, accident threw two
other old breakendown Mules in my way,
and i took them and started with the Mail
and arrived at the river with the mail and
one Mule, leaving all the rest scattered along
the road, I purchased of Mr Oyagerson on the
Credit of Mr Hinton two Mules at \$100
dollars each and maid the next
trip on them and got back here on the
14th of this month in a state of starvation
and found the Agent cross and insulting
had a ^{war} of words with him because he
would not kill some chickens that were

in camp as there was nothing else
on the 20th of the month about sun down we
had a grand ^{bigt} Setto because he would not let
me have corn to feede my mules which
resulted in his geting his face pealed a
black eye and his head nearerly broken
the next morning he wanted to fight with
six shuters but as i had his and my own
also i declined on the ground that i never
set myself up for a mark to be shot at
but telling him at the same time if he wanted
to shoot to shoot whenever he liked.

Give my regards to Tom & AB Smith tell
that if any thing should turn up that i
quit working for this company i want
to put in a crop of grain on his Rancho
up where him and me cut the oats and
for him to send me word what it would
have to be under the ground in order to have
a good crop, I regard to my gray horse i
do not want any one to use him Rube in
particular if you know of his being used by
Mc gea take him and give him to AB Smith
to use or run on his ranch the same as his own,
but in case you want a horse to use ~~with~~
use him your self ~~for~~

* Agent come off seconde best of course

I am very happy to hear the boys
all got clear at San Tommas though
i did not expect it, they must
look out next time, I believe upon
thinkin of it i do not want to part
with any thing i have got except
my saddle for if i come back in
a month or two i shall have use
for them all,

In much respect
i remain yours in truth

Charles S Rathbun

the letter i speak of in this
with the Order i wrote
at Hinton's Store and
gave to Somison or Thomas
a Mail rider that came out
with the Mail at that time
to deliver to you C.S.R

C. J. Rothbun
Mo., Oct 27th

John S. Rothbun

Yuma City Nov 13th 57

Dear Friend

Sell every thing but save the
Cart if you can Mr Doyle
in formed me that he would
pay that order ~~the~~ as soon as
he got to San Diego.

I am all Wright with the
(Company) yours truly
C S Rathburn

PS i have got the shirts & Books
all Wright

NB Next time. Please sign your letter

C. J. Rathbun

and Nov 22^d

and Nov 23^d

Marycopia Wells Nov, 29 - 57

Dear friend

I Should
very much like to be in San Diego
a few days and settle up my little
business without giving you so much trouble
i suppose they are very clamouraz
about that little cash that iough
them I have wrote to Mr Doyle to know
if i can come go to San Diego and
return to my station the same as ~~now~~
you can see him and you will know
if i will be their before i shall my
self, if you have ~~sold~~ sold me out
all right, if not and you finde from
Doyle that i can come into San Diego
let it rest till i come, it all depends
on the answer i get from Doyle
If i am not to come please write
and tell how the things stands have you
solde my horse keep the cart off if any
one use it and are not very carful
they will ruin the Ex~~p~~
has Mr Doyle payed you the money
on that order, it is very strange
i do not hear from home please
see if their is now letters in the
Postoffice for me and forward them to me

if any at Tucson by the Agent
Mr Doyle, if their is any one
coming out here that is safe to send
my horse to me by sending him along.
if not let him go ~~as~~ he is; i shall in
the corse of 2 or 3 months be in San Diego
wheather Doyle says so or not.. unless you
have sold my things or the moste of them
i should like to have my clother and a
trunk large enough to put them all in.
suppose their is no way you can send
me one unless Mr Doyle will send it
do not know if he will or not.

Give my
regards to C B Smith and all of
the boys, hoping this will find you
in good health and doing well
I remain yours truly
To E McHorse C J Rathbun
San Diego California

C. J. Rathbun
Mar 27th
about 2 minks, cloths
coming in Dec.