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PORTLAND OFFICE  
245 1/2 WASHINGTON STREET

*San Francisco,*

Nov. 13th, 1892.

T. M. Shaw, Esq.,

San Deigo, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor, enclosing plans and specifications for Linda Vista Irrigation work, duly received.

We will look the matter up as to cost, took off such data as we may wish to keep, and return plans and specifications as requested. In the mean time would like to be informed as to what the result of call for bids on this same work was last August, and as to just what the situation is now. We are prepared to submit proposals for the work, with the view of taking bonds in payment, provided we can get a price for the work that will justify us in doing so. If, however, the prices on the work are limited by receipt of former bids, or by the Engineer's estimates, we would like to be informed of that fact to save us the trouble and expense of a trip there. If y u can infom us upon these points; i.e., just what the Dist. wishes done now, and also as to the record of former bids and engineer's estimate, we will be prepared to give the matter immediate consideration, and to send a representative



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there if we feel satisfied that there is likely to be sufficient inducement to justify it.

Regarding the matter of plans of former City work. If the cost thereof would fall upon you individually, we will consider the matter as paid.

Trusting that we may hear from you at your earliest convenience, we are,

Yours truly,

*W. J. L. Linnell*  
*Burrill*

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(Dictated.)



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Received at *San Diego, Cal.*

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Los Angeles, Cal.

Dec 19th, 1892.

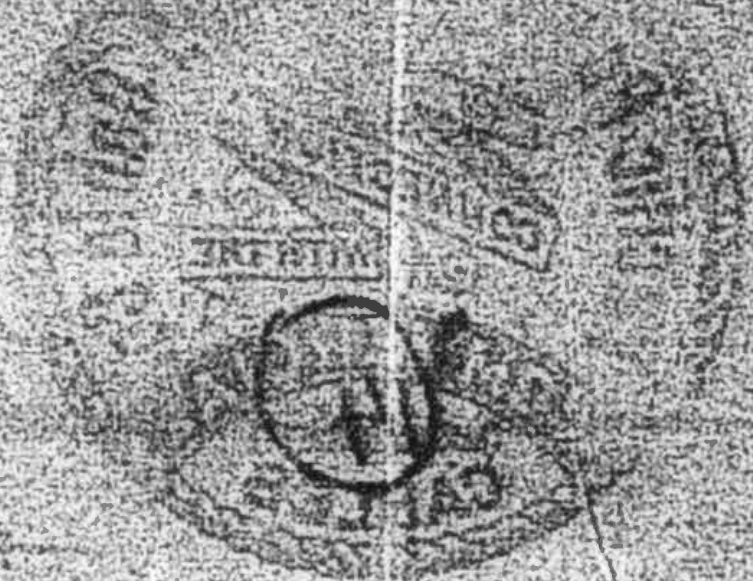
J. P. Jones, Care

Linda Vista Irrigation Office,  
San Diego.

Hold opening bids on bonds and work I will be there  
first train.

H. H. Burrell.





*A. A. Bennett*  
*Tellgram*  
*22019/93*



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RECEIVED at SAN DIEGO, Cal. 345 P.M. Standard Time. Dec 25 1891

To: *James P. Jones*  
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L. W. STORROR, Superintendent.

Received at *San Diego, Cal.*

45f Hi Lu 35 Paid 3:35 p.m.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.

James P. Jones,  
San Diego, Cal.

Your telegram twenty sixth and Robinsons representations misled us, we understood time was extended. Can we bid on construction on January third you must give us opportunity to bid on construction and bonds. Answer immediately.

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CHAS. E. HOSMER, General Manager,  
L. W. STORROR, Superintendent.

Received at *San Diego, Cal.*

45f Hi Lu 45 Paid 1:15 p.m.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.

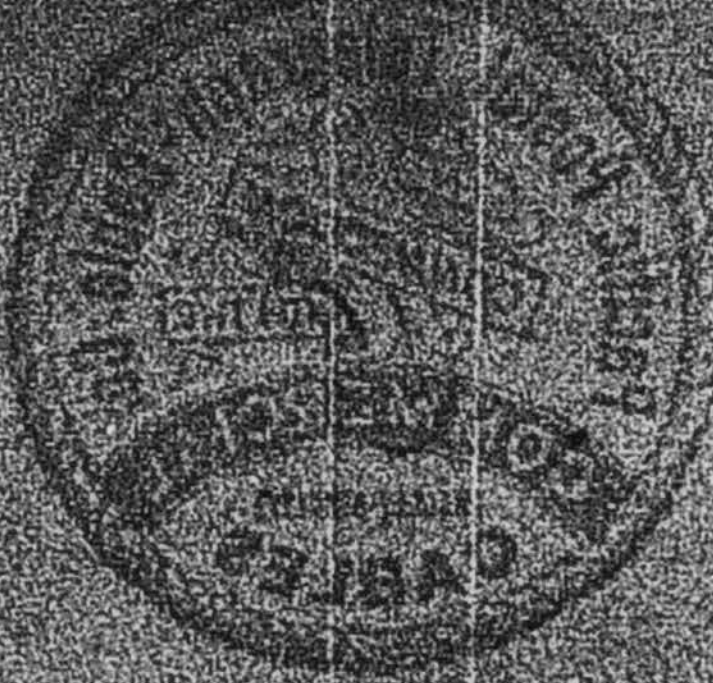
James P. Jones,  
Care Linda Vista Irrigation office,  
San Diego, Cal.

Robinson claims arrangement perfected through rampant for cancellation of both present advertisements and readvertisement for bids on total issue bonds and total work. Is this true or will awards be made on bids received January third either method satisfactory to us vice full answer immediately.

California Bridge Co.



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POST OFFICE

*Ch. B. Smith Co  
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22 CALIFORNIA STREET.

*San Francisco,*

Jan. 3rd, 1893.

James P. Jones, Esq.,

San Deigo, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Your telegram of the 1st ult. received yesterday.

We regret very much that such a gross misunderstanding should have come about regarding the letting of your construction work. We have taken a good deal of pains, and been to considerable expense in preparing for bidding on the construction, and placing the bonds, which we expected to receive in payment.

When we wired you, asking that bids for construction be postponed to the 3rd inst., our object was to have time to consult with Mr. Robinson, who was expected here, prepared to talk authoritatively regarding both construction and bonds. Your reply was telephoned to me from Oakland as being the simple word "Yes", instead of being as I have since learned "Construction, No; bonds Yes." In the meantime we had conferred with Robinson, who claimed to have full control of the whole situation, both as to construction and bonds, through Vandyke, and that he had arranged for the cancellation of both advertisements, with the view of receiving







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bids on total construction and total issue of bonds. We completed a verbal arrangement with Robinson regarding the matter, and upon that arrangement wired you, to be sure that Robinson's claim was true; when I learned for the first time that the construction bids were already opened, and that the bonds advertised would be cancelled.

Had the information reaching us been other than it was, we should have been at San Deigo on the 27th ult., prepared to bid. In fact, our H. H. Burrell, was already on the way, and was wired to stop at Tulare.

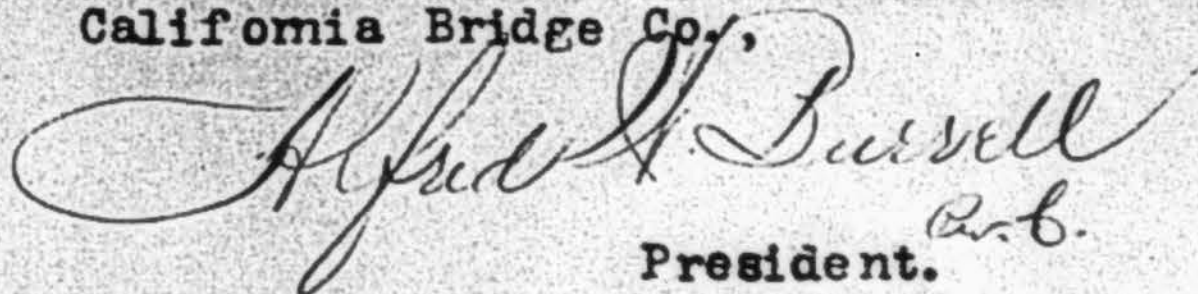
I have no one to blame in the matter except myself for accepting a telegram over a telephone wire; but I am afraid that your ~~hixxy~~ anxiety to make a show of starting construction, by opening the bids, is likely to prove a boomerang; for, I question very much whether any sale of your bonds can be made except through a contract, and that upon a completed system.

There is nothing now for us to do except wait developments. In the meantime will you kindly have your Secretary send us a record of the bids which were opened on the 27th ult. We can then determine whether it will be worth while for us to pursue the matter any further or not; and, until we receive this record, and hear from you, we will assume it unnecessary to answer the questions written us by Mr. Mulford, one of the Trustees.

Trusting to hear from you by return mail, we are,

Yours truly,

California Bridge Co.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred H. Burrell".

President. *A. H. B.*

(Dictated.)



**Ed Fletcher Papers**

**1870-1955**

**MSS.81**

**Box: 53 Folder: 17**

**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca  
Water Company - San Diego Flume Company - Linda  
Vista Irrigation District correspondence - California  
Bridge Company, Alfred W. Burrell, President**



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