

Camp at Anaheim March 1st 1872

Geo Stone Esq

Dear Sir

In spite of various drawbacks, such as two rainy days, a mile of thick Willows and another of Cactus, in addition to the demoralization of all hands by vicinity to a town, we reached Anaheim yesterday noon and by night ran some three miles beyond. I was requested by Mr. Alden, Agent of the Land Co, to run a line in a certain way through these sands, but as it would involve a very great detour from the direct route as you directed, with no advantage of ground, I declined doing so, and your Co, can make subsequent arrangements.

I got a very easy crossing from the Tiburcia coming up from San Juan, over to the Arizo, striking it, about a mile above the Stage road where there is no valley of any depth.

I then ran a course nearly towards Justin City for two or three miles so as to avoid some broken ground to the right, then a long tangent of 12 or 15 miles over the smoothest ground I ever saw, to near Richland. Then with a small angle to the left, crossed the Santa Ana River about the forks where it is 220 ft from bank to bank. On approaching Anaheim, I found our course was running thro' the Eastern part of the town and made a small angle to right which almost cleared the town site, crossing a small corner of one lot. I then started a course by calculation to just clear the foot of the Coyote Hills, intending from thence to run to Gallatin. I find the distance from San Diego to Anaheim to be $113\frac{39}{100}$ miles and on consideration of the whole line, my estimate of its very

easy character is fully confirmed, altho some of it is heavier than I expected.

I hope to be able to complete the survey by the time mentioned in my last letter.

I had another row in Camp last Sat. eve, this time with the Cook, cause as usual, Whiskey. As it was necessary to discharge him, (in fact I had put up with him for some time, contrary to the advice of Key & Rumbh, because I did not see how to get along without his Tent & c.) I did so Sunday morning, and he started for town with his outfit. I bought such articles as were needed to do cooking out doors, employed a man, who was on the S. B. survey, and as we were close to a house, proceeded to quarter the men in it, army style. Now I got quarters for them in a Barn, and do not think I shall have any trouble on this score. The nights are too cold and wet to sleep out if it can be avoided.

At Los Angeles, two or three of the men talk of remaining, others want some money en casu, and Messrs R & R, want \$200. So you will please send me \$450. which will enable me to discharge some and pay expenses &c. I shall start back as soon as I reach S. A. which may be on Wednesday. So please have the money there and write me by that date. K & R. will stop a day or two in Anaheim on their return, and join me in S. D.

Yours truly
Chas J. Fox G.E.