

San Diego, Dec. 22, 1855 -

Mr. E. W. Morse

To Chas H. Poole Dr.

To the following named articles of household furniture,  
books, and other property, <sup>advertised</sup> to be sold at public auction  
1 chamber sett painted, - 1 walnut secretary, - 2 oval pictures -  
2 chairs, 1 rocking do. - 1 table, - 1 straw mattress - 1 hair  
do, - 2 large pillows - 1 bolster, - 1 sofa - 1 carpet - 1  
pair gilt or molten candleabra - 4 Japan boxes - 1 Spanish  
guiter & case, - 1 carb. barrelled gun - 1 rifle - 1 colt revolver  
1 pair holster pistols - 1 shot pouch - 1 saddle cloth, -  
1 ladies riding bridle, - 1 table cover, - 1 cork stove, -  
1 saddle cloth, - 1 child's willow carriage,

And all the various articles in the house of M. C. Ferrell  
now occupied by Chas Poole, consisting of crockery and house-  
hold goods, together with

125 volumes of books as per schedule in  
hands of auctioneer, - total - \$1441.35

Received Payd by return of  
my note of that amount, Chas H. Poole -  


*Bill of Sale*

# List of Books for Sale

- X 1 Mizots Hist of Civilizatn
- X 2 Carlyle's Essays
- X 3 North Atlantic Memoir
- X 4 History of the Devil.
- X 5 Historical Memoirs of Napoleon
- X 6 Maryatt's Code of Signals
- X 7 Letters to a Master Mariner.
- 8 South American Sailing directions.
- X 9 Shipper's assistant.
- (10 Ollendorf's Spanish Method.
- " Key to Ollendorf.
- 11 First book of Spanish
- 12 Martí's Spanish fables
- + 13 Spanish Primer
- X 14 Dictionary, Spanish Academy.
- X 15 Newmarch & Baretti's Dectiong 2 vols
- X 16 Moral Encyclopedia
- X 17 Captain Henry's Campaign Sketches
- X 18 Fremont's Exploring Expedition
- + 19 The Comic Sanson
- X 20 Andrews Report and Maps
- X 21 Stanbury's Expedition to Salt Lake & Maps
- X 22 Patent Office Report 3 vols
- X 23 Perry's Japan " " 4 "
- X 24 Bliss's Cockery Book

- X 28531 Electric Magazine 5 vols  
X 32635 Prescott's Conquest of Mexico 5 vols  
X 37 Burns' Mechanical Dictation with plates 2 large vols  
X 38 Scott's Life of Napoleon  
X 44 Harper's Magazine from commencement, 6 vols  
X 47 Harper's Mag. unbound, 3 last vols { Complete  
X 53 Whig Review, 6 vols. with portraits  
X 56 Dickens Household Words. 3 vols  
X 57 5 vols <sup>Novels</sup> ~~Dickens~~ Works (pamphlet)  
X 58 Grahams Mag. 1 vol. (unbound)  
59 Godey's Lady's Book 1 vol (unbound)  
X 60 Sharpe's London Magazine, (Plates.)  
X 61 4 vols Dickens works (pamphlet)  
X 67 Spectator (6 vols)  
X 69 Uncle Tom's Cabin 2 vols  
X 71 David Copperfield 2 vols.  
X 72 Worley's Travels in U. S. & Mexico  
X 73 House of Seven Gables (Hawthorne)  
X 74 Blithedale Romance "  
X 75 Golden Legend - Longfellow  
A 76 Scarlet Letter Hawthorne  
77 School Exercises  
X 78 Leigh Hunt's Modern Poets.  
X 79 Life of Mary Queen of Scots (Abbott)  
X 80 Life Queen Elizabeth "  
X 81 Life of Charlemagne the First "
- X 82 Life of Charles the Second  
X 83 Life of Cleopatra  
X 86 Life of Napoleon (Hazlitt) 3 vols  
Burns' Poems  
X 88 Wordsworth's Poems  
X 98 Novels & tales by Edgeworth (10 vols)  
Robinson's Army of U. S. (2 vols)  
France under Louis Philippe (2 vols)  
Milman's Gibbons Rome. 6 vols  
Hume's History of England - (6 vols)  
Macaulay's Hist of England - 2 vols  
Two Imaginary & True told tales. (Hawthorne)  
Ancient Lyre (Church Music)  
Book of Ballads -  
Scott's Inquiry Tactics 3 vols  
Biographical Dictionary ~~Geo. Lyceum~~  
Gougon's Essays (German) <sup>Disc.</sup> or  
Fable for Critics

San Francisco Jan 26, 1850.

Mr. Morse:

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 6th. did not reach me, by some mistake of the Express Office, till the day before the last steamer arrived here, so that I could not send any reply, by last steamer.

I think the articles bought very good prices at the sale, considering, though I was much disappointed about the books, which I would rather have kept, than parted with at such prices.

In view of the unappeasable nature of Capt. McLaggan, and his constant pushing of the claim against me, (which I always have, & still believe ~~to be~~ morally not a just one, nor my duty to pay) I hereby authorize you to settle if he will, by turning over to him the bayo horse, if that animal is still in existence, taking his receipt in full for all demands. Explain to him that it is all I can do, and that he may consider himself fortunate to get that.

I saw no account of the order I gave Ferrell, and if it could not be carried

The box has not yet arrived yet  
Leighton's box big enough to sent the remaining things & makes his send them

be paid, please make him the offer  
of the other horse in payment in full  
of all his demands against me.

I find the account satisfactory, but  
am afraid the \$10 odd, balance, after pay-  
ing your age, will hardly pay for your  
trouble. The odd vol. of Spectator, is at  
Marks, Jacks, which I forgot, — please get  
it, and if Miltely don't want them, you  
are welcome to keep them.

I have got from Leighton all the notes  
and measurements necessary to finish the  
large City Map, which I hope to send by  
this steamer, & if not, by the next.

I noticed that some little articles were  
not put down, at the sale, & among others  
my black hat, which I told Kurtz would be  
sold, & he could buy it, as he wanted one.  
If it was not sold, make him a present  
of it for me.

I am sorry to hear Judge Robinson is no  
better, and think it a great misfortune  
for San Diego if he should not recover —

I am told he had news from Washington about  
our Railroad, and that they want a copy  
of our route. As I have a copy  
on a small scale of the route, I propose  
sending a tracing of it to Mr. Parke, by the

steamer of the 5th. I hope Leighton will  
keep busy, as he tells me he has been so  
ever since I left.

I have not seen Mr. Chase lately,  
though I have frequently called at his  
place, I suppose he is very busy. I think  
the best thing you can do is to settle up in  
San Diego, and leave as soon as possible.  
There is more chance for a business man  
here in one day, than in San Diego a  
month. You can do well at almost  
anything. If you try, I am satisfied  
you would never repeat it.

Mr Eldred is doing very well and  
making money. They live down near  
Davis Street, and have quite a large boar-  
ding house. Mr. E. & Mrs. Jones, called on us  
at the Rassette, and I went down astound-  
ed to see about boarding with them. We now  
live with one of my old Danvers friends, on  
Bush St, far out of town.

I shall go to Oregon probably the first of  
May. I don't know yet, whether my wife  
will go or not. She talks a little of going  
home. The baby grows fast & walks everywhere  
as well as anybody.

Tuesday 29th. I find that there will be  
great trouble in getting the map of City lands

to close well at the Playa. That seems to be the difficult part of it.

I am now going over it again, in every particular, and if it will come together without too much forcing, can get it ready to send in a couple of weeks. If not, I must finish all I can, & leave that part (Playa) to be gone over again.

You will see by papers that the Pueblo claim of San Dieg<sup>d</sup> is confirmed at last —

The Simanton claim also, and there is considerable excitement here among landholders in relation to the latter <sup>as it covers half the city, a portion of it being covered by both the Bolton & Barron, & the Pueblo claims.</sup> Some of it is embraced in the Peter Smith also, and the original Squatter's title besides. So the lawyers reap immense harvests.

We have had much wet weather for some days, and I presume the rains extended south as far as S. Dieg<sup>d</sup> — when I don't doubt it was much needed —

Please write about what transpires with you, as it will all interest me —

Very truly your friend Chas H. Pool

San Francisco Mar. 11 1850

Mr. More, Dear Sir: Your letter came safe to hand, and in regard to the Survey of the Playa land, I am of opinion that the Coast line of Claytons map where it joins with Couts' is erroneous, and the Coast Survey Map, also a little, and that the measurements by Leighton were very nearly correct. They do not greatly differ from the distances on the Clayton & Hesse plan. It is always difficult to place these differences, so as to avoid disturbing some other portion of the Map. In getting in the West & South shore of the Point Loma, I gave up the idea of reconciling them, and have put both shores down on the Map, that of the Coast Survey being inside, and the old Map outside making nearly twice the area of land. Yours and Gittell are both here, but will not

go down till next steamer.  
If I can, I will send along the  
map. I propose to commence num-  
bering at New Town and number  
all blocks upward. I have  
laid out the Island into 300 feet  
Blocks 100 feet Streets, and ar-  
ranged the 10 Acre lots in such  
so as to cut them up to correspond.  
I can't find out anything about  
the exact Pueblo boundaries. If  
anybody, Sutherland ought to know.  
The Land Commission have ad-  
joined for want of business, &  
are waiting to be dissolved.

I have not yet seen Mr.  
Chase. I delivered the watch  
into his hands, the day I ar-  
rived, and have not seen either  
him or the watch since, though  
I always look in at his place,  
every time I go into that neigh-  
borhood. He is now in business  
alone, his partner having left.

I am very desirous of getting  
the books and other articles left  
in the house as soon as possible  
as I may leave for Oregon on the  
1st April. Slichter wrote  
that Ferrall had the keys and  
had gone to Los Angeles, but he  
got in the window and saw  
they were all right. He could  
easily pass them through the window  
and send them after packing, &  
I wish you would urge him to  
attend to it. The articles may  
be all stolen, if they are so readily  
got at.

We are all well. Mrs. Poole  
sends love to Mrs. Morse —  
Let me hear from you  
when convenient —

Truly yr friend  
C H Poole

Chas A. Cole  
Mass.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 56

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San Francisco, May 1, 1856.

Mr Morse

Dear Sir:

At last I am enabled to forward the enclosed Map of the Pueblo Lands, as far as there is any certainty of its being accurate. It does not extend beyond the head of False Bay, as the line of the Pueblo ought to be first run and established.

I thought it better to run the outside divisions in ranges of 160 Acres, coinciding with the lines of the U. S. Survey of Public lands:— These lines are already established, and mounds and posts put down. It is only necessary to connect them with the Pueblo line when run, and the whole amount of land is at once ascertained, which belongs to the town.

These ranges can be easily subdivided into 40 or 20 Acre lots.

In dividing between the City and Railroad Co, each can take alternate lots or ranges.

The part of the Map at the Playa is put in 40 acre tracts for the purpose of more equally dividing the valuable land.

The lines in pencil north of the Playa are to be altered to correspond with the Clayton

Map, if they do not already, and numbered as marked. I had not the data belonging to Leighton's Map, and could not distinctly remember how it was, but I have been careful to get the true measured distance between the Playa lots and the last 100 acre range of old town. This part is right as to distance, and Leighton or any body can arrange the lots to agree nearly with the old map.

The numbering I am inclined to think is in the best plan that could be devised, Point Loma being the starting point. The Island is divided into 100 yards, 10 & 20 acre lots, 100 foot streets.

Before the Map is delivered to the Trustees get Leighton to examine the numbers of the old surveys and compare them, so they may agree, putting down from the maps numbers that may be omitted, as some purposely are at the Playa.

I propose to allow you 5 per cent for the collection of the initial Bill, which I hope they won't dispute. Any letters you wish to send me, forward as before to San Francisco, and they will be immediately sent to me.

I enclose the other maps I have, which are mostly I believe the property of the City.

There used to have been a duplicate of the map but that Ames wanted to get it

engraved, and left it in the hands of the engraver several days so that he commenced work upon it, and then Ames backed out and concluded not to have it done as he thought it would not pay. I therefore had to go and pay half the expense of the work done, to get the map back. The engraver offers to furnish 100 copies of the map for \$200. If there are sufficient people in San Diego who want copies it might do for the Trustees to have it engraved, but as a speculation it would hardly pay.

Can you forward the articles left behind by Leighton by an early conveyance? I should like to have them sent by express if not too large.

Mrs Poole sends her kindest regards to Mrs. Morse & hopes she is well.

With great regard  
Your friend  
Chas. H. Poole.

P.S. It would be best to have the map immediately pasted on cloth, or it will be soon destroyed. I intended to do it, but as you see, have not been able for want of time.

CHP

Chas H Poole  
May 1<sup>st</sup>

map full description

Benicia, Cal. May 16. 1856.

Mr. Morse:

Dear Sir: I received yours informing me of the safe arrival of the Map and accompanying documents. You will be doubtless surprised to find me dating from this place. On the eve of my starting for Oregon, through the kindness of Maj. Andrews, I was offered a Clerkship in the Q. M. Department at Benicia Depot. Thinking better of it than a trip to Oregon, as I can do equally well and not leave my family, I concluded to take up the offer so here I am.

Mrs. Poole is well and sends her best wishes to Mrs. Morse and the boy. She is very busy or would have written, and will next time.

The enclosed order for Leighton I thought I had before sent, but I must have forgotten to do so -

In haste truly yours.

Chas H Poole

Chas. H. Rose  
May 18th

Benicia, May 29, 1856.

Mr. Morse.

Dear Sir: I received your letter and am glad you have given some attention to examining the Map. I did not expect the Playa portion of it could be very correct, from the fact, that the plan I had to copy from, was incorrect in some parts, and it was difficult to tell where it was right & where not. You know I had nothing but the old copy of the Land Commissioner's plan to go by. In a letter to Leighton I will give directions how to make the corrections. How Brk 57 slipped out of the Map I don't know. He will make the alterations that may be required, under your supervision, and when you are satisfied that it is as nearly correct as is possible to make it, I authorize you to pay him out of the money collected by you from the City for me, not exceeding \$20. Then you may deliver the Map to the City Trustees on payment of \$300 for the entire work, giving them your receipt for me. I thought it best that every lot, parcel, & division of land should be numbered, including plazas, as they can always be more easily so described. The boundaries of the Middletown Squares are not put down, so

they can only be considered part of Streets or commons. I think it doubtful whether the water lots can be held by any title from the City, as the Courts decide the only title to be in the State.

The "vacant land" north of the Playa must be divided into small lots, not interfering, if possible with the deeded lots. 40 acres is large enough.

I considered a long time whether I should put in those streets between the Town & False bay, but concluded that as it might be wrong, I would not run the risk. I look at it thus: The lots are conveyed in some cases to persons who are opposed to having a street through, and in such case the trustees have no authority to lay them out, the power being in the Supervisors. The lots cannot very well retain their present shape if the streets are all laid over the lots. It will be easy to mark in red ink the lines of proposed streets over the present lines, leaving them both visible, so that the boundaries of the lots will remain unchanged.

I am greatly obliged for your attention in sending the package. I am glad to hear of the continued progress of Mrs. M. & the baby. I suppose she will be wanting to go home soon to show it to the folks, like Mrs. P. We are proposing to send for Mr. Farnum to come up this summer and spend a month or two with the little one. We are very comfortably fixed -

An item about the railroad may be interesting. Major Andrews received a letter from Maj. Heintzelman, from Newport, Kentucky, in which he says that he hears from Washington that the War Department have official intelligence of the discovery and survey of a new practicable route from San Diego harbor to the Colorado river, and that it runs through the Estrada ranch.

So it must be on route, that is at last working itself into notice. It seems to be now conceded that the road when built, will come over the Southum route, and it is now only a question of time.

We are very quiet here at Benicia and hear but little more than you do of the noise outside. The Vigilance Committee have it all their own way <sup>in San Fr.</sup>. Poor King of Wm's family it is to be hoped will be taken care of. I was very well acquainted with him, and consider him a model man, and now he is gone a great loss to the community, not to be replaced, though his brother has taken charge of the Bulletin.

Try and put the map business through, and if you collect, remit the balance over me, by your express, which comes direct to Benicia.

Write if you can and let me know how San Diego & you get on, about business -

I remain very truly your friend  
Chas H. Pool

Mr. E. W. Morse,  
San Diego—

W. C. Brewster  
Mass.  
Dec 1st 1879

Office of the Pacific Express,

Benicia, Dec 10, 1850

My dear Sir:

I have learned with great sorrow of your great affliction in the loss of your dearest and best friend, which has shocked me more than words can express. I was prepared to hear of the danger to both mother and child, but not the sad result which has occurred, of which I have only just been informed.

You may be surprised to learn that Mrs. Poole has just been safely delivered of a son, — they are both doing very well, and I have hopes of her being out in a few days, although she is not quite as well as in the case of the birth of little Grace. —

Dr Hammond is now in Benicia, and I hope to see him before his return. I heard the intelligence through Maj Ruggles who accompanies him.

I wish the money that may be due now to be paid over to Maj. R. on a note he holds of mine. You will please see it indorsed on it. I had hoped to see the matter closed long ago. He will show you an order to that effect.

With great regard, you find  
C. H. Poole

C. H. Poole  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 56

Mr Morse  
San Diego

Benicia Feb. 4. 1859.

Mr. E.W. Morse

Dear Sir:

You letter per last  
Steamer with the account &c. came duly  
to hand, for which I am greatly obliged.  
I did not suppose you would be put to any  
inconvenience by the purchase of land, as you  
state. If so I am sorry, and would cheerfully  
take as much of it off your hands as would  
relieve you, if I could afford to do so.—  
I think my affairs in San Diego are now  
squared up as far as any just claims are  
concerned. I am getting along quietly  
and comfortably enough here in Benicia,  
but not making much. I have had some  
thoughts of going home in the coming sum-  
mer, but have no great confidence in being  
able to do so.

We have been anxious to know who would  
take care of your little boy, and are pleased  
to learn that he has so excellent a foster-  
mother as Mrs. Stevens. Poor little fellow.  
One of all the afflicted ones, knows least of  
his great loss. It would seem to be a con-  
solation to the bereaved family at home if they  
could have the care of the little one, but

it is a matter which as you say, is difficult to decide. If you have an opportunity of going home yourself during the coming year, it would be the best way to take him whenever you can go. No doubt they will all desire to have you return home as soon as possible.

I think of your little one whenever I see Mrs. Mason's child, which was born the same day as yours. They now have three children. Our family seems large with two of them.

We are all well. Grace, (now two years & nos) talks as fluently as a grown up person. Our baby (named Clarence) grows fast and is very large & healthy.

Mrs. Poole sends her particular regards to Mr Stevens & yourself, and desires to be remembered to the family at home.

To any inquiry, please give my regards.

Very truly your friend  
Charles H. Poole

P.S. Will you ask Seightron if the transit instrument &c are all right, & tell him to write.

C.H.P.

C. H. Poole  
Feb. 1. 1857

San Francisco. Sept 20. '54

Dear Sir:

I have only time to say that tomorrow with my family I start for home on the mail steamer, and shall spend a few weeks in Mass, before going to New Orleans where I am to be stationed on Light house duty under Lieut Duty. I shall try to see Mrs Stein and you little one before going on.

Say to Leighton that the necessary directions are given to Tenant about the instrument I sent for.

I remain as ever  
your friend

Chas H. Poole

Ch I & Poole  
Sept 20th