



San Francisco May 10th 1853

Friend Wm

Your for Sea Bird I to hand
 will attend to the orders contained therein
 in by return of said steamer. Thank you for
 forwarding letter. P. E. Raymond has drawn
 on you, favour of ^{of Hinton for Sept} ~~the~~ ~~order~~ for \$623¹³/₁₀₀
 which amount you will please pay upon
 presentation of draft and I will get
 the same from P. E. R. I wish you
 to remit as fast as possible that I may
 make purchases. I sent a good lot by
 the Ohio but have not got all out
 board that I have bought. Will send
 because and some other things by
 Sea Bird. also the seed for Septon &
 other items in your letter. I cannot
 send the bins of wool by Ohio have not
 had time to examine them will send
 by Sea Bird. The flour for the baker is bought
 Will send more oil soon. I have a fine
 lot crockery glassware &c bought. The
 lumber for bakery will come by Sea Bird
 also Lewis for Goodland was to late to
 get them on board. Charge baker for said
 duck 37 1/2 @ per yard & \$30 for the you add kettle
 \$20 for the largest one.

I enclose Anokraws draft of two bills
that I can get copies of. Have no
time to say more. The Spruatt
is for your delay. Remember me
to Jack and see the Dr to keep
Loken. His friends might enquire
from D E D about him or the other.
A great hurry
Theodore Wheeler

Theodore Wheeler
June 1883

San Francisco. May 14th 1853

Friend Wm.

I have shipped to day per Sea Bird
the balance of the goods bought comprising most
everything we want with the exception of fine
& summer clothing, women's shoes, mens hats and
some few other things. I am growing sick of San
Francisco and think I shall ship myself by
next trip of Ohio leaving Panama to send the
balance of the things we may require. I know
you must miss me and feel sadly at a loss on
many accounts. If it were possible I would
have by Sea Bird to day but I must
now wait the return of the Ohio. See the
baker the balance of the flour will come
down in the Ohio which will be in good time
charge Outage & wharfage in San Francisco at 10^{cts}
\$3.50 Freight (eight bbls to the Ton) \$15.00 or Prerogative
in San Diego whatever it costs and then add
10% on the whole amount. Make out his bill and
present it at once that you may send the money
to Panama and whatever funds you may have
on hand besides to spare as I owe him the
amount of his bill and some two hundred dollars
besides. Ask purser of Sea Bird to let
freight bill lie over till next trip, he prom-

used me that he would. This will enable you to
make a larger remittance than you would other-
wise be able to make. The Bank will pay you
the whole amount of his bill for the things I have
bought for him. Some of his lumber cost high but
it is difficult to find clean stuff and not easy
to buy small lots at low prices. The cartage on the
lumber is \$1.50, freight you will ascertain from powder
then charge him 10% advance after adding cartage
in San Diego - providing he pays cash as I expect
I send Sexton one of articles sent it is all that is
to be had in S. F. and I have been to every
seed store. I cannot find a bell for him with
the words he wants upon it, nor one of the weight
the nearest to it is a plain bell weighing between
40 & 50 lbs which will not cost him more
than the amount he wishes to pay. Ask him
if that will suit. I cannot find a silver probe
for the doctor the size he wishes and it
will cost five dollars to have one made
I'll ask I have seen nothing in the way of
an india rubber bed, & I think he will find
a pair of boots in the lot I have sent that
will suit him. The oil cloth and some few
other things I will try to get to take down
with me in the Ohio. Raymond has paid me
\$6.24¹³/₁₀ I wrote to you about to pay to Sexton
if you did not retain it out of the remittance

sent by the Ohio I wish you would do so out
of that you may send by the Sea Field but
I wish you to send me all you said as I see
Raymond considered. I send the quantity
to Sexton 2 ft across 4 in thick as per his
order. He may possibly think it too large if
he does Rose may buy it He wants one
but do not lose the sale of it to Sexton in case
Rose does not want it as it is a thing we
cannot sell readily. Cost 5 1/2 @ per lb
freight will make it 7 1/2 to charge him 8 1/2 or 9
They are worth 6 @ in general over town
Raymond thinks he will be able to collect the
note from Lewiston and if he does I will
attend to getting the shawl for you ready.
I have collected \$165.00 from my Pencon
Point property and expect the balance
in a few days. I have not yet done
anything in the way of compromising
my affairs owing to being too busy &
Hau Klum being at Ponce. He returned
last night and says he will make a con-
mencement Monday. Tell Mr Ormsted
I have settled the balance of his account
with Raymond. You will see it charged in
R & P's Bill \$12.57 @ which collect from Mark
giving him a receipt. You will perceive one large
& one small looking glass sent in Davis & Rollins

Bill our Raincoat has appropriated for his own
use \$2.00 the smallest is mislaid or lost
In Woolly you will find 3 in Sock, 1 pair
and in Geo H Davis one pair boots, these
I have taken for my own use. All other
things I trust will be correct according
to the bills sent but should there be any
deficiencies note them upon the bills
and let me know enclosing the letter
open to D P & D P so that in case I
go down in the sea ^{which} ~~may~~ he may
attend to correcting them. Also
enclose in the same way the receipt
for the money you may remit by the
purchase of Sea Bonds so that D P & R
will be sure to get it. You may
perhaps think I have bought too many
goods of some kinds, well perhaps I have
but I don't know when we could buy
cheaper than at the present prices.
If I only had about fifteen hundred dollars
more I think that I might buy every thing
there would be no necessity of coming again
to San Francisco for some time but we can
not have all we want and it is not
right to complain - Wm. A. Jewell. Advt.

Must we can no doubt do a very good business
Even with what I have sent we
can defy competition and no doubt
pay what we owe Jack long before the
notes come due. Perseverance and
attention is all that is requisite
I hope the Doctor has painted the
sign and Smith had put it up if not
the money they attend to it the better
for them. I have been out on my
evening since my arrival and that
was to the theatre. To night going to
Sugar Cape Street. She leaves in the B.
Stephens on the 16th. The nights are
cold and foggy had one very heavy
rain. Nothing more to say
with the usual remembrance of
Jack & the Doctor. I remain your
ever

Wm Whaley

P.S. Do not forward any my letters to San
Francisco unless it be by the Ohio in the
event of my not going by any other

San Francisco, May 24th 1843

Mr E. W. Morse,

Dr Friend,

I have written you freely
by mail, this I shall send by private hand having a
little more to communicate to you. The Ohio is with-
drawn and will probably not run any more to
San Diego, but to Monterey. The Sea Bird & Soliall
will most likely substitute the line between here
and San Diego. The sea Bird is advertised to
leave next Saturday. You may certainly expect
me down by her. The package of cards missing
(6 dozen) I have found on board the Ohio, but they
have been shipped by her on board of the Sea Bird
so that you will get them when she returns without bill
lading or receipt. The box all or part missing
is most likely in Sign's possession. The mate of Ohio
says when was a barrel of something he did not know
what upon the wharf without a mark, he told
him to take it and to ask you if it belonged
to us. Regarding the three boxes of Drugs and
the box of starch I have not yet the least clue -
Purser of sea Bird says that when he took the salt-
kettle from San Pedro he saw a boy there without
mark but that Mr Vanning would not let
him take it away. I will enquire about it

when I go down. The lumber and two kegs nails
are on board the Sea Bird. They forget to deliver them
I wish you to note particularly what is short by
either of the Steamers so that I may arrange it when
I return. Patton has enclosed the \$100.00 warrant
& I have given him a receipt for it in your name
I have sold it for 72 1/2¢ making \$43.50. I thought
to have got 75¢ for it. I have compromised
my affairs with Gerke for \$1000.00 but I wish
you to tell Rodriguez not to give up the lease
he holds until he sees me as Franklin has
not yet paid the note I hold against him and the
title in Rodriguez's hands is security for it. Please
tell this to Rodriguez immediately & Franklin
may have written to his brother to get the lease. It is
fully days before the note which Franklin has given
Gerke becomes due from the 20th inst. I think
with the assistance you have sent me I shall be
able to buy pretty nearly all we require. I shall
leave a list with Pammet to be completed.
This is all so long.

Yours &c
Wm. Whaley

P.S. You may tell the Doctor to print the
sign we had fixed "Whaley & Morse
superior to
St. Hillow."
It should the sign not be large enough than simply
"Whaley & Morse."

San Francisco May 10th 1853

Morse

I wish you to retain the amount of
the draft drawn upon you in Boston or
a draft in favour out of the money you in-
tend sending up by return of ship of Ohio
as Raymond will pay me the amount
here \$623 ¹³/₁₀₀. This will save us some work.
The invoice I will send by sea. You
will take a correct list of the goods
as you receive them and afterwards
see if they agree with the bill. Charge
on baker for Skatiron 10⁰/₁₀₀ per lb. I shall
16⁰/₁₀₀ per lb for the wine. Keep some wine to hold
the bottles upon the shelves, a few yards.

Yours
Wm. Wallace

San Francisco, May 23 1853

Mr. E. W. Moore.

Dr. Friend,

Yours for "Ohio" came to hand yesterday enclosing Walton's draft concerning which you make no disposition therefore I shall leave it with D. C. Cannon & do with what you like. Walton has not yet received his letter under cover to D. C. D. I know not where he is to be found though he is in the city. I am certainly disappointed not to have received a mail since and must blame myself for it as it was my intention to have written by the Ohio to let the freight bill be paid till return trip. I imagined the freight would be considerable but it far surpassed what I supposed it would be. I do not wonder you can let not unit anything with all that to pay - and Septin's order besides. You are in want of many things but under the circumstances I suppose we must do without them awhile longer as it will not do to run further in debt. My friend does well pay all that we owe in San Francisco and I shall soon reduce this amount as I have \$50 or \$200 yet to receive from the sale of my land at River Point and which I expect to get tomorrow with the fair. I may perhaps get payment to buy us a few things we most want and allow him his comp upon the purchase if he is willing to advance me some funds.

From the time you receive this till the return of the Ohio
I wish you to see all you can and to collect in
as much as possible that we may find a sum raised
by her at least enough to pay off what we owe her
I have compromised the judgment with old Gerte
upon the payment of ^{for \$600.00} ~~some hundred~~ dollars cash &
Franklin's note for 40 days - so that I am getting
out of a bad scrape tolerably well - I do not settle
with Franklin until such time as the note for \$600.00
is paid. Franklin gave me some time ago his note for
\$450.00 and placed in the hands of Rodriguez as
security the lease of his lot & house in San Diego. said
lease to be retained by Rodriguez until the settle-
ment of the affair - I wish you to tell Rodriguez
the settlement which has been made so far but not
to give up the lease he holds until such time as he
has seen - I wish you to do the day you receive
this as Franklin may write to his brother to get
the lease. Now what security would I have for the
payment of his note for \$450.00 or the balance due
him on? Simply tell Rodriguez not to give up
the lease before he sees me - This is all for the present
Remain true as ever to Jack & the Doctor -

Yours sincerely
Thos. Whaley

San Francisco, May 24th 1853.

Mr. C. W. Morse,

Dr. Friend.

The Sea Bird arrived yesterday after-
noon. I have your letter and the \$200 sent by the Purser - I think
I shall be able to make out very well with this, to be able to
to buy most all we need. Matten has enclosed the warrant
No 262 for fifty dollars and I have given him a receipt for the
same in your name. It is worth 75 cents on the dollar - He
wishes you to send by return of Sea Bird the letter which
contained it from Geo. Bigler under envelope to R. E. Rai-
mond. I notice from your letter that you are short of
some articles on the Ohio like Sacking. The purser of Sea-
Bird says that he did not deliver the lumber for the
baker and two bags nails. There may be some of
articles short by him. I wish you to ascertain ex-
actly what is short by both Steamers so that they
may be accounted for when the Steamers return to
San Diego as they are responsible for any losses of
this kind. I shall certainly return by the Ohio. This
ship the balance of the Baker's flour - Shovel out from
them if they will take the lumber before receiving it
from Sea Bird. They may refuse as it did not arrive
so soon as they expected. Try to make them take it
to prevent any difficulty with the Steamers.
The Doctor must have administered a powerful
emetic for San Diego to have given such a quick
reply -

Yours sincerely
Thos. Whaley

From the time you receive this till the return of the said
I wish you to see all you can and to collect in
as much as possible that we may find a sum of money
by her at least enough to pay off what we owe her
I have compromised the judgment with old Gerke
upon the payment of ~~some hundred~~ ^{pr. \$600.00} dollars cash of
Franklin's note for 40 days - so that I am getting
out of a bad scrape tolerably well - I do not settle
with Franklin until such time as the note for \$600.00
is paid. Franklin gave me some time ago his note for
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lease to be retained by Rodriguez until the settle-
ment of the affair - I wish you to tell Rodriguez
the settlement which has been made so far but not
to give up the lease he holds until such time as he
sees me - This I wish you to do the day you receive
this as Franklin may write to his brother to get
the lease. Now what security would I have for the
payment of his note for \$450.00 or the balance due
thereon? Simply tell Rodriguez not to give up
the lease before he sees me - This is all for the present
Remain however to Jack & the Doctor

Amos Sweet
John Whaley

New York, August 5th 1853

Friend Morde,

I arrived here safely on the 29th last month, found my family & friend well much surprised to see me so unexpectedly. Anna is as true as steel and as fond and devoted as ever she was. She is accomplished amiable and beautiful. A perfect lady in her manners and giving her an attractive ornament in the most refined society. You will be delighted to see her. Say Diego is almost too well a piece for her ever to visit but so has fortune designed it. She is delighted with the idea of going & says she is willing to go whenever I wish she are to be married in a few days the arrangements are being made. I regret that her health is so very delicate this will detain me a month longer than I expected as I must take her to some watering place to recover. I would not think of staying with her as she is at present. I believe that she will soon improve. I see a very perceptible difference already during the few days that I have been at home. I have sent the

letters to your lady and Mr Pooles in-
closing a draft in each for \$100.00 as
directed. We intend making our marriage
tour to Niagara returning by the way
of Boston stopping a few days with your
friends and Mr Pooles. I have been obliged
to pay off some debts which I could not
well refuse besides my wife's outfit cost
more than I anticipated. I shall
require some more money say \$500.00
or \$750.00 if you can possibly spare so
much. \$500.00 I must have before I can
leave New York. \$250.00 I should much
like to have as I wish to buy a piano
to send around the Horn. Anna is a pro-
ficient in music and ought to have us to
entertain us all. ^{Let Mr Pooles} try to get a draft from
Major Brown or from some other responsible
source. If he can not then get one from
J A Franklin if he really has the power
to draw drafts ~~for~~ on New York - other-
wise send to San Francisco. To Raymond
~~letter~~ with a letter to send by the first
steamer and the duplicate by the
following - Enclose my letter in a letter
in an envelope directed to the care
of Mr Joseph West 45 Fulton
Street New York. It will be better to
get the drafts to San Diego if possible

saving a great deal of time. Mind and
attend to this as I cannot leave before
I hear from you and I am anxious to
get back as soon as I can though my
friends wish me to stay longer. I must
certainly leave here the 5th October
and may if this goes due and you
attend to the matter promptly. I expect
my money letter to get from ~~and~~ I
wish to be sure to have enough when I
leave here to guard against all emergen-
cies - I would not like to be detained
without funds in the way with ladies -
I hope you are making out well. Be of
good cheer, we shall be very happy with
our wives. The doctor I suppose has
left for home. Will go to see his lady
in a day or two - Tell Mr Katz I
delivered his \$100.00. I have a fine watch
for Jack which I am wearing.
This is all I have time to say.
Write soon
Yours sincerely
J. A. Walker

Messrs Appaluy & Morse
"General Store"
San Diego
California

New York, October 5th 1858

Friend Morse,

You will learn with surprise that I have not yet left for California as I thought I should be able to do by this steamer, but misfortune has prevented me therefore do not wonder, I am as wishful to leave as you are to see your dear wife. I regret the delay exceedingly on your and Mr. Pooles account more than I do on my own, besides the disappointment which it must be to the ladies. I know how anxious they both are to see their husbands in California. I have written to them both to keep up their courage till the 20th of this month when I think there will be no thing further to prevent our going. I had prepared a letter to send you by the last mail stating I should surely send to day. A settlement with one of my creditors prevented me from mailing it at the post office and I went to the mail steamer to hand it to the mail agent, but was too late to do so, from then I went to the Misaranguan steamer and while waiting there to give the letter to some person going to San Francisco I was arrested by one Flin toft to whom I owe some hundreds of dollars, at the instance of my own cousin, under the non resident debtor act, I was required to give bail or go to the debtors prison. It so happened that

!! Do not tell any body except Mr. Cole of my having been arrested as if I can do it no more!!

both my mother and brother were out of the city and it was raining in torrents at the time. Late that night I was lodged by the officers in Goal. and such lodgings I had were never equalled in my experience of California life! In goal I remained till next morning when I was bailed out by my mother and brother to whom I had written the night previous. The same day I was set at liberty another arrest was got out by my amiable cousin, to whom I am also indebted, but the officers did not free me till the morning of the 23^d. I went with them immediately to my mother - whom she and a friend gave bail without the necessity of my being obliged to go to prison this time. I am now under bonds to the amount of \$1250.00 to appear at court. I have detailed the circumstances to my mother brother and friends and they were willing for me to go by this steamer and abide the event of the suits which I have placed in a lawyer's hands upon the promise that I would remit them the amount which may be recovered against me in both of the suits amounting to six or seven hundred dollars. My mother and brother feel indignant at the shameful manner in which my active has used me and wish in the event of the suit being continued to keep the parties out of the money as long as possible, and this I have determined to do. The lawyer thinks the suit may be protracted at least a year - But if I possibly can I wish to settle the matter before I leave the city by giving my notes indorsed by my mother - I am willing to allow

the parties all that my lawyer says they can recover in law with interest costs, &c but their lawyers tell them differently from mine whereby they think they can recover more than I am willing to allow - I have been shamefully treated as ever a man was. To have been arrested by a stranger in the manner I was without seeing me or giving me an opportunity of making a settlement would have been bad enough but when ~~the~~ an arrest of the kind was made by a near relation the matter was worse. Since my arrival here I have paid off or settled by notes most all my debts and it was my intention to have done the same by these parties also had they only given me time. But now they have their own way - and if I can make them wait or do them out of it entirely, I will and nobody who knows the circumstances can blame me for so doing. Well, when I had resolved to go by this steamer I went to learn the tickets my mother having furnished me the money I was deficient of to be refunded to her when the remittance of \$750.00 I sent for should arrive I found that all the good berths by both steamers were taken and that there was no alternative but to wait till the 20th of the month rather than go uncomfortable. Tomorrow I shall secure my tickets by the next steamer on the Nicaragua route if possible as it is decidedly preferable to the other. On the 12th I shall leave here for Mrs. Morse & Mrs. Poole so that they will have a few days to pass in the city before sailing the 20th. I think nothing further can prevent me

from going on the 20th I am very anxious to get
back to San Diego - I hear that the work of turn-
ing the San Diego river way to be commenced
under the supervision of Lieut Derby the 1st of
September. I hope through Mr Poole's influence
you have secured the contract of supplying the
men ~~re~~ which will help us along this year con-
siderably. Our principal moel I see is to run
for Assembly and ^{be} trained for county Judge
in opposition to Paankin. I wish them hearty suc-
cess. Steps have also been taken I see to
build a church in San Diego - I wish you
to subscribe for me ~~or~~ or for you and me
one hundred dollars to be paid when called
for or when most convenient to us. I promised
that if a church was erected in San Diego I
would willingly give as much as anyone toward
the object and as several have given one hundred
dollars I feel myself bound for this amount but
as I said before you can give it in any name
or in the names of both of us. My wife is im-
proving rapidly in health and anxiously awaits
the time of departure. She desires to be remem-
bered to you. My respects to Jack the doc-
tor, ^{Mr Poole} Smith, Noel, Warner, Arguello, Hop, Moore,
Rose, Marks family ~~re re~~ and believe me
Yours sincerely
Wm Whaley

San Francisco, November 30th 53

Friend Morse,

The *Comline* leaves to day and by her you will receive a pretty good shipment, invoices and B^oP of which, I enclose self. I think you will find everything correct. I could not get as much Barley as I wished owing to the scarcity in market, but I shall leave an order with Raymond for 8 to 10 tons more to ship by steamer if freight is not more than \$15 per ton.

Then an ^{dry} 13. 9. 8. measurement good,
3. 20. 10. for 25 1864 Flour
12. 30. 6. for Barley Potatoes Beans
Sugar
Making in all Total 29. 20. 0.

At \$12 per Ton

\$354.00

I think you will find this pretty correct as I went over it myself with Raymond's clerk, therefore do not hesitate to pay the amount provided you receive everything correct.

You will perceive the flour is taken at 7 1864 to the ton but in making out the Baker's bill you must allow only six or whatever you have been accustomed to allow also charge him with cartages \$4⁵⁰ in San Francisco. Though the bill for the flour is at \$15 per 1864

not in reality we are to pay Sage & Smith only
\$13.50 but you will charge the bakers accord-
ing to the bill rendered. I will tell you how
this happened. I bought of S & S the flour at \$15.
but when it was landed the inspector would
not mark them Superfine and of course I in-
ferred to take them. I examined the flour my-
self and finding it not so bad as the inspector
represented I thought I would run the risk as S &
I said they would let me have it at \$13.50
The flour is really good and will answer for
immediate use but would not keep for any length
of time and it is for this reason the inspector
would not brand them. Haver is very scarce
and worth \$16 per bbl. but you can say to the
bakers in case they notice that it is not in-
spected that this is a fresh lot just arrived
from the States and that by taking it from
the vessel without inspection I have got it
for one dollar less than the market price
and if it should really turn out a little
damaged we can allow them something on
the lot. but I shall probably be there already
as soon as the English and can explain
to them. You had better let Sam Darnall
or Smith go down to receive the freight
to see that the number of packages are
correct, there are in all 475 P. Bags. Get them
hailed up as soon as possible on account of

the rain. Perhaps it would be well to hire
Wall besides Smith to haul if he has
not teams enough. Take the weights of the
sacks of Haverly as you receive them.
Capt Estlin may perhaps not want his freight
money till his return from whatever work
him. He says his cook has embezzled
of the annuities of Samacia Ann and that
he will make him pay for it. You may
entirely expect me by the Southern.
Collect all you can that we may make
a good admittance. goods are low and
we are in want of many things. The
General Store has been and must again
be at the top of the heap. We can sell
as low as any or even afford to give our
goods away as well as any one doing
business in San Francisco. I shall
want you to come up here shortly
after I go down or I shall be obliged
to come myself again soon. I
will pay to visit San Francisco a little
often than we have done
Yours in haste
H. Whaley

I expect to see my Russian Point property
for several hundred boxes of stores

Whitney
Dec 3d

Dear Sir
I have your letter

I have written this with the pen I made you a present
of if you are willing to accept of so please a new year gift
I shall be glad to give you one. I shall be glad to give you one.

Quiet Nurse,
I have examined
see the bees and
find them correct
except 50¢ on
Gullard's

San Francisco December 31st 1853

Kind enclosed married & P.O. of goods
shipped this day per Mr Southman also receipts
of unpaid bills. You will now have a pretty
good assortment of almost everything wanted.
The store will be full and look more business
like than it has for a long while done - but I
wish before I leave here to buy many more
things that we need very much and which
I have been unable to buy from the want
of more money. I have bought largely of
some few articles that were low & thought
I might have sent a greater assortment -
I can get everything we want on credit
but this will not answer to any extent -
therefore I depend upon your making a
good remittance by return steamer, say
\$2000.00 or \$2500.00 which will enable me
to buy all that we want and run on
it unnecessary to come or to send to S.F.
for the next three or four months. Send
all the money you can but do not borrow
any while we have so many debts due
us. I trust that Pool has paid his bill
or at least the greater portion of it. do not

let him rest until he does and many others
that owe us collect in all the best you
can. Stop crediting except to those you
know to be good and see all that is
possible for cash so long as a fair profit
is made. The only bills we owe are to
Sandra Bond also and a balance of \$150.00
to Genella which payment of which you must
provide for to be sent by return of Southern
when I go down the trip after this
I have got from Chase Collins draft for \$230.
and renewed the money so give him credit
Raimond if paid balance of his ap account
\$143⁴³ Sandra Bond & Co \$109²⁰ Haygate
\$192⁴⁰ Sage & Smith \$54³³ less \$15. being due
two or chairs broken & ax handles worn eaten
Genella sends the 4 gilt cake plates 1 gilt slip
bowl & cold Ewers & 1 thin glass short in his
bill. The waiter was correct there are men 4
to a set. he had none with more in his store
the one sent is a present to me. ~~People~~ & Elam
have deducted from their bill \$3 doz hump cord
short on their last bill. ~~Myant~~ & King send
the towel stand and curtains short. The legs
the dining table Raimond sent by the Southern
last trip you will know if you received it, if
not the purser may know something about it
You will please present to my wife the gilt cup
& saucer and the little china match box as her

new year present, also let her have one or two
of the white counter plates. ^{and 1 per can} The butter knives
Salt Spoons mustard Spoon Sugar Spoon Knife basket
plated cake basket 1 per candle sticks, I bought
for the house but if you can sell them or any
thing else that we have together in common and
and make a good profit upon it, do so, it is
always easy to get more of the same kind
than are now soup plates in market less than
\$2.00 each and \$2.50 white per doz. Has have
fallen to 60¢ coffee to 75¢ Sugar also
declined. Valerians gone up to 14¢ in lb
papers sent down in glass \$3.00 doz ^{per 10¢} and
50¢ per bottle. If you can buy down in papers, say one
case do so. I think I will send a case next trip
Citrus is worth 50¢ lb. Raisins \$6⁷⁵ to \$7.00
per box. Claret \$4²⁵ ^{per 10¢} I got mine low by chance
The ten fir kind of butter are the best we ever had at 28¢
and should ~~not~~ be inferior to it and he should
sell at 30¢ per lb it is no reason why we should
sell for less than 45. Butter can be bought from 10 to
35¢ per lb. and this I send is of the best quality. I bought
of Dryden it is marked C.H.S. I saw him sell to one man
32 fir kind of the same butter at 34¢ per lb the same
day I bought for 28¢ He sold it low to me because
he was hard up wanting money to remit to the
States. The money market was never known to
be so tight here as at present. and should
made ~~entire~~ much longer than will be seen

heavy failures - The two firkins bought of
Sage & Smith are pretty fair but does not
begin to compare to Strybump though they
cost 24¢ and were picked out of a lot
of 40¢ firkins - I would not advise
butter less than 30¢ but you must deter-
mine yourself - Rice is worth 6 1/2¢ lb -
Dried Peaches 20 & 22¢ - Cheese is still
high. I meant to have sent some this trip -
Potatoes are a little higher as you will perceive -
I also bought for home use Buckwheat, Indian
Meal, & Dried Plums but see all you can of it
that we dont require - Also a chamber pair for
the home - and a receipt book and pocket
book for the store - You may be a little fright-
ened at the amt of any goods sent but if we
sell cheaper and for cash or to good customers
they will not long be in the store. I am sick
of this credit system we must do something to
alter it that we may always have funds enough
on hand without the necessity of borrowing or buying
on credit - So sell all you can for cash and
collect old a/c's. We are now at the years
end and if we intend to do anything it is a good
time now to turn over to a new leaf. My
I have not yet been able to attend to the Riverton Court prop-
erty but shall next week - nor have I collected any
old bills. My respects to Mrs. Morse & Paul
and believe me your friend
Geo. Whaley

San Francisco, April 15th 1854

Friend Morse,

The Sea Bird leaves to day
I send you some Cases Orms & Hips which
I commissioned Raymond to buy, find
enclosed receipt for the same—

355	Ls Cases	at 17¢	60.35
100	" Hips	25	25.00
120	" Orms	25	30.00
			<u>\$115.35</u>

I have arranged with R. E. R. for the 126
Ls cases charged in last bill they
were never shipped. I have bought
more and a better quality than he
would have sent as there has been new
shipments received. Last pack I sold
the 14 Mexican owned for \$282.60 and paid
over the amount to R. E. R. \$288.63
is the amount we are at present
indebted to R. E. R. which includes
the goods sent this day. I had not money
to pay him after paying \$100.00 to
Sage & Quirk for the Blankets, Proofs
& Root have refunded me the money for
the coffee milled. I have not yet sold any
of my property and money is very

dearer and there is hardly any use to try. I expect to get the State title to it next week I am to give the man a new check for a lot I sold him some time ago, and he is to pay me \$100.00 his proportion of the expense I have incurred in obtaining title under Peter Smith judgment. This will be something towards paying the State interest. The important suit Remond wrote to me about is to come off some time next week. He gives the lawyer \$4000.00 for expensing it, my proportion will amount to about \$50 or \$100.00 and if the property stands the test of this suit I shall think I am all right and can hold on or sell. Tell Hunt about I have seen Tilghman he promised to pay upon a certain day but did not do so. He now says he thinks he will be able to pay sometime about the first of next month. (quin sake) Cremory promises next Saturday \$50.00 (an other doubtful case) Walton is no longer connected with the "Sun" He has gone to Stockton where his wife, an actress is engaged at the theatre there. I have not yet seen Traimer Lowson Coppin and the rest of them that owed. It is mighty hard to collect old debts. A man wants a heap of time running and running for them. Liquors of all kinds have advanced. The commonest kinds of whiskey such as we have for 55¢

is worth 95¢ to \$1.00 therefore raise the price or water it but on no account see to store kepers. Lyons wrote up for 4 1/2 lbs but R & E R would not send it. Raise the price on common whiskey and brandy. All kinds have advanced and Hays says prices must keep up for the next 4 mos. Sugars are very high no 1 9 3/4 no 3 7 1/2 no 4 6 1/2. Polled Cuckoo Oil \$2.50 per gal in large quantity. You must raise the price. Butter has advanced to 32¢ Hams 18¢ 19¢ Lard in tin 19¢ 20¢ Goods of all kinds are advancing. Trade is fast improving and merchants think there is a fair prospect of doing a good business. I hope this will improve real estate. I shall try to see my lot or a portion of it if possible before I leave. I did think of returning by the Southern to leave a week from today but I think I shall now remain until she goes down and come up again in the hope of effecting something before I leave. Mr Guke has cancelled the judgments against me. See Kurren I have not yet found the kind of horse cover he wants. I find plenty for the horse's back but none for the head and ears, will look further around and send if possible by Southern. See back I have not yet seen Johnson. He arrived here once last trip of Goliah. Continue to see all you can cheap for cash.

and collect in all the old bills you can and
remit me some money if you wish me to
buy anything — I am determined to run
my face no longer — I want to see the
store out of debt as soon as possible
I may buy \$1000. or \$1500.00 worth of goods
if I can see my lot but it will not do
to buy on credit while things are so dull
in San Diego — Tell me if there is any prospect
of a change — Clements goes by this boat &
McKuskey will shortly follow —

Do try to send for Jack making with } \$717.40
the \$282.60 I brought up with me } \$1000.00

Balance due R. E. R. 288.63

Making in all \$1006.03

And as much more besides, but don't
borrow any — The Southern will be in a week
after the sea trial therefore see and collect
in all you can between the time of re-
ceiving this and her sailing — and remit
the money to me — and I will try to bring
down a nice little assortment of every thing
we actually want — Sexton goes down this boat —
My respects to your wife and remembrance
to Grand

Yours truly
W. Whaley

to retail at \$2.00 or \$2.50 per gallon or
12 1/2 to 18 1/2 ct per lb. I have no doubt
at this price we may see a great deal
of it and that you will soon see the
quantity I have sent but need not I
can get no more. Honey is worth here
in tins 12 & 15 ct per pound. The lemon Syrup
is a good article and cheaper than any
we have bought before. The sugars are not
the very best but as they are something new
and put up in convenient boxes I think
you may sell them for \$3.50 to \$4 per box.
The horse cover is for Kuree and cost
\$8.00. The man wanted to charge \$10.00
so charge him \$10 or \$12.00. I could not
find one to match, the head priced with
the body so I got as near as I could.
I enclose the two pocket compasses for
Jack. The two cost \$5.00. I have had
the two watches repaired and will bring
them down with me. I have taken the little
one you sent up to have fixed but I am
afraid it will cost almost as much
as it is worth. I send nothing else by
this steamer - nor shall I buy any more
on credit. It is a bad policy. Our stock
is already too large and wants reducing
until such time as we are free from debt

and business grows better. I have from
60 to 90 days on the goods I bought
from G & F. Some goods are still rising
I paid on \$4.00 Turpentine about the same
Sugars & Rice are advancing, Beans 7 to 8 ct
Peas 2 1/2 & 3 ct. Best Butter 32 & 35 ct
These advances cannot affect us materially at present
though perhaps it may be 3 days when the stocks
of the stores are reduced and they are compelled
to buy at higher prices than we paid. Whiskey
remains about the same as it was last trip.
Lamp oil has gone up and so has
Camphine which is worth 1/2 ct per gallon. Pay-
ment tells me Ross leather will not bring enough
to pay Goldmans draft. I would be careful about
running any very large bill with P & D.
I have not collected one cent from any body
here. I saw Lightman today he has no money
I always expecting some. Cumby promised
to pay a certain day, went there but was not
in. I have not yet seen Wallace though
I have been after him a dozen of times. The
same thing in regard to Wainman. Lawton
is in Savona. Will be here in two months
time. I wrote to Mr St Jais to learn
the address of Runcet and Coffin and
the probability of getting anything from them
but have received no answer. A man
after running a while learns the great folly

Cottman tells me he bought Macay Ranch for \$3,000. Do

of giving anybody credit - I have not yet sold my lot nor do I intend to at present price - Even if I had the money I could not meet it better for the next three years than it is now - The property is rapidly increasing in value and will shortly be worth as much as any in the city. All I want is to perfect my title and it is this which detains me here - The suit has not yet come on owing to the protracted trial of the Mexican case. I hope it will come up some time this week - The State refuse to take the 25% upon my lot which may or may not affect my title to one quarter of it. This remains to be seen & if it is certainly good - Do see and accept in all you can and pay Jack off. This will be a great deal - I will be down by return of the Southern next trip - So if you want anything very particularly you had better send the order and the money by her - Mrs Whaley joins me in regards to your wife and says remember me to Jack & Tom
P.S. Debra paid me \$90 on a fee of yours & if I should ask for my passage fee & if she please leave it till my return -
The Whaley

San Francisco, April 29th 1854

Friend Morse,

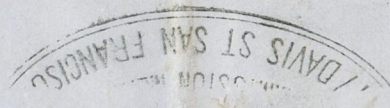
The Sea Bird leaves to day and as I have nothing else to do I may as well write you a few lines. The Sashimi left Wednesday. By her I sent a small invoice which I hope you will find all correct. I expect to go down by her next trip. She is advertised to leave a week from to day. I think I can get through all my business by that time. The Mexican Consul case is at an end and mine is the next case on the docket and will come up the first of next week. Rainier has written Jack a letter containing all the interesting news. It will make him laugh to read it. Johnson, told Rainier when he presented Meason's order on him, that he wished him ~~at San Mateo~~ to buy him a lot of goods in San Francisco to the amount he owed him. You must see what prospect there is to get our money from Meason. Alcohol is worth \$1.45 in large quantities and will be much higher. You had better raise the price of Alcohol, common whiskey, brandy, Spice Oil, Turpentine, and lamp oil, as we can not replace these articles at the prices we have been retailing for but use your own

discretion in matters. I wish things were a little brisker in San Diego than they are, then I would not mind buying goods even without money but what is the use of running into debt these dull times. Something will shortly turn up for us therefore let us hold on patiently. We have not done so badly the past year that we need feel discouraged with a few months dull business. I send you nothing by this boat though I did think of running my face for some sugar & coffee but now I will wait to see what kind of a remittance you send me by the Southern. If I get enough to pay present bills I may buy a thousand dollars worth on credit provided I am not limited to too short a time to pay in. Virgie is three hundred. He has taken a house and his wife does washing. He will go up the country when the Southern gets in. He lent Black George \$50 to pay his passage which he could not pay back and he got him a place as cook on board the Southern at \$75 per month so that he may be able to pay him. I believe this George owes us a small bill. Virgie left \$1500 of his money with Raymond to keep. Raymond has tried to sell Rose's leather but finds it impossible to do so. Great fault is found with the quality. It does not compare with eastern leather. Our dealer who looked at it and refused to buy told him if he had 25¢ offered

for it not to refuse it and the man was willing to buy provided he could get time upon it at 28¢ per lb. I don't know where Rose gets his ideas from that his leather is worth 60¢ per lb when the best eastern is selling at from 25 to 30¢. There is leather manufactured near San Francisco better it is said than this of Rose's and lot of which was sold at 25¢. I should think 25 to 30¢ per lb ought to pay Rose a handsome profit if he can turn out as much as he says he can every month and he might readily dispose of it in constantly sending up lots by every steamer. By taking more precaution in packing it up he might save considerable in the way of freight. It would be a good idea to pack the wools in crates or something else the freight on it would be less. You were expecting after the payment of Goldman's draft there would be a surplus in Raymond's hands for use of Rose which you intimated we might use and he would take goods from the store. All things have turned out the leather will not make more than pay our half due to Goldman. Hoff talks something of going to the States 15th of next month. I have not asked him for the amount of his bill. With remembrance and respect, I remain Yours sincerely
P. S. Thanks for the last letter, but you need send no more as I shall shortly return. I am almost tired of San Francisco



E. W. Morse
San Diego
Per Sea Mail California



San Francisco October 21st 1854

Post. I subscribed to the paper in order to see how it would turn out. The day I arrived - "No funds" began to think I was not going to get it. I spent the next morning and the afternoon with my wife & family, a short time since I was at the office of the "No funds" which he was obliged to send back to San Diego with each copy more of his work - Help paper

Friend Amos.

I am disappointed in returning to day not yet having effected a sale of my property. There is no probability that I will though I have offered it for \$5,000.00 I must therefore remain and purchase the state interest on the 26th. It is the ridiculous interest after 99 years and will be sold very low - I send a few goods that we most want. Find enclosed the BPL and invoices. Other things I wished to buy were too high for the little money that I have - Lamp Oil \$1.65 per gallon. American whiskey the same as I send is worth \$1.15 to day. Liquors are high. Best brandy 50¢ per gallon higher than is now. The kind we got down some time ago is now worth \$3.50. Claret \$5.50 case - Best Butter 42 1/2¢ that I send is pretty good - I have seen no more shelling less than 10¢ Blue & red blankets \$3.50 & \$4.00 for a medium article. I could not find the same kind seedlings. Those I send are equally as good. Adamantine candles have advanced to 32¢ Coffee 18¢ & 20¢ American Tea \$10.00 bbl. Rope 22 1/2¢ & 25¢ There are no good sweet potatoes in market. I have looked around and seen none -

Tell Mr Sutton that I found no letters for him though I looked over all the advertised lists. There is no hotel on Davis Street of the name he mentioned, but I have lost or mislaid his order for his carpet bag and wish he would send me an other one by return steamer. Prices are advancing and trade pretty brisk notwithstanding the failure and scarcity of money. Send an order for the things most wanted and what money you can spare. Collect all you can and pay Jack as fast as you can. Asst is attending bar beyond the mission. Raymond is clerking in Wrights bank which does not look much like going home. Send me the amt of Cummins bill also Tom Fitzhums & Warris and ask and I ask. I have heard that his ranch was confiscated. The weather is very fine. I had enclosed an order from O B Hagley on Withersby for some scrip and five ducats to be recorded. If you can get the scrip paid or any portion of it I wish you would but if there is no possibility of it within a month send it back endorsed to me, also send the money to me if you get it as I have given him a receipt for the order on Withersby send at any rate by return steamer the five ducats that were to be recorded - you will pay for the recording to court or Withersby and I will get the money from Hagley. He owns

property in San Diego and I may make an exchange with him for the Pineon Point property. In case you collect money on the scrip Hagley will pay a percentage. He says in his letter whatever you think is right, well perhaps 5% for collecting would not be too much. He sent it to Withersby for collection. Dean brought him back word that there was no funds in the treasury - and offered to be the scrip for 33 1/3 % in the dollar! Now is old scrip issued two or three years ago and must 10% per annum - and it seems very strange to me that it was not paid upon presentation, but if there were no funds it could not be, but it must be good for the face of it and ought to be paid out of the first funds in the treasury. I wish you would enquire about it and let me know the particulars that I may inform Hagley who is a good fellow - He bought it from Mattele and he presented it, payment was two years ago and had endorsed and "not paid for want of funds". Mattele is ^{U.S.} Consul at La Macion some where down the coast. I have not time to say more. Tell Anderson I wish to hear from him - I am anxious to return. Remembrance to. Send me letters at the P.O. for myself and wife - Yours truly
Address Money or Letters
to the care of Hedges & Pickell.
77 Davis St -

Whaley

Important Documents

Messrs Whaley & Morse -
General Store
San Diego -

Per Southern

San Francisco Nov 4th 1854

Friend Morse,

Yours 26th ult. and Geo Coliack came to
hand together with Cunklin's watch and the five
clods belonging to Bagley - I regret you did not
make a small remittance which would have en-
abled me to complete your order. Without money
I can make no purchases - If you still want the
things you had better write to Messrs Hedges & Pickett
by return boat sending them the money to buy with -
as I may most probably be on my way down
to San Diego before the return of the America
but should I remain here I will attend to
the purchases myself - I can get nothing from
Crummey or Silghman and I have not
yet been able to see. He is going down to
San Diego soon I understand and then we
can have a poke at him - In case you
get the money for the scrip belonging to Bag-
ley deduct the cost of recording same, \$21.00
and the percentage for collecting and remit
the money to Hedges & Pickett with instruc-
tions to them to hand the money to Mr
Bagley upon his delivering to them the receipt
I gave him for the scrip - I regret very much
that I can not return by this steamer, but it.

is quite impossible - The state sale of my property
came off on the 30th and I purchased it at the
cost of nearly \$3000.00 10% down 25% in ten
days and the balance in 90 days - I tried
hard to sell it before the sale offering it for \$5,000.
and since I have offered it for \$8,750.00 but it
is of no use, therefore I have determined to sell
at auction. The property is advertised for Tuesday
day next and if I can see it so as to
clear \$5,000.00 I shall let it slide otherwise
I shall be obliged to mortgage it in order to pay
the state and this I shall avoid doing if
possibly can - I have had to pay my taxes \$193.10
and incurred other expenses so that I feel almost
discouraged and my only hope is in being able
to effect a sale - If I sell and can go down
in the next boat I will get the things you have
written for - I am glad to hear the favourable
reports you make in regard to the railroad
I hope you proposed me as secretary at the
meeting if the action of officers has not
taken place I wish you would have me pro-
posed. How can I see my real estate here
I wish to invest undivided at the next
sale of San Diego property - Collect all the
money you can and pay back in full if
possible before my return - I wish however
for you to remit to Hodges & Pickett besides
the amount you may send for goods on hand -

and one fifty dollars for me in case I may
not be entirely destitute in case I do not see
my property for it may so happen, I seem to
have no good luck lately - I am now board-
ing and living in credit. Common Whiskey
\$1.12 1/2 No Sugar 12 1/2 Best Butter 3 1/2
Adamantine candles 40¢ Coffee 23¢
Alcohol \$2 50 Groceries generally are higher
The pack I received, this letter and have
not been able to find Mr Grater -
I give Porter Dean an order on you for
liberty five dollars and for my passage
I have not time to say more -

Yours
Geo. Wheeler

Mr. E. W. Morse
"General Store"
San Diego
Per Amuse