

Dear Morse

I return you the Order  
you sent me last mail, enclosing also Hinton's  
remarks thereon, regretting that any several  
attempts for your benefit, in collecting debts  
should have proved so unsuccessful.

I can form a good idea  
who the friend was who obtained me the appointment  
of Notary Public; if it were not yourself, there  
I think it must have been J. G. Ames, who certainly  
did not exert himself for my benefit, without supposing  
it would result in some good to the party of which  
He is the great San Diego exponent - I have  
written to Hooper on the subject, and shall  
await his answer, before taking any further  
steps in the matter.

With kindest regards to  
Mrs Morse, the little one, and Tom  
I am

Yours truly  
Gardner

Fort Yuma, Cal. }  
July 13. 1856 }

Gould & Hinton  
July 13<sup>th</sup>

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E. W. Moore Esq. Sir

I thought I would write you what I have just learned about the misfortune of Mr Cook who was formerly on Poble's Survey, and with whom you are well acquainted. He left here about 3 weeks since for the "Gadsman Mine", with a Pack Train and took a new road, supposing himself to be well acquainted with the country. He was accompanied by Mr. "Carson", and two Mexicans; Mr Cook found himself obliged to return to the "Gila" for water, giving his Mexicans orders to unsaddle the Mules and follow him immediately; After arriving at the Gila, and awaiting them some time he got alarmed and retraced his steps, meeting the Mules loose on his return, but seeing nothing of the Mexicans; probably so this however Messrs Cook & Carson shall differ in opinion about the road and separate Mr Carson taking as he thought the nearest route to the Pajaros Valley, which he supposes to be the nearest point to obtain water. Some Americans have arrived here who left the Pecos two days after he & Cook separated

and Casen had not got in; it is almost certain that both Casen & the Mexicans have perished for want of water.

Cook has gone on to Tucson when he expects to get means of transportation for his goods to the Mine.

I received an appointment as Notary Public in the county of San Diego.

I do not know to whose influence I am indebted for this signal mark of his Honor's favor, but as I suppose the expense of seals & other fixings would amount to more than I could earn here for the next five years I shall certainly not accept it.

I wish you would write me the proper course to pursue in the premises whether to return the commission or let matters remain in "status quo".

Wishing to be kindly remembered to Tom and most kindly to your amiable wife.

I am yours as ever  
Gould

San Juan Calu  
June 27<sup>th</sup> / 56

I wrote you under date of yesterday

June 27<sup>th</sup>  
O. M. Gould

Dear Sir

Your favor of June 3<sup>d</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> only yesterday, I think you must have intended it to have been forwarded by last Express; but hoping it is not yet too late to accept the offer of 60 cents on a dollar for County Bonds. Jack desires me to say that he accepts the offer; and requests you to transact the business necessary in the transfer, such as to obtain the Scrip from J. R. Bleeker Esq, who is directed to turn it over to you by "Jack", and as probably it is necessary that the Bond should be endorsed, will you be kind enough to send it out by next Express for that purpose, and when received pay over the amount to J. R. Bleeker on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Note due him from Francis Hinton, and requesting him to endorse the same on the Notes

Enclosed you will find a Note from Dr. Wurtz enclosing Two Dollars for the Bill sent you for collection.

As regards Hutchins indebtedness to you, I do not think there is much prospect of getting it at present; He is indebted over One Hundred Dollars to us, and of course it is my duty to obtain that debt first; after he has

settled with us, I will do all I can for  
you, and Tom Darnall, to whom he is  
also indebted Twenty Dollars.

I hope Tom is only fooling the  
girl, and not himself, although to speak  
plain, I think both are about equally  
wrong, - - - There is nothing of importance  
here to communicate and of necessity subscribe myself

Yours truly  
J W Gould

Goulds  
July



Guadal  
July 29

Dear Marse

Your last letter (date forgotten & letter mislaid) was rec? As you appear to think the ace is about balanced, I have nothing more to say; although the favors you speak of have been a thousand times repaid by good advice & example, which have kept me, (erratic being that I am) in a tolerably straight path.

Mr. Hooper left here, accompanied by Capt Wiley, day before yesterday, and will arrive in San Diego about the same time as this. He has taken in with him all his deeds, & doubtless will call upon you and arrange the matter of the Lot.

I am kept pretty constantly employed and have scarcely a moment to myself. The best thing for me, no doubt you think, but the contrast is very striking between the luxurious indolence of San Diego life, and the constant occupation of this. My health never was better, owing up a measure in due to my regular habits and entire abstinence from ardent spirits, Wine, Ale &c.

The weather here is now extremely hot. (yesterday 102 in the shade, and 127 in the sun), enough one would suppose to try any one's constitution, but I actually enjoy it; the great drawbacks are the damned mosquitoes in the evening & night and the equally devilish flies in the day time.

I was very much gratified by the information in your letter, that the Mother and Bay were getting along finely. Marse, you may think I have betrayed more interest in

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this subject, than was at all necessary; but I fully believe, that no married couple can be perfectly happy until the bond is cemented by offspring; and the strong feelings of friendship which I entertain for yourself, and an amiable wife have naturally prompted me to strongly desire such a result, and I think if you were honestly to express yourself, you would confess you are happier now than you have been any time since the first six weeks after marriage. Sincerely hoping this may be succeeded by other children (I want a girl next time) I quit this subject to say of you about Tom Darnall. Tell him I am very much obliged to him for his long and interesting letters; Tom has got more in him, than I ever before thought. He has great command of language, and a ready adaptation of words to thoughts, which I did not expect; He can write better than he can talk. "Jack" was delighted with his letter and says "Tom's young, but we shall hear of him yet" I do not know what to ascribe this improvement to, unless it be the responsibility of his official career as Supervisor; but he can write a better letter, make himself more clearly understood than I can who am nearly twice his age; his humor is at times exquisite, and if Tom had seen Jack shaking his sides over portions of his letter, and the quiet enjoyment I find in perusing it, they would never let a Mail leave San Diego, without

addressing one or the other of us. What a man can do well, he should practice and as I suppose he sees all my letters to you (Jack sees all I receive from you & vice versa), he must make it a point to write often; I believe the Jeamp has been humbugging me about his proposed marriage; it seems very singular that he should never have made me a confidant if there is any thing serious in it. I do not think I should have been quite so credulous, if A B Smith when here, had not spoken of it very seriously. I could cheerfully forgive him all his Gassing in relation to it, if I could only be convinced that it was only some of his extra steam which he thought proper to expend upon me, knowing my strong feelings against Americans connecting themselves by any legitimate ties with the degraded race of half Indian & half Spaniard who call themselves Californians. I should think Tom had had an example before his eyes long enough, in the person of A B Smith to warn him from ever going & doing likewise. I write and think stringently on this point, and it makes me damned mad whenever I think of it. I have no news to communicate there is very little Emigration, and business (except the regular furter Business) is extremely dull and the prospect of its improving as long as the Oregon Traders should that soon be ended, and the regular troops ordered to the Gadsden Purchase, then emigration might possibly revive and business somewhat improve. Mr Warner arrived here on the 25th inst & started yesterday for Tucson - (Miles has been out here with a lot of goods, including Whisky I think

and sold to the Soldiers; but he had better  
look out next time; the Officers have had  
their suspicions aroused, and will be upon  
him before he knows it; by the bye has the  
fellow got a license from the County as  
Pedlar? I thought, and was in hopes that  
the Franklins had gone to the dogs; but learn  
that they filch out Miles on his expedition  
I don't want a word of this above about  
Miles to be known to any one but yourself and  
Tom. For I want him to be caught in the  
trap; and although you may be of opinion  
that it is a high handed outrage to go on  
the public highway & break open Casks of  
Liquor & spill them; still if you were here  
and could see the bad effects resulting from  
the acts of such damned scoundrels as Miles  
& others your opinion might be slightly changed.

The Apache Indians have been somewhat  
troublesome in Sonora, and have rendered the road  
between here & Tucson, a little unsafe; but no attack  
has as yet been made on Americans; "Mr" Cook is  
here & starts for his "Gadsonian" Mine tomorrow with  
a lot of working materials; the same if not a worse  
objection attaches to this Company than the other, (the  
M.M.S. Co.) the Expense of Land Transportation and  
I don't believe either of them will ever be worked  
to a profit until the Railroad is in full operation  
I have nothing more to say except  
that I wish to be kindly remembered to Mrs Morse  
and the little one, and to request you to write often.

Fort Yuma Cal  
May 29th 1856  
Don't let any one see this  
letter but Tom

Wentworth  
O W Gould