

San Francisco
May 30th 1855

Dear Morse -

I have been so
busy here that I have
not been able to go to
Sacramento yet, I saw
the Governor here before
yesterday. I told him
I would go up with him
on Thursday (today) but as
the mail arrived from the
State last night and the
Sea Bird leaves on Saturday
I thought I would defer it
till next week. I will have
a seal made for you as
cheap as I can and send
by Pacific Express Co. to Reiner.
I have glorious news from home
by the last steamer. Give my
love to Mrs Morse, Mr Pool and

the very few other friends
I have in the "doomed town"
and believe me ever as
now Your obliged friend

Jno. Judson Ames

You will want a seal Press, wafers, &c and
as you cannot get them there I will order
them sent down by Express. If you do not
want the press when I return from the States
I will purchase it from you at what it cost.
The wafers do not require much writing

San Francisco June 8th/55
Dear Morse:

I returned from Sacramento last night. I went to the Governor in person and got your commission, which I enclose with this. I have ordered you a Seal, this afternoon, from the same man who made the great seal of the State in 1849. and also my Notarial Seal. I paid for mine 25¢ I think. He has agreed to make this for 16¢ the bill for which he will send by Express with the seal. I paid 5¢, the fee for the Commission, which goes to the State Library Fund. You may, if you please, send it by the Express, as I am sorry to say I'm a hard up, just as this time. I had some State Scrip which I have been obliged to sell for 60 cts on the Dollar.

The Democratic State Convention meets on the 27th inst. Try and have Bigler delegate ~~from~~ San Diego, if possible. He is sure of being re-nominated for Gov, but it would look as if his friends ^{in San Diego} did not forget him

If we sent two good men to the State Convention, who would give him a vote. He may want to ask favors of him during his next two years term, so that it stands us in hand to show that we are watchful for his interests.

I shall write also to Kurtz who is a friend of Bigler's, to aid you in getting the right sort of men to come up. Don't for God's sake send Coats or Warner, and if you can't find any one who can come ^{as a} delegate give authority to John White Editor of the State Journal (or some one else with power to fill vacancies) to cast our two votes.

I wish you would please not forget that bill I left with you again - at Ankrum & Geagan, and see that it is presented in season. I shall not be able to get away before the 1st of July, but you need not tell any one as I do not wish them to know that I shall be at the State Convention. I have everything ready to go on the 16th, if Derby had the book done for me to take along, but he cannot finish it, even with the help of Pollock, in less than 10 days. The news by the steamer that arrived last night is not important. and there is nothing here

of special interest.

Write by the return of the boat, if you can, and please tell Lyons to forward all my letters, after the next boat, to New York.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Morse & Mrs Poole and believe me to be your obliged friend

Wm. Jordan

Wm. Morse
San Diego

Tuesday 11th

I received your letter of the 7th instant yesterday, by the "Sea Bird." I am flattered at your kind mention, - and I may, perhaps, be allowed to say, that as far as the Herald is concerned, I feel confident in believing that, however unpopular I may have rendered myself by fearlessly expressing my own opinions, the people of San Diego will soon learn that they will not find another who will labor to further their interests so faithfully as I have done. I have never asked for any reward for my services - and God knows I

June 8th 1853
Wm. Morse

have received but little from all sources,
but if on my return from "the State"^D
I shall find that I am able to purchase
the Herald back, I am willing to
labor for the good of the County - even
if I can only ~~make~~ make enough to
pay the expenses of the office.

I intend to settle in Sandeep, permanently,
and if God is willing I will end my days
there.

I went round this morning to see your
seal. The man said he would finish
it today, and send it to you by the
Steamer tomorrow. I send you con-
- mission of mail.

Before I may be obliged to go to
Oregon before I go to the State, if I do
I will write a descriptive letter of the
trip for the Herald.

I have much to do today
So you will excuse my haste
Yours truly
G. H. Murray.

San Francisco. Jan 27th

Dear Mother -

I have just returned from Benicia, (on the Sonora with Dick Whiting) where I went yesterday to spend the night with Duby. He was in fine spirits and glad to see me. He has not the book done yet, I am a - d - d angry in consequence. The boat goes in half an hour. I went to the Post office a few moments ago and got your letter. Who in God's name did you send it by? They (whomever it is) have ^(had?) kept it in pocket since the steamer arrived.

I will write you next boat.

Today gave the son of Cal Gilman (Charles) a letter to you. He is quiet, but one of God's Nobleman. In trust, with my expressions of gratitude to Mrs Moore - You first Boston

P.S. Private!

Capt Whiting says that
Mrs Jones came out here on his
Steamer, in the steerage!! Don't
feel cut up — eh?!!! Ave maria!
Keep cool — the plot thickens!!

Wm
June 29th

HERALD OFFICE,

North Side of Plaza.

San Diego, Cal.,

1855.

Steamer J. L. Stephens
at Sea. Aug 1st, 1855

Dear Morse:

We shall be in Panama
tomorrow, and shall hurry through
to Aspinwall as fast as possible.

I will write you from N. Y.

The design of this hurried note
is to request that you will keep a copy
of every Herald published until my
return. I have a very particular object
in preserving a full file. Will you please
attend to this? Get, if possible, the back Nos.
since Noyes commenced the publication.

Noyes has acted like a d-d fool about his
business. Many of the old patrons of the paper
stopped their advertisements after they found
that I had no further connection with it,
and he was fool enough to get mad with me
just as if I had anything to do with it!!
I sent him down an article about Governor

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Bigler, which, if he had published, would have been hundreds of dollars in his pocket. I sent him also at the same time two or three columns of State advertising, which he has inserted, but he can't get his pay for it without my order. What a d—d fool he is to make an enemy of me and my friends, when by being more tractable I can get him so much business. It would be very easy for me, while in Washington, to get him a whole page of Government advertising, but I will see him in N—A first, before I will ever do him another favor.

I learn that he has been making some talk about Mrs. Louis and myself. I had a long talk with Crastewart about the whole

matter, and I state now, as I stated to him, if there is anything unpleasant growing out of our friendly intercourse she has only to blame herself in the premises. She could have had a situation in the Public Schools of San Francisco, through my recommendation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction who is a personal friend of mine, but she was unable to pass an examination before the board. I did not like to tell her father the reason of her failure because it might mortify him ~~and~~ but I reported to her what Mr O'Grady, the Superintendent told me, of the matter. And furthermore, Mr O'G. gave me the facts at the house of Mr ~~and~~ Dodge with Mrs Bowman & lady and several others present. She then (after her failure) designed opening a boarding house, and a man by the name of Vaughan (the man who was arrested and tried for robbing the steamer Sonora of some \$20,000.00 in gold dust) offered to advance her the money to purchase the furniture, but when the

day to class the trade came round
the money was not forth coming.
The result was that she went home
to San Diego. Even her own father
would condemn her if he knew of
her conduct after he left her
in San Francisco. A few days
after he left on the steamer for
San Francisco she left her boarding
house - a very respectable place on
Stockton St. (at Mrs Rodger's) and went
down to a low sailor boarding house
on Pacific Wharf and staid there
four days. What a commentary
on propriety-!!

Please consider this as
confidential till we meet and
I will give you another leaf from
my journal of California "graphs"
Write me by return mail.

Your friend
J. F. Stone

San Francisco Nov 17th 57

Dear Morse:

The boat goes in the morning and I have waited till the last moment in hopes to hear from Sacramento by this evening's boat in reference to the Commissioners. I wrote to the Secy of State - Dave Douglas, to send them down in Season for the boat of the 18th. I may get them in the morning before the Senator leaves - go'ell. At any rate it will make no difference till next trip. You are your own successor and all acts are legal, as I have learned here.

Pioche, Bayouque & Co - with whom J. Mava Map is concerned, in nearly all of his real estate transactions - have "burst up." - I called to see Map the day after I arrived, about that bill, but he was out of town - has not yet returned. I will see him the first thing, when he does. The Copper has "arriv" - created quite a talk in town. I see Chase and Bond two or three times every day. All well. Breed said he did not hear from Donahoe by the last steamer - and that you said nothing about him - and that he did not hear from "Tom" - Danmell. I told him that Sam

Deep was independent here, and did not
care a damn for San Francisco —
that we went it on our own hook" and
copper mines!!!

I have been laid up two days
with my leg, but have got all my bills
made out, and shall commence collecting
tomorrow. I told Chase I would hand
him that 30\$ before the steamer leaves
for the States. He said I was a good boy
and asked me to drink that other half
bottle of Champagne. It was uncorked
"in a jiffy", and he and Bred (much to
my surprise and chagrin) helped me to
empty it. You may remember that
we drank the other half bottle (the two
comprized this entire stock) when you
were here. By the way I have not
touched anything but wine — and that
almost entirely California manufacture.
Since that night I came from the
Playa. I am better for it — Sure.
Business is very good here — notwithstanding
the great panic talked of, in the papers.

Judge Hastings told me this morning
that it had been determined, by the
California Steam Navigation Co, to put
the Steamer Surprise on the route to
the Colorado. — Whether to run from San
Diego, in connection with the Senator or
to run direct from this port to Ensenada
and thence to Mexican Ports on her way
up the Gulf of California.

I got some more names to the
petition in relation to the Consulate, and
this evening handed the papers to Chase to
sign, and ^{to} get a few other names of those
interested, so that I could send it on by
the next steamer on the 20th.

I engaged Johnny Emel — or rather
I arranged with his mother to have my plants
watered two or three times a week, in case
there was not sufficient rain, and if you
or Sloan will take the trouble to enquire if it
is done regularly, I shall feel under lasting
obligations. The monument for my poor
wife's grave, that I was telling you about,
is finished, and I shall take it down with
me when I go. I took some friends up
to see it yesterday, and they thought the
design a happy one.

The overland mail is attract-
ing considerable attention, and if people here
could be satisfied that there would be adequate
protection along the line, there would be hundreds

leave here on every trip of the Senator
to go across the country, through Texas,
to the Atlantic States. Tell Doyle
to write an article on the subject and
publish it in the next Herald.

You did not tell me defini-
tely about selecting some novels.
If you want a small assortment
I can go with Chase and pick out
such as will sell at a good profit,
and give satisfaction to readers - Tambien.

I am called off
so no more at present

Yours truly

Y. fraternally

Wm. Johnson Ames

W. Johnson
Nov 12 1850

San Francisco Dec 3 57

Dear Brother Morse:

I shall be unable to go down today. I shall go on the next boat. I enclose thirty dollars for Lyons to pay taxes, so that he may not advertise lots &c. Of course, on the termination of the advertisement of the tax list the Sheriff will be largely in my debt, but as he is not particularly friendly since my going in for "Tom Darnall" for Sheriff, he may be disposed to "stick" me for costs of publication. I enclose my last year's tax receipt (\$23.60) and I suppose it will not be more this year. Please see to this and also to Charles D. Posten's taxes which are, he says, about five dollars (5%). If they happen to be advertised in last week's paper, have them taken out. I don't think Lyons would do it, but he might do so. I assumed, for the benefit of Judge Robinson to draw an order on Lyons - mostly for Noyes' rent - of 100\$ which Lyons accepted in view of Robinson being on his bond - to come out of the accruing advertisement - and the balance will be to my credit.

I have been out of town for several days and have procured some of the choicest plants and trees that ever graced San Diego soil.

I dropped in to see Chase and Brad yesterday. They are well and hopeful. They send their love and every thing you ordered, I have no doubt.

Tell Noyes that I have no time to write this morning, and have nothing particular to say except that I shall go down on the next boat, sure.

See to the taxes - give my special love to old Sloan and Rose - and believe me ever

Yours Truly & fraternally

Wm Pittman Ames

P.S. I paid the 30¢ to Brad and took a receipt for the same.

S. Ames
Dec 28

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