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Aug 21 – 1857

Minutes of the Executive Committee held on Wednesday August 21st.

Members present

S. C. L. Muldrow in the chair
S. A. Schenck
C. H. Bromley
Jno. F. Curtis
Geo. M. Garrard

Communication from Edwin Sabin dated Santa Clara August 17th 1857 read to lay over for action at the next Meeting

On Motion Adjourned

Geo. M. Garrard
Sec'y. pro. tem.

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Minutes of Special Meeting & Adl August 20th 1857

Col Stephenson in the Chair

Mr Petrowitch Chairman of Prison Com reported that the Prisoners taken from the Committee are now in the County Gaol in Cell No 5

On Motion of Mr Hart

Resolved That a Committee of 5 be appointed to investigate the charges preferred against the Guard on duty last night in the matter of the capture of the prisoners Whitaker & McKenzie and the said Committee shall have power to send for persons & papers

The following are the Committee [redacted] Mr Hart Mr C V Gillespie Dr Stout Mr Brannan Capt H S Brown — Col Stephenson

Resolved On Motion Mr John Logan That the Chief of Police be suspended from duty until after the decision of the Committee of 5 -

Adjourned to meet at 4 P M

Isaac Blumme Jr Secretary

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Minutes of Special Meeting Aug 7

Mr Stephenson in the Chair

Mr Petrowitch Chairman of Prison Com reported that the Prisoners taken from the Committee are now in the County Gaol in Cell No 5

Resolved that this Com proceed en masse & to the Prison and take from the Authorities the Prisoners ~~are~~ taken from us last night.

— Laid on the table —

~~Mr Hart That a Com be appointed~~

Mr Hart

That a Com of 5 be appointed to investigate the matter of the ~~escape~~ Capture of the two prisoners

and Com have power to send for persons & papers

That when the Com.

That the Chief of P be suspended from duty until after the decision of the Com of 5

That this Com adjourn to meet at 4 p m

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Minutes of Special Meeting Aug ~~21~~

℔ Mr Stephenson in the Chair

℔ Mr Petrowitch chairman of Prison Com reported that the Prisoners taken from the Committee are now in the County Gaol in cell No5

3 em ℔ Resolved that ~~the~~ this Com proceed ~~in~~ en masse & to the Prison and take from the Authorities the Prisoners taken from us last night, ℔ laid on the table -

℔ Mr Hart

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3 em ℔ That this Com adjourn to meet at 4 P m

Aug. 20 -

Minutes of Special Meeting 4 P M Aug 20th/51

Mr Selim Woodworth in the Chair

Report of Special committee appointed to investigate the matter of the Guard on duty on the morning of the 19th and to whom this committee are indebted for the rescue of the two prisoners Whitaker & Mc Kenzie -

Report accepted & placed on file

Letter was received from Messrs Flint Peabody & Co enclosing 100 ℔ -

Ordered that a letter of thanks be sent to the Same -

Mr Tom Bowden was elected Chief of Police

On Motion Mr Higgins

Resolved That the Chief of Police Keep a constant Guard of 20 men over the 2 prisoners arrested by the Sheriff of the County

Resignation of I W Salmon & A D Evans accepted

On Motion Chas A Poor

Resolved That the Sentance of death pronounced on the two men Whitaker & Mc Kenzie still remains in full force and that all necessary means shall be resorted to, to obtain possession of those men & Whitaker that they shall meet the punishment due their crimes as the voice of the people

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mands it -

On Motion Dr Stout -
Resolved, That any member who may be found guilty of stating any matters or trans - actions that take place within the walls of the Vigilance Com - shall be expelled from this body - and the person so offending shall be published in all the City papers

Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary

Resolved
That the audience of both
persons on the bar and without
be cleared this evening in full
force and that the entry ways
shall be marked by ribbons, ropes
chains and tackle that the
shall not obstruct the
passage, at the once
then adopted

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Minutes of Special Meeting
Aug 19. 1857

Resolved, That the sentence of death pronounced on the two men Whittaker and Mc Kenzie still remains in full force, and that all necessary means shall be resorted to, to obtain possession of these men, and when taken that they shall meet the punishment due their crimes, as the voice of the people demands it.

Adopted. No. 591. [C.A. Poor]

[Aug 20]

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We the undersigned who have the honor
hitherto to be members of the Vigilance Committee
of San Francisco, beg to request that they may be
allowed to resign from being any longer members of the
association. —

San Francisco
10 August 1851

I. W. Salmon

H. S. Evans

Aug 19. 1851 [20]
Accepted

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To the
Vigilance Committee
of San Francisco
Gentlemen

Aug 25 - 1857

Please find herewith Check for One Hundred Dollars, which we ask you to accept, as a small token of our appreciation of your efforts to suppress Crime in our midst. We have sympathized with you since your first organization. We appreciate your labors in behalf of this city, and regret that you have been at such expense, but deem it but our duty to bear some share of the same.

We trust that in the present crisis, your action will be characterized by your usual prudence and firmness, and that you will not entertain a thought of discontinuing your efforts in so noble a cause.

We remain
with respect
your friends

San Francisco
Aug. 25. 1857

Flint, Peabody & Co

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To the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco

Gentlemen

A Mr Walker Passenger of Ship Robert Bowen from Sydney informed me this morning that he knows there was passengers on board said ship whose Characters were desperate and who were unfit for Society That he would have informed the Committee appointed to investigate the Matter of that fact and Some names had the examination been Private and Confidential as it was he would Endanger his life by disclosing facts known to himself He has heard that there were twelve Convicts on board and bad men who are not Convicts and would now be willing to give you the facts if the matter shoulde be strictly Confidential

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
H. Hoag

Aug 20 1851

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Aug 20. 1851

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The Committee nominated by the Vig. Com.
to investigate the Cause of the Escape or
abduction of the prisoners McKenzie &
Whitaker from the Prison room of the Vig.
Com.e on the 19th of August 20th and ascertain
if their removal can be attributed to any
treachery in formation conveyed to the
authorities by a member or by members of
the Vig Com. ~~and also whether McFarland~~
~~below the Chief of Police have faithfully~~
~~and truly performed their duty~~, report
respectfully, as follows —
The Committee having invited his Excellency
the Governor of this State, the Honorable Mayor
Sheriff Mayo, & Deputy Sheriff Carpenter
to meet them in the Executive Chamber. Those
gentlemen cordially assented, and being in
formed that the object of the Com.e was to ascer
tain if their action in seizing and securing
the prisoners was aided and abetted by any
members of the V.C., they have furnished
the Com with the statements as follows
severally. —

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1

Dr Ed.d John W Dwyall appeared before the Com.e
by a request. — And states that at the Hotel
at Benicia Sept.r 19th last he heard it stated
that the V.C. were to meet last night to sen=
tence the pris.rs McKenzie & Whitt.r that
he determined to come down & prevent
if possible. Arrived here last night between
11 & 12, while at the Union where he imme
diately went, was informed by two gentle=
men, who represented that they were, or had
been Members of V.C. that the Com had
determined to execute the prisoners between
8 and 10 A.M. to day. Immediately thereupon
went to Mayor Brenham. called upon him
to assist him in securing the pris.rs subse=
quently call on the Sheriff. — with the Mayor
& Sheriff determined to get a writ of H.C. &
went for the purpose to Judge Bennett at his
residence but could not find him. Subse=
quently procured writ of Judge Norton, before whom
the writ was obtained I gave both Sheriff
& accomp.d by the Sheriff. his Deputy Mr Carpenter
and the Mayor came to the room of the V.C.
Major Carpenter entered the door first, the Sheriff
followed. He (Gov.) stood at the door with head & hands
Mayor remained outside with Steel. Immediately the
Sheriff Carpenter entered, the door was closed. The
Sheriff M. Carpenter soon after came out with
the pris.rs — No resistance having been made.
to their entrance or departure
The Gov.r having been asked for the names
of the two members, who gave the information
again, he declined, not thinking it ex=
pedient so to do.

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4. 2

Mr Ivan the Mayor af[ter] before the C[o] at their request.

He confirmed the statements of the Gov[r] in relation to procuring the V.C. & its session at the rooms of the V.C. & further states that until the conference all the Heads of the V.C. it was intended to have appeared at V.C. with all the Marshalls & police to prevent the execution: that he is perfectly certain that no member of the V.C. or any other persons other than those who came, had Cognizance of their intention. No collusion directly or indirectly existed between them and any Members of the V.C. — Upon being asked whether Mr. Vaub had been in his office last night. He said no, that he had not spoken to Mr V.B. in several months. — and had had no Communication with any member of the V.C. upon the subject.

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5. 3

Col Hays. being invited to appear before the C. expressed his perfect willingness so to do. — Col H was in bed when the Gov[r] & the Mayor called upon him and requested him to go & serve the writ of V.C. upon the prisoners. He at first thought it ~~not~~ proper by duty so to do, and rather roughly declined. He asked if they knew that ~~the~~ Jas. to be executed, and the Gov[r] said he had positive inform[n]. and had it from members of the V.C. — Whether consented to go and serve the writ. He and Mayor Clayton came to the room. Entered. — & remained at the door, & sent Maj Clayton to the room to take the prisoners out. — While at the door, ~~Clayton~~ Clayton took him by the sleeve ~~and~~ There was no resistance to their entrance and but slight resistance to their departing with the prisoners. — Just previous to leaving Mr V. B. came to him & looked at him & beckoning him in a private way to come from the door as he had something to say to him. — which he refused to do.

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~~Com. of Invest.~~

Mess. Mayo, Asst. Govr. at 12 O.C.

Pat. B. Hull. Ed.

was here last night. Knows something of the escape. Came here last night, report for duty. Such being wanted required of the sergt. was told to arm. went & returned. reported again. was told would receive order. Receives no orders. Was at liberty about the room. Between 2 & 3 O.C. myself & others were called into the Ex. room. (Jones, Carey) to receive orders in relation to the prisoners. Having gone to the refreshment room heard a scuffling call for police. at a loss to comprehend. Soon saw the first of prisoners going out. saw Jack Hays. Many others. Could not get into the crowd. Then he saw the pris. ran to the outside door. Effect was as if the whole crowd. heard "we are too strong for you" whom about outside in the room tried to get out by a rope. Mr Thompson Inspector came up down by a rope. Walker to keep the alarm at the time that Thompson was getting down Van Bork came to and "that is right. hurry". afterwards saw the two men go out the door in custody; drew my pistol, & cocked. but abstained from firing.

Mr Steele was in charge at head of stairs door. Mr Parker in the room of pris. a Drayman Mr Mallett. outside of the pris. room heard a number of persons say close the door, but saw no physical force used to prevent the pris. escape. ~~Ten to 20 persons were in the room last night~~ from 6 to 8 were by room stirring about, many more asleep when the occurrence took place & many sprang up when the alarm was given. Mr Van Bork. - Jon received orders. canvassed the merits of the guard

5 to 8 minutes occupied while in Refresh. room.

Witness saw Mr Van B. actively engaged in making list of guards &c. & other duty required by the occasion

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P. B. Hull

He retired from 12 to 3 on duty

5.

Mr W. Duffie.

present lists (marked a in detail of last night) it was not quite 3 at the time. - The relief from 3 to 6 were in the room ready for duty. - when sent for by Mr Mayo, gave the keys of the prisoners irons & chains to Van Bok. - which was about 12 O.C. Has not since seen the keys. The prisoners were ironed but not chained when gave the keys to V. B. - It has been the custom to Chain & lock the pris. by written order & gave V. B. - was woken by a noise on the stairs heard a cry of police. - heard Sheriff was in room came out, saw members going down stairs, did not see Sheriff. -

A. Jackson W. Duffie

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Guard in the room on the night
of the 19th/20

R Hochkofler 286
John B. Evans 330
Thomas Gaven 628
James I. Wetherell
John I. Elcis 654
Charles Wiles 434
Jos. I. Cameron 95
D. Cain 322
D. I. Thomas Jr 81
A. McIntyre 496
66
Fred. Allen
Thl. B. Parker 364
I. H. Ballett
I. A. Steele Guard
I. L. Dewey
L. L. Parker Steele J. A.
P. G. Dunlevy Guard Sergeant
P. H. Loomis
I. H. Watson
R. B. Hampton
W. I. Thomas
I. K. Thompson
H. I. Payne

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Mess^rs Graham
P. P. Hall
Oakes
Van Bocklin —
Oakes
W. Turner
Capt. Forham
William Heavy
Higgins
Cornell
J. G. Scuddel
Wm Farrar —

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6. W^m Cornell.

I was called at 20 min to 4, by W^m B. and said are you armed — get up & dress.. At 10 to 4 heard Cobb. say dont resist me, I am the Sheriff of this C.. —

25 or 30 men of the C were in the room, — came to the door had a crowd around it, saw the prisoners pass out, Immediately ran out and gave the alarm by going with Capt Bluxome to ring the bell. Did not know he was detained for duty until called by Van B. — who subsequently informed him he did not want it generally known that the prisoners were to be removed. The prisoners he observed were not chained when they went out, but had hand cuffs on. He had a revolver but not feel justified in using it, without an order from the Chief of police. Had an order been given would have obeyed. —

J J Cornell

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7.

John B. Evans.

Satisfied that he had been anxious to be on duty and had registered his name for that object. - About 3 P.C. was ordered by order to induce persons about the door, to leave, that the prisoners might be brought out to be taken on board a vessel. While there was addressed by a man named Yorker, - or Nelligan, and asked if V. D. Turner was up Stairs. - Said, I do not know the man. was asked to enquire. and W. V. B told me he, V Turner was not to talk now - Yorker on hearing this, said. he knew he was, for he had been waiting for him some time - Yorker requested W Evans to tell V Turner that he had been looking for W Dougall all over town and could not find him. - In the Course of the Even[g] was selected by W V B as one to take the prisoners on board the vessel; W. V. B. appeared all night busy in executing the writs of the Com[rs].

Jno B Evans

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8.

Marshall Crozier. - Volunteered his testimony to show, that the Chief of Police had used no measures to inform the authorities of the operations of the Com[rs], and knew of nothing which could be alleged against him for infidelity to his duty.

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Mr Kenrie says he never knew of any
threats being given to Pierce

[illegible]

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9 Wm Hogg.

testified, that he was on duty last night by request of Mr. B. and was placed at the Executive Com. Room. - While there heard a voice which he recognized as that of Dep. Sh'f Capeton and stated the fact to Mr Evans. - went out, on hearing it a second time, with all in the room. Saw Dep. S. Capeton with a pistol in each hand, going towards the stairs. — Saw a man with his back against the door, (a member of the V.C. I'd heard Capeton say he was an officer of the Co, & must not be resisted. Capeton then called for the police. Saw V.B. go to the door of the 2d story which overlooks the Street. He suddenly retreated and stood with his pistol to his face and made no effort to resist the [illegible] of the prisoners. - Mr V B together with the members of the Com. then followed the Sheriff as he supposes to rescue the prisoners. but they did not attempt it afterwards returned. Wm H. went to the monumental house to ring the bell but could not find the rope. Believes the man whom he saw with his back against the door to have previously taken hold of Sheriff Hays.

Wm Hogg

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10.

Dep^t Sheriff Capperton, being informed the object of the Com^e Stand he believed the persons in the room were to taken by surprise that they could not resist. While Gen Ramsay the prisoners was met by V. B. who did all he could short of shooting him, to prevent his retreat. He had watched the mode of members entering the room and following their example, rushed in and without stopping rushed to the prisoners room and exclaimed I am the officer. Come to save you; the pris^s jumped up, seized him by the collar and hastened to go out with him. At the door met with [illegible] from persons at the door but assured V.B. that resistance was useless. they were too strong. He went out calling to Mr Hays to for the door open, and calling Police. - Confirms the statement of the Lieut Governor & Mayor in relation to their mode of proceeding, and declares there was no collusion nor understanding between them and the members of the V.C. nor did he nor Mr Hays receive any information from any members of the V.C. to aid them in obtaining possession of the prisoners —

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11. Mr Mallett,

was on duty at the door of the prisoners when the Sheriff came in. - He rushed in, [illegible] Mr Kenzie Whittaker & the came forward from office of the Com^e rushed forward. - [illegible] but they finally shoved me. - Seizing the Sheriff and he them, and rushed towards the door. I pushed Whittaker back twice. - but no person coming to his aid Mr Kenzie Whittaker got off. Members of the V.C. rushed round the door but did not offer to help him. - Is uncertain whether he saw V.B. in the crowd as he wears a coat similar to the Sheriff. Could not discriminate between believes if V.B. had acted with energy the prisoners could have been detained. - thinks a number of the Com would have acted if the Ch of Pol. had ordered them. J. H. Mallett

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John A Steele. states. I kept the door from
nine o'clock until the rescue of the prisoners
Members of the Committee were constantly
passing in and out some giving their
numbers and some not doing so. at one time
the Chief of police called down from the foot
of the stairs to send him a certain man whose
name I forget. I did call him and he passed
out. the Chief returned some few minutes
after. some few minutes after a man entered
the door passed witness closely followed by
another as the witness endeavoured to stop
the first man he perceived the second was the
Sheriff of the County. he immediately called
out to them to let the first man might be prevented
from entering the prisoners room. immediately
after the first man returned having with
him the 2 prisoners at this moment some
member of the Committee placed his back
against the door to prevent witness from
preventing the departure of the prisoners
at this time a rush was made from the
outside of the door pushing it partially
open, and pushing witness & Sheriff on one
side & the members of the Committee upon the
other at which time the deputy
Sheriff with the prisoners effected their escape
the whole matter took witness so much by
surprise as almost to deprive him of
power of resistance. I had received orders
from the Chief not to allow any one to leave the room
during his absence. John A Steele

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13. M Payran.

Stated, that the Executive Com. having recessed at the
time to complete the arrangements for the execution of
the prisoners, they were on duty to that effect, when
the follow'g document was received from Dr Van Bokkelen

Having then completed the arrangements as
per annexed document

he went to sleep having first assured
himself that the Chief of Police was fulfilling
his instructions. had sent two Committees to
obtain vessels. Said Committees has reported
two vessels as applicable one of which was selected.
He had his formed his Guard for duty, and
every thing was quiet & tranquil in the room
& he supposes he was roused by the cry of
Police, Police, but supposed it made by some of
the Guard passing out and did not notice it further. — Presently on going forward, he asked why
the call was made, & was then told that the prisoners
were gone, but he could not at first credit it.
until in 10 minutes Mr. B. came in, and then
asked "where have you been" where are the
prisoners, was answered they have been taken
by the Sheriff. — while this matter was in progress
some person I think one guard came to the Ex Com & proposed that
Wallace would give bonds to 100.000 in this city
if he could be sent out of the Country. — They party
was informed that the Exe Com declined receiving
any bonds.

Stephen Payran

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To the Executive Committee Gents—

I would respectfully report to your body that from information received. I deem it expedient & proper to remove the condemned prisoners Whittaker & Ransier to some proper place outside this building. where they will be at the proper time executed. in presence of the Committee of the whole I would request that you allow me so to do and properly represent the subject to the Committee in the morning. when I feel confident they will approve of the step" as for the sake of a small formality great evils may result

Yours Respt

Committee Room
Wednesday Morning
12 o'Clock 20th August 1851

J. L. Van Bokkelen
Chief of Police

Report adopted 12 o'Clock
20 Aug. 1851

JP

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At 1 Ordered – That the Chief of Police detail a guard of good and true men, well armed, to be on board of the Ship to superintend and carry out the objects of the Committee of Vigilance as the Committee approach the scene of execution, the waving of a white Handkerchief shall be the signal –

2 Ordered – That the tolling of the Bell shall take place at ½ past 8 o'clock A M of the Morning of the 20th of August 1851. and continue until after the execution

3 Ordered – That the Clergyman be allowed to proceed on board from Market Street Wharf at ¼ before 8 o'clock A M – to remain with Prisoners until after execution

4 Ordered – That the Bodies be exposed at the Yard Arms for one hour and not to be allowed to be cut down

5 Ordered – The water signal shall be the hoisting of a signal and firing a gun or the tolling of the Bell

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14.

W. Hampton, being asked all he knew in reference to the abduction of the prisoners, replied, he had accepted Military duty from 12 to 2. During this time he saw W. Turner in the room. He was told that some horses were at the door and was sent to see what it was, ascertained it to be the carriage of Mr Mines. Saw at the door a man named York and reported that there was nothing at the door the only person he saw being York. He was detailed for special duty at 6 A.M. and therefore at 3 P.M. went to bed. Soon after retiring heard a scuffle & cry of police, police. Saw a struggle at the door, between the door keeper & Sheriff. ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Turner told me, he had a good man named York, to belong to the V.C. I objected seriously to him, but the explanation was given which reconciled me to his becoming a member. Believes a slight resistance on the part of the Com^e would have prevented the removal of the prisoners.

C. B. Hampton

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15.

W. Nelligan. (Porter)

~~[illegible]~~ he had anything in relation to the escape of the prisoners. Mr Mellone & W. Turner were at the door at 12 P.M. — states he was at the Union last night at 12 P.M. ~~about~~ at 1 P.M. a number of persons were talking in the street before the door of the contemplated execution. Heard them express a willingness to take part in it. Saw Col White in conversation with the Governor, ~~and Judge Mellone and~~ Turner ~~room~~ of the Union — In the bar room saw Mess^rs Mellone & Turner the only members of the V.C. he recognized there — did not observe them in communication with the prisoners. Mr Mellon left before the Governor, then followed Col White with the Governor. Mr Turner & Mr Nelligan left afterwards. He saw no communication between Mr Turner & the Governor. During his walk down from the Union asked Mr Turner what would be done with the prisoners, received for reply he knew nothing about it.

James Nelligan

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Col White. sworn.

I was sitting last evening in the Union to hear a song
& saw the [illegible] in consultation with several persons. He then called me
to him outside the door & asked me to go with to Taafe & McClellan
Ston to the Mayor's office. The Mayor got up & met us:
up to this time he had not told me his intentions. He
then told the mayor he came there to notify him of what
was going on. His intention to make a demon=
stration & carry out the law. Going down
to the Mayor's office he told me that the V.C. were
going to hang the prisoners. — has not the most
remote idea who informed the Gov. of the intention
of the V.C. Cannot say what members of the V.C.
were at the Union. ~~I think Mr Mellon was there~~
~~in Conversation with the Gov. but suppose the~~
~~subject was political.~~ Immediately after
the Gov. left the Mayor's office & seperated from him.
Meeting several members of the V.C. told them
that action the Governor was about to take
and advised their being early to work in order
to counteract their interference.

Geo. W. White

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W^m Parker. Sworn

Stationed ~~in the prison~~ was on duty last night. [illegible] got the
18. the prisoners ~~room to be tied as suspicious~~ ~~character~~ who ~~had attempted~~ ~~to~~ ~~hang~~ himself. He ~~did not cut~~ ~~the~~ ~~rope~~, was assured by ~~him~~ ~~they~~ would not attempt suicide. ~~Soon after person~~ ~~came in and heard the call to the prisoners~~

Soon after a person came into the room, called the names of W^m Lewis Whittaker, ~~said~~ a paper in his hand ~~he was ordered by the~~ called them to appear ~~they~~ jumped up as if struck by an electric shock, seeing this attempted to close the door but the Sheriff's prisoners were too quick — ~~One~~ of the prisoners were pried back twice by him & the guard outside the door. W^m B. Came to the door & other members also but offered no assistance. Seeing no aid at hand ~~desisted~~ from any further attempt to keep the prisoners. Believes if W^m B had given the order to defend the prisoners they could not have been taken away.

Thomas B Parker

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19.

W^m Van Bokkelen. ex chief of Police being
sworn, deposes and says that
pursuant to an arrangement agreed upon
between himself and the Exe. Com. and in
Company with Judge Blackburn, he had
made the selection of a proper place for
the execution of the prisoners which arrangement
he Com^d and reported to the Com^e Imme-
diately after such report he made the necessary
detail of Guards and other preparations for
the execution as agreed upon between the Com.
themselves. To complete said arrangements
I was necessary to leave the room twice, And
was once in Comp^y with W^m Stillman & the
second time went to the Post by the stairs with
Judge Blackburn, but returned to send Stillman
with Blackburn, & returned immediately
to the Com. room. Row. gave permission to have
Mc Kenzie change his shirt & shave if a razor could
be got. Previous to this had Changed the hand Cuffs
with the object to save the good Spring hand Cuffs
and lose the poorer ones; then woke up the
guard to assemble in the Com. room. Heard them
their orders after it was assembled. - W^m Oakes
myself went out to get some refreshments, in the refresh-
ment room, in a moment as I was coming out thence
I saw a man pass whom at first I thought was
Stillman, but quickly heard the Cry to stop him
and the voice of Capeston. I ran over to the room
and found the guard Mallett in a scuffle with Capeston
the prisoner; before I could immediately caught hold of
Capeston, and turned him round, which brought
him in front of a member of the Com^e with a
drawn Knife in his hand. At this time turned
his eyes to the crowd assembled at the head of the
stairs; I immediately went to the door & his cries

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Sheriff Hays with his back to the door, while there heard Sheriff Capeton coming from behind and Calling Police. Immediately took Sheriff Hays by the Coat & drew him away to speak to him, begging him not to be rash. At this moment observed Mr Hall busy with the ropes at the door of the 2nd Story over the street — thought his object was to put it around the neck of the Prisoner. learned however it was to let down a man to secure the door & give the alarm by the bell. assisted to let him down & at he fell. — On returning to the door, found the Prisoners & Sheriff were gone, followed them as far as Montgomery but could get no sight. Coming back met the City marshall Crozier. exchanged a few words with him & returned to the Com Room

It is not customary to lock the lower door.

Mr B. has no knowledge of the person or persons who communicated to the Gov. or any of the Vigilance Committee either at Benicia or here the intentions of the V.C. to execute the prisoners.

J. L. Van Bokkelen

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Sealed the room about 1 P.M. Met Mr Wadsworth of the Union, who said he wished me at 8 O.C. tomorrow at the V.C. rooms. Objected from the inconvenience of early rising, but enquired why I was to be present at that hour. Was told because there would be an execution ordered then to go; went up to get my pistol. On coming out met Mr Nelligan & asked where I was going. - proposed he should walk with me, as I was going for down town, to the rooms of the V.C. — On the way Mr Gallagher asked me, asked if it was a fact that those two men are to be hung tomorrow morn. I express my doubt. Mr Nelligan then repeated the enquiry. I said I'd ascertain the particulars at the Com room. He asked for my pistol which on promise of it's return to him I gave him. — proposed his joining the Com. but he declined. said he would and then time then told him I should stay at the room, when he returned my pistol. At the room assented to Mr Van Bokkelen's request & thinks it a certain duty; but objected to go on a guard of 10 men in the morn. though he was ready at the moment to go. — After sundry delays went in the executive Chamber and lay down in a doze from which I was roused by the noise of a cough in the room. did not converse with the Gov. on the subject of the execution of the prisoners —

W. Turner.

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The Committee respectfully ~~the undersigned~~ submit the testimony taken and have to the Vigilance Committee to inquire for themselves of any Culpability on the part of those entrusted with the charge of the prisoners last night and this morning

The Committee while they feel it their duty to exonerate all from the least imputation of bribery, or connivance at the escape of the prisoners feel it their duty to say that they say a great part of that usual Care and Caution the importance of the duty assigned them required and that they accuse the Chief of Police especially guilty of gross neglect and want of that energy and self Control which if properly exercised would have prevented the escape of the prisoners and thereby have saved the Vigilance Committee from the disgrace of neglect which must now rest upon it:

And your committee Can not conclude without expressing their condemnation of the Conduct

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taken by those members of the
Legislature who were so decided
in unity as to inform the Governor
of the intended action of the
Committee which induced it
importune upon him to adopt
the course he did which has
so effectually checked the important
action of the Legislative Committee

I. D. Stedman
H. W. Clark
C. V. Gillespie
Arthur Blake
S. Brannan
Henry H. Brown

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PROCLAMATION!

BY

THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, an armed and organized body of the citizens of San Francisco County, has, in defiance of the Constitution and Laws of this State, assumed to exercise the powers of the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, and to pass and carry into effect illegal sentences of death—and whereas a spirit of opposition to the Officers of the Law, while engaged in the execution of their duty, has been openly and publicly manifested; and there is reason to believe that further attempts may be made to interfere with the regular administration of justice in said County: and especially to take from the custody of the Sheriff certain Prisoners now confined in the Gaol of said County:

Now therefore, I, JOHN McDOUGAL, Governor of the State of California, do hereby call upon all good citizens of said County to unite for the purpose of sustaining public law and tranquillity, to aid the public officers in the discharge of their duty, and by all lawful means to discountenance any and every attempt which may be made to substitute the despotic control of a self-constituted association of citizens and acting in defiance of the laws, in the place of the regularly organized government of the County. And I hereby call upon all public officers to be active, vigilant, and faithful in the performance of their trusts, and to resist to the utmost of their power, all efforts which may be made to subvert the laws and trample on the Constitution.

And I hereby warn those who are disposed to resist the legal authorities, that they cannot do so, without involving the community of which they are members in all the horrors of Civil War, subjecting life, liberty and property to the most fearful casualties.

The Government is determined, at all hazards, to sustain the Constitution and Laws. public peace can only be secured, and public liberty can only be established, by a strict adherence to that feeling of subordination to the law, and respect for its ministers, which have heretofore characterized the American People.

The attention of all citizens is requested to Sections 26 to 50, of "An Act to regulate proceedings in Criminal cases."

It is earnestly hoped that no necessity will arise calling for the execution of these provisions, and that the good order and quiet reflection of all good citizens will induce them to refrain from committing any acts calculated to destroy the peace and safety of the community, and to bring the authorities into conflict with any portion of the People.

JNO. McDOUGAL,

Governor of California.

San Francisco, August 20th, 1856.

Ship Edgar, Capt Chas Smith from Sydney

Margaret Burke – Native of Sydney –

Mary Barry – Irish – left Ireland about 10 years since in Ship Custom for Sydney – an Emigrant Ship – No Certificate –

Janet Chambers – a Scotch woman – left Scotland 2 years since in Ship Burmoisey – for Sydney – an Emigrant Ship – No Certificate

Mary Ann Banks – an English woman, left Eng 11 years since in Ship Sir Edward Pager for Sydney – – No Certificate —

John Hobbs – An Irishman – left Ireland in 1834 in Ship Rosnew Castle – for Port Philip – was assigned to Mr Manton – was transported for 7 years – was transported for treason –

Elizabeth Doyle left the Ship

George Hewitt a Scotchman – left Holland in 1838 in Ship Portland – for Sydney – an Emigrant Ship – No Certificate –

Dennis Hayes an Irishman – left Ireland in 1842 in Ship Victoria of Bristol – an Emigrant Ship – No Certificate – Ship papers call him an Emigrant –

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Margaret Hewitt – a Scotch woman – left Scotland in 1838 in Ship Portland for Sydney – an Emigrant Ship – No Certificate –

Jane Henderson – a Scotch woman – left Scotland in 1841 or 1842 – in Ship York Packet for Sydney – An Emigrant Ship – No Certificate

William Grimmant – a Scotchman – left Scotland in 1831 in Ship City of Edinborough – for Sydney took Soldiers to Colonies –

Ann Hayes – Irish – left Ireland in 1842 – in Ship Victoria – an Emigrant Ship – – No Certificate

Dennis Meehor – An Irishman left Ireland in 1841 – in Ship Livingston An Emigrant Ship – No Certificate

Margaret Mc Dowall – Irish – left Ireland in 1839 in Ship Charles Kerr – An Emigrant Ship No Certificate

Dennis R Mahoney – Irish – left Ireland 13 years since for Sydney – in Ship Wm Metcalf was a Merchant Ship – No Certificate

Jane Mahoney wife of above
No Certificate

John Luckhurst Englishman – left Eng in 1836 in Ship Blengarie – An Emigrant Ship – for Sydney

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* Letitia Luckhurst – Irish woman – left Ireland in 1836. in Ship Royal Saxton – wife of above

Wm Parkhill – Scotchman left Scotland in 1838 – in Ship Wm Roger an Emigrant Ship for Sydney – No Certificate

Michael Ryan – Irish – left Ireland in 1835 in Ship Columbus – for Sydney –

Thomas Ryan Irish left Ireland in Ship Adam Lodge for Maitland –

Ann Parkhill a Scotch woman left Scotland in 1838 – in Ship Wm Roger – an Emigrant

David Robertson a Scotchman left Scotland in 1838. in Ship Wm Mitchell an Emigrant Ship –

Eliza Jane Drew – Irish – left Ireland in 183[illegible] in Ship Lysander for Adelaide –
No certificate

Dennis Twomey – Irish left Ireland in 1841 in Ship Luscar for Sydney – an Emigrant
No Certificate

Mary Ann Smith – native of Sydney –

~~Jane Webster~~ left at the Islands
Charles Lakeman – American

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+ Johanna Scott – Irish – left Ireland 11 years since in Ship Lady Canaway – an Emigrant – for Sydney – (Wife of John Scott sent back to Sydney –)

Miss Ellen Daley – Irish – left Ireland when about 3 or 4 years old – in Ship —— –

John Johnson – a Swede – No Certificate

D T Pollard American –

Sarah Duvall – Irish – left Ireland in 1839 in Ship Charles Kerr an Emigrant Ship –

John M[c] Therries – an Englishman left Eng in 1829 – in Ship Lackington – an Emigrant Ship

William Simmons – an Englishman left Eng in 1826. in Ship David Malcom – an Emigrant
No Certificate

Crew

John Burgess – Native of Shetland Islands A, Sailor Sailing in Port of Bath

Saml Shepard – an Englishman left Eng last June 1 year –

John Vera – Spaniard –

Andrew Rogers – Hamburg –

Fred Smith – Prussia –

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Ship Edgar Report

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Ship Edgar, Capt Chas Smith from Sydney

Margeret Burke -- native of Sydney

Mary Barry - Irish - Left Ireland about 10 years since in ship Canton for Sydney - an Emigrant ship - No certificate -

Janet Chambers - a Scotch woman - left Scotland 2 years since in Ship Bermonsey - for Sydney - an Emigrant ship - No certificate

Mary Ann Banks - an English woman - left England 11 years since in Ship Sir Edward Paget for Sydney -- No certificate --

* John Hobbs - an Irishman - left Irelan d in 1834 in Ship Roshen Castle for Port Philip was assigned to Mr Munson - was transported for 7 years - was transported for treason -

Elizabeth Doyle left the ship

George Hewitt a Scotchman - left Scotland in 1838 in Ship Portland for Sydney - an Emigrant Ship -- No certificate -

Dennis Hayes an Irishman - left Ireland in 1842 in Ship Victoria of Bristol - an Emmigrant Ship - No certificate -- ship papers call him an emigrant -

Margeret Hewitt - a Scotch woman - left Scotland in 1838 in Ship Portland for Sydney - an Emigrant Ship -- No certificate -

Jane Henderson - a Scotch woman - left Scotland in 1841 or 1842 in Ship N York Packet - for Sydney - an Emigrant Ship - No certificate

William Jennesnt(?) - a Scotchman - left Scotland in 1831 in Ship City of Edenborough - for Sydney took soldiers to Colonies -

Ann Hayes - Irish- left Ireland in 1842 - in Ship Victoria - an Emigrant Ship - No certificate

Dennis Maher - an Irishman - left Ireland in 1841 in Ship Livingston an Emigrant Ship no certificate

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Ship Edgar's Report

Margaret Mc Dowell - Irish - left Ireland in 1839 in Ship Charles Kerr- An Emigrant Ship No certificate

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Jane Maloney wife of above No certificate

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Wm Purkhill - a Scotchman - left Scotland in 1839 - in Ship Wm Roger An Emigrant Ship for Sydney - No certificate -

Michall Ryan - Irish - left Ireland in 1835 in Ship Columbus - for Sydney -

Thomas Ryan Irish left Ireland in Ship Adams Lodge for Maitland -

Ann Purkhill a Scotch woman left Scotland in 1838 in Ship Wm Roger - An Emigrant

David Robertson a Scotchman left Scotland in 1838 in Ship Wm Mitchell an Emigrant Ship -

Eliza Jane Drew - Irish - left Ireland in 1839 in Ship Lysander for Adelaid - No certificate

Dennis Sweeney Irish - left Ireland in 1841 in Ship Luscar for Sydney - An Emigrant No certificate

Mary Ann Smith - native of Sydney -

Charles Lakeman - American

* Johanna Scott - Irish - left Ireland 11 years since in Ship Lady Connowy(?) An Emigrant for Sydney - (wife of Tom Scott sent back to Sydney)

Miss Ellen Duley - Irish - left Ireland when about 3 or 4 years old in Ship —

John Johnson a Swede - no certificate

D F Pollard American -

Sarah Sewall Irish - left Ireland in 1839 in Ship Charles Kerr an Emigrant Ship -

John Mc Thernes - An Englishman - left England in 1839 - in Ship Packingham — an Emigrant Ship

William Simmons an Englishman - left England in 1846 in Ship David Malcom - An Emigrant no certificate

Crew

John Burgess - Native of Shetland Islands a sailor sailing in and out of Ports

Samuel Shepard - an Irishman left Eng last Jany 1 year -

John Vira - Spaniard -

Andrew Rogers - Hamburg -

Fred Smith - Prussia -

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Vigilance Association Rooms
Santa Clara August 22nd 1851.

At a meeting of the Santa Clara Vigilance Association, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved 1st That we have learned with unfeigned astonishment that the notorious villains Whitaker & McKinney have been, by an unwarrantable interposition of the pretended authorities of San Francisco rescued from the custody of the Vigilance Committee, and the fruitful investigations of said Committee have thereby been most shamefully interfered with.

And we deem under such circumstances from an association so powerful and so perfectly organized forebears a problem difficult to be solved. We fear there is a Judas in the camp.

Resolved 2nd That we hereby render the tender of our unqualified services to be commanded by the Executive Committee

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We therefore trust the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco will not hesitate to call a requisition upon us, upon necessary occasions, on our feeble but hearty cooperation.

Resolved 3d That we denounce in the strongest terms the recent shameful conduct of Gov. McDougal in prostituting the high prerogative of his office to give aid and encouragement to the leaders of burglars and murderers who infest every portion of our unfortunate country.

Resolved 4th That this meeting has been called, and the foregoing resolutions have been adopted, as expressive of our feelings and sentiments, touching the late unfortunate rupture between the authorities and the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco.

Resolved Lastly That the Secty transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco.

Jos Clayton President Edwd Gates Secty.
Vigilance Association

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San Francisco, 22 August

To the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco

Supposing that you will be
better and promptier means of
and detection than I can
wish to call to your attention a
depredation committed within the
Thomas M'Kuber came to California
last, from Washington City, with
About the middle of July
of Mrs. Fremont, then living on
Valley, and went into the establishment
the Union at the corner of Kearny and
Merchant Streets. He continued in
only a few days, and went to Sonora

of the deceased Mr. Nightingale, at the
end of the plank road. He left there, on
[illegible] of observation for the night, about two
[illegible] man near as can be recol-
lected Saturday evening, 9th inst, about
[illegible] o'clock. He was not afterward seen or
[illegible] until Tuesday last, when his body
was found in a state of decomposition, in
the woods about a hundred yards beyond
the [illegible] on the Mission Road. A coro-
ner's inquest was held by the Coroner on Tuesday, &
he was subsequently buried by the city authori-
ties. & the body recognized
After the inquest he was identified by several
persons living, & the identity is also proved
by letters found on his body & by his
[illegible]. I was informed that all

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Hoops, brother of the [illegible], and who
keeps a hotel on the old mission road, was the
person who discovered the body.

M. Carey Jones

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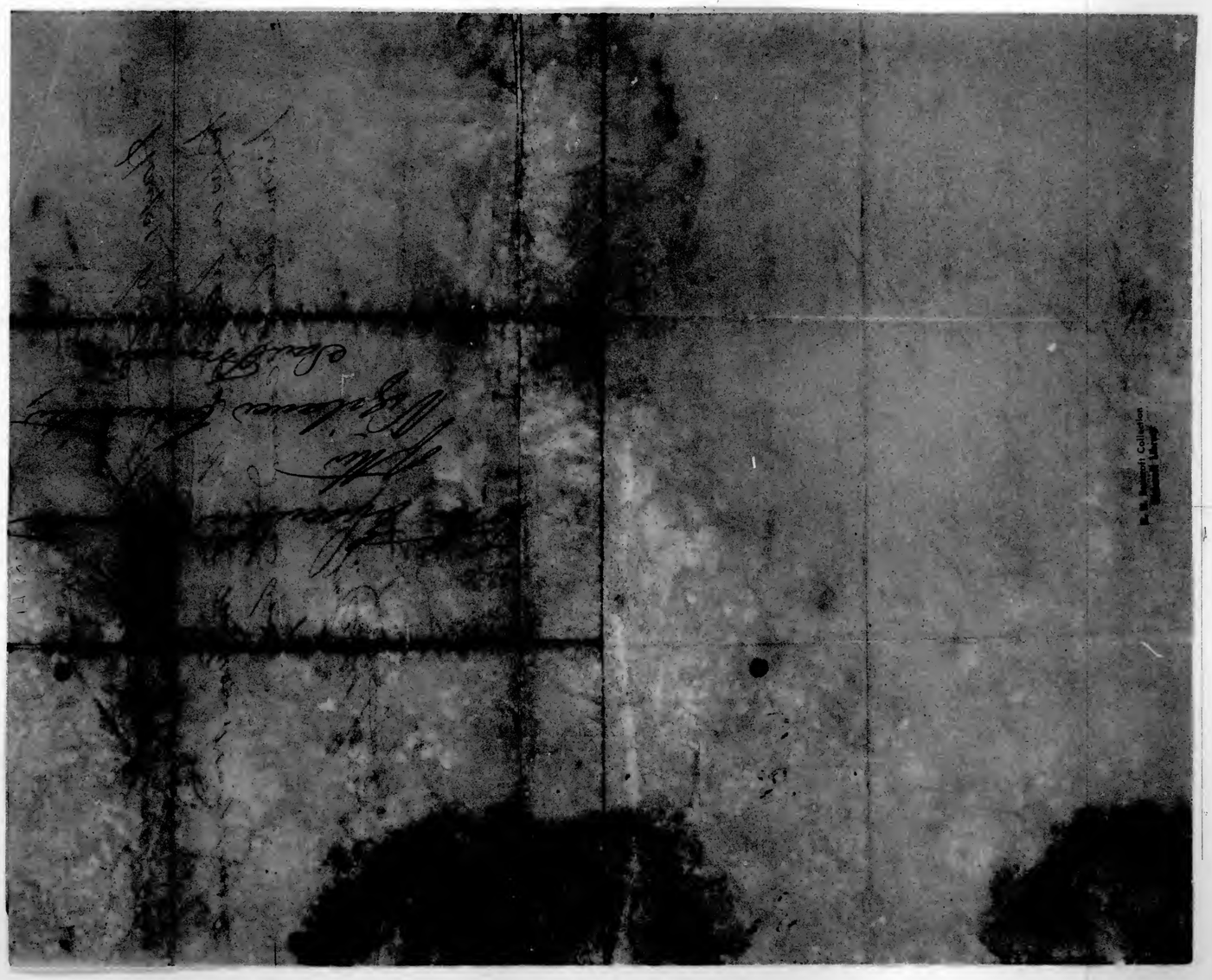

Sonora 22 Aug 1859

J. Pagan Esq
Sec of Com for F.A.C.

Sir

I have just received a Communication from the Secretary of the Stockton P.O. enclosing a Copy of Letter received from your Agency & addressed to a Partner of Nethington by the name of Antone – and the Letter is subjoined to be in Sonora. The Object of this Communication is to request some description of the name by which "Antone" is a name common among Christians and Chinese, your Postmaster has not changed the which he directed to City of Antone and returning the Letter unopened

I may further assured that any Order from may will be strictly followed up and enclose the present State of Things. I would wish to add that our Agent offers its cordial support to U.S. of San Francisco

I am Sir with Respect
Your Obt Svt

William Perkins
Agt of Sonora

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San Francisco Aug. 23/87

To/
The Chairman and Members
of Executive Committee V.C.B.
Gentlemen,

On the [illegible]
I had the honor to receive from your body the appointment of "Collector of Dues and Fines" and according to your instructions proceeded immediately to perform the duty assigned me. I devoted considerable time to calling on members who are indebted to the association for their dues and with a great deal of trouble succeeded in collecting about $200.00 of dues, which amount I paid to the Treasurer —

I subsequently turned my [illegible] over to Mr. Oakley who had been appointed assistant to my predecessor, Mr. Wells — My business engagements will not admit of my acting longer as your Collector, and I would cheerfully recommend that Mr. Oakley be appointed in my stead

Expressing to you my willingness to serve the Committee in anything that lays in my power —

I remain your obt servt
A G Randall

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Examination of Convicts August 22nd 1857

John Luckhurst — Edgar says that he is not a Convict

Thos. Nicholls
Richardson
} Discharged on Recognizance to appear again

Michael Ryan — Edgar,

Hobbs — Ditto Convicted for Treason has 20 £ English

Abbs has a Wife — Robert Bowne, Jun an Apprentice Battery on a Lieut on H.B.M. Service Only a few Pounds

Lawrence Higgins — Robert Bowne 69 Years of age No Means

Roach — Robat Bowne, Convict No Means

William Alderson — Robt Bowne Ghent Abbey Sausage Machine —

Selim E Woodworth Esqre appointed a Committee to obtain Papages for the Convicts —

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William Tenant, from Sydney – 36 years old

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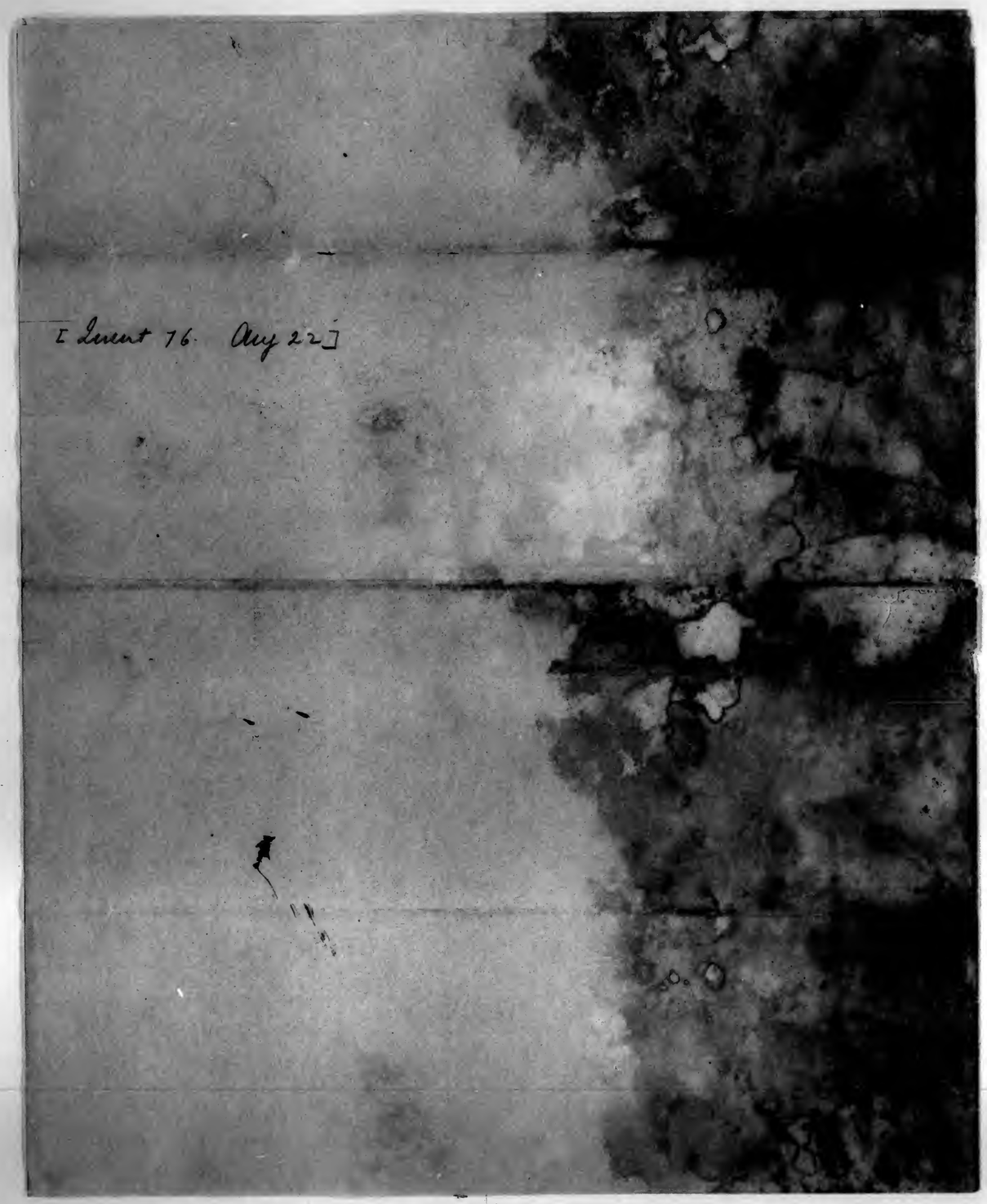
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Minutes of General Meeting Aug 23. 1851

Mr Selim Woodwarth in the chair

On motion r
Resolved That names of candidates for the office of Chief of Police be submitted at this meeting and voted for at next meeting & That the vote be taken by ballot

Resignation of Mr Charles Gulliver was read, and laid on the table. and check for 100$ accepted -

On Motion Mr Brannan
Resolved That the names of delinquent members be read on Tuesday evening next

On Motion Mr Brannan
Resolved That the Treasurer of the A Committee make a full report on Tuesday evening next -

On Motion Mr Geo R Ward
Resolved That each member of Com of A to assessed the sum of five dollars to defray the current expenses of August

On Motion adjourned
I Bluxome Jr
Secretary

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Minutes of General Meeting
Aug 23. 1851

Motion. That each member of the Com of 5 be allowed the sum of $5. to defray the current expenses of Assessment.

adopted
Aug. 23. 1851

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Motion. That each member of the Com of V be assessed the sum of $5. to defray the Current expenses of August.

Adopted
Aug 23. 1851

San Francisco
August 23rd 1851

To the
Presidents of the
Vigilance Committee

Sirs

Owing to the unhappy circumstances which transpired on Monday of 20th inst. and the feeling existing therefrom amongst the members of the committee. and the unkind expressions towards me. and feeling a deep interest in the continued prosperity of the cause to which others as well as myself have devoted their gratuitous time & labour. I feel as though my usefulness, for the time being was impaired. and my countenance in office might make others lukewarm I therefore beg to resign the Post of Chief of Police with assurances of continued interest in the welfare of the committee trusting that the time may soon arrive when all may do real justice as my duties have been performed to the best of my abilities without pay or pecuniary reward of any kind

Yours Respt

J. L. VanBokkelen

Accepted

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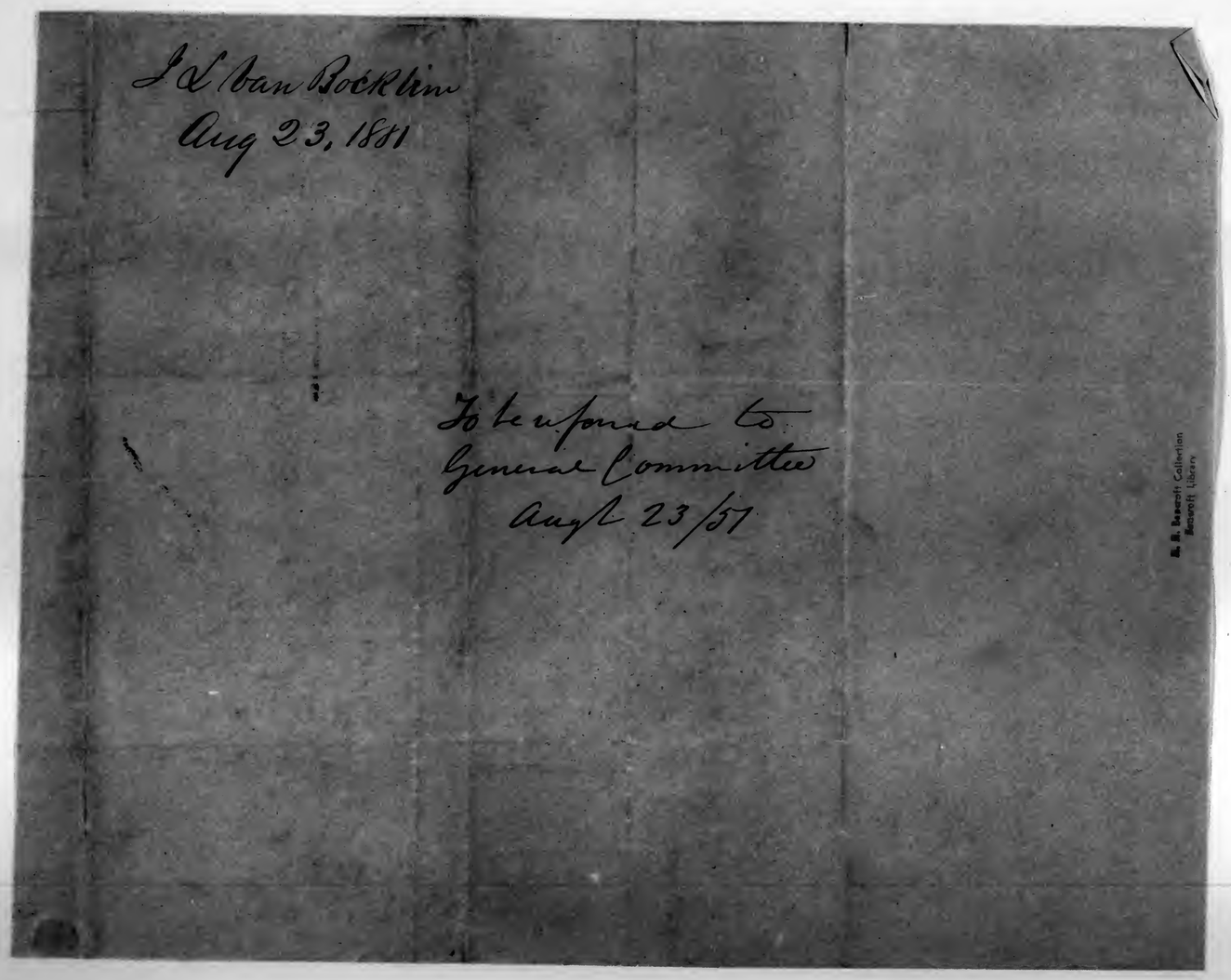
I. L. van Bocklin
Aug 23, 1881

To be opened to
General Committee
Augt 23/81

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Executive Chamber Aug 23. 1851

Present Myself Genl Wm A Ellis Brown Hilly Smith & Captain Rude

Wm L. Hardie examined Born in Maryland moved in California — December 1849. moved from Preston in Boyce County. came as Second mate. Have been to Oregon & Panama once Joined here, was a sailor in an English Ship to Panama — returned here in the English Barque Santa Clara on 29th August 1850 went to Oregon last November was here 2 1/2 mos — was in the timber trade for to Oregon in Oct. shipped for Otinqui & Brown — plan Returned to Francisco — Came to the mines in April 1851 went to Mr. Fork of Am River, engaged as a miner with a man by Name of Rowe Smith another by name of Randal first month cleared my board, brought here 2 50.00 — got my first ounce Sherman to mined here 16 August. — put up at the Clinton House on Clarks Point. about 5 mos ago in July hired two horses for business I started after 12 o'clock to ride the other person started at the same time — first I hired one horse then asked me to go along — then a third man came to the table and we went out of town together, also became acquainted by the name of Little Jack — don't know his other name — then came for a ride to the mines from Rocky Bar, Rattled at his house on Sunday night. Came from Rocky Bar for mines last Winter.

Why did you run away when called to stop? was in drink — I did not — but was I was drunk — was whipped — heard the Sheriff Whittier then was on the road to Mexico —

Aug - 28 - 1857

Dear Sir

In regard to the convict. you, not I must decide what course to adopt.

You may prosecute for the crime. in which case you have only to come before a Justice of the Peace. any Justice Shipherd. a person or two who will swear to facts sufficient to justify an arrest. The Justice will issue the warrant and you have only to point out the offenders. The punishment is imprisonment. You get no money. Again if you wish to bring a civil suit for the penalty of $1000. you may do so against the captain, and I am very confident, the owner. but you cannot hold to bail. In no case can you arrest the Shipmaster first action. I am perfectly ready to commence a suit either in the District or Superior Court for the penalty. when ever you may decide that is advisable to do so. It would of course be some weeks before it could be tried.

Very respectfully
J. Clarke

San Francisco
Aug 28, 1857

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Lo. L. Payson

President of the Executive
of the Vigilance Committee

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At a Meeting of Citizens of
San Diego. July 25 1851
Pres A Woodworth Called to Chr
Ofs: Read and app Secy

Motion of Mr Earle, Resolved that
a Com of 13 be appointed to report
to this meeting on Tuesday evening
a ticket to be recommended to the
State & County and to draft a
& prepare address to our fellow
Citizens &c

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Resolved Resolved

Resolved That W. Austin be authorized to proceed forwith and institute legal proceedings against Ships Administrators & Robert Bowie according to the Constitution & Statute Laws of this State

Resolved Resolved

Resolved Resolved

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Ship President from Lancaster Capt Ch

P. T. Nichols - left Eng in 1837 - in Ship [illegible]
Laurie - for Van Diemans Land - left [illegible]
in 1840 in Ship James Matheson for [illegible]
has a family on board for three children [illegible]
these both passenger Ships

Mr George Robinson left [illegible]
Mary - was a Merchant [illegible]

Chas Lambert [illegible]

Theo Graves
Jos Foote
Wm Smith
Wm Brewer
Lawrence Bailey
Thos Hawden Richard

Mr J. Robinson came on
me to the rooms. Saw Mr —
G. Mullens. with whom he on
time when sent for the
on Jackson st. near
a large quantity of
he lost here

[illegible]

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Ship President Captain [illegible] 23rd 1851
Capt. Geo. Thomas
[illegible] Sail, [illegible] Land Dark Type, left London
1825 ship [illegible] Grant Emigrant ship
Cir [illegible] Gold found in Jarmen

[illegible] in any reason to believe Orlebar was a Prisoner.

Richard Hawden [illegible] Laurence
Thos Graves, Smith Baily, & Foot sent to
the Mines from Monterey. Foot, came to the
Colony free.

Wm. Brewer has been a Prisoner, but to far as I can
Judge from his Conduct since he has been
on board. I believe him to be an honest man.
He should have Landed at Monterey I could
not have had any Property of value.

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[illegible] Library

Pres. Buchanan
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Ship President from Lanunceston Capt Thomas

P S Nichols - Left Eng in 1837 - in ship Thomas Lawrie - for Van Diemans Land - Left again in 1840 in Ship James Hathewson for Sydney has a family on board of three children & wife were both passenger ships

Mr George Robinson Left Eng in 1834 in Brig Mary - was a Merchant Vessel -

Chas Lambert & wife
Theo Greaves
Jos Foote
Wm Smith
Wm Brewer
Lawrence Bailey
Hawdon Richard

Mr G. Robinson came with me to the room, saw Mr G. Mellus. will come at any time when sent for to his store on Jackson St. near battery - has a large quantity of Cargo on board ship to land here -

Respt

W H Clark

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14 passengers

Ship
President

Ship President August 23rd 1851 .

Capt George Thomas

William Oaks, born England Dabyshire,(?) left England 1825 " Ship Briardo Merchant" Emigrant Ship - has lived every since in Sydney Gouldburn & N S W farmer by business -

I have every reason to believe Oaks was a Prisoner.

Ricd Hawdon Wm Lawrence Foot Foote

Thos Greeves, Smith Bailey, & Fool went to the mines from Monterey. Foot came to the Colony free.

Wm Brewer has been a Prisoner, but so far as I can judge from his conduct since he has been on board I believe him to be an honorable man. The Above three Landed at Monterey I would not trust with any property of mine.

Passenger Lists

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Capt. Carlin

You are hereby authorized to detail a guard such as you think proper and arrest two Prisoners to wit Sam. Whittaker & M. MacKenzie and bring them into custody of the Committee of Vigilance

Done by order of Executive Committee August 22nd 1851

Attest:
Rayman
Secty.

James B. Hume
Chairman

Executive Room of
Vigilance Committee
San Francisco, Aug. 24th/51.

(Gentlemen)

Agreeably to your order above I detailed (30) Thirty men who paraded in Three Divisions under the respective orders of Col G.W. White, Capt Calhoun & Mr Oscar Smith & in the short space of 5 minutes from the first Charge the Prisoners above named were on their way to your Head Quarters —

Respy
J.W. Carlin Capt

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May-24-57 Executive Chamber.
Vigilance Committee

Clark.

Sir.

You will detail a sufficient number of men to proceed you, on board the "Brig" Hallowell arrest the Capt. of that vessel a charge of Murder, - & wherever you may find him.

J. C. Woodworth
Pres't - V. C.

In the absence of the
of the Ex. Com. of V. C.

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Minutes of

Mr Selim

On motion
Resolved That
of C[illegible]dent August 23rd 1851 .
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& Thas[illegible]am Oaks, born England Dabyshire,(?) left England 1825

Ship

President

Capt George Thomas

[illegible]ardo Merchant" Emigrant Ship - has lived every since

Religi[illegible] Gouldburn & N S W farmer by business -

read,[illegible]e every reason to believe Oaks was a Prisoner.

for 10[illegible]n Wm Lawrence ~~Ford~~ Foote

[illegible]rés, Smith Bailey, & Fool went to the mines from Monterey.

On M[illegible] to the Colony free.

Resolved That th[illegible]rewer has been a Prisoner, but so far as I can judge from

read o[illegible]t since he has been on board I believe him to be an

[illegible]man. The Above three Landed at Monterey I would not

On W[illegible]h any property of mine.

Resolved That

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Resolved That [illegible]

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Passenger Lists

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Minutes of General Meeting Aug 26. 1851

Mr Fred Woodworth in the Chair

Minutes of previous meeting read & approv'd

Donations received from the following Gent
Mr C Delasant 200 $. B Cahoon 50. $
& I I Chamberlain 50. $.
Ordered that the Secretary addrss a letter
of thanks to the Gent for the same

On motion
The Committee went into ballot for Chief
of Police to fill vacancy - occasioned by the
resignation of Mr Van Brocklyn
Wm Car Smith received 128 votes - I W Rider
8 - Jas King of Wm 2 F Argenti 1 R
Calhoon 1. I H Cartwright 1 -
W Oscar Smith was declared elected
&
On motion Mr Brannan
Resolved That a Subscription list be opened for the
benefit of Mr Berdu

On Motion Dr Stout
Resolved That in future no citizens be allowed to
use this room for purposes other than those
of the Vigilance Committee

By Mr Delasant
Whereas - Charley Duane by whose violence
the lives of two unoffending citizens have been
endangered, one of which was Mr Ball

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a juror is by an uncomprehensible act
of executive clemency again at large in
this community after having been duly
tried and sentenced according to law
Resolved that said Charley Duane have notice
to leave this City of San Francisco and
not to return under penalty of Death
and that this act of the Governor meets
with our unqualified disapprobation —
The above resolution was adopted — but
ordered, that no action be taken on this subject
until it is ascertained positively that
pardon has been granted

On Motion adjourned

Geo Blumer Jr
Secretary —

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Mr Fred Woodworth in the Chair

Communications received from Mssrs C Delaware R Calhoon & J I Chauviteau approving the actions of Vigilance Com & enclosing $200 $50 $50.

The Com went into ballot for Chief of Police Oscar Smith 128. J W Ryder 8. Jas King of Wm 2 F Argenti 1 R Calhoon 1 J W Castwright 1

Moved by Brannan
That a Subscription list be opened for Mr Berdu

Dr Strut
That in future no citizens be allowed to use this room for purposes other than those of the Vigilance Committee —

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Adopted, but, That no action be taken on this subject until it is ascertained positively that pardon has been granted

Whereas - Charly Duane by whose violence the lives of two unoffending citizens have been endangered, one of which was W. Hall, a Juror, is by an incomprehensible act of executive clemency, again at large in this community after having been duly tried & sentenced according to Law

Resolved that said Charly Duane have notice to leave this city of San Francisco and not to return under penalty of death - and that this act of the Governor meets with our

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unqualified disapprobation

Sug Peleffert

Treasurer

San Francisco 2d August 1861.

Seconded by B. Sanders.

No 156 Same Motion

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To the president
of the Committee

Whereas, it is with deep regret that we learn that a Political ticket for the Coming County Election has been put forth, purporting to eminate from certain members of this association and believing it ruinous to the objects of our formation, for us to recognize any ticket of a Political Character. Resolved that this Committee disavow all participation in the formation of the said ticket; and wish it distinctly understood that they will in no manner lend it their countenance or support. as the Committee of Vigilance

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Resolved

Motion

223 Motion, that ~~the~~ this Committe do from this time henceforth disapprove of any political question be brought before the Committee in this room

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passed & ordered printed

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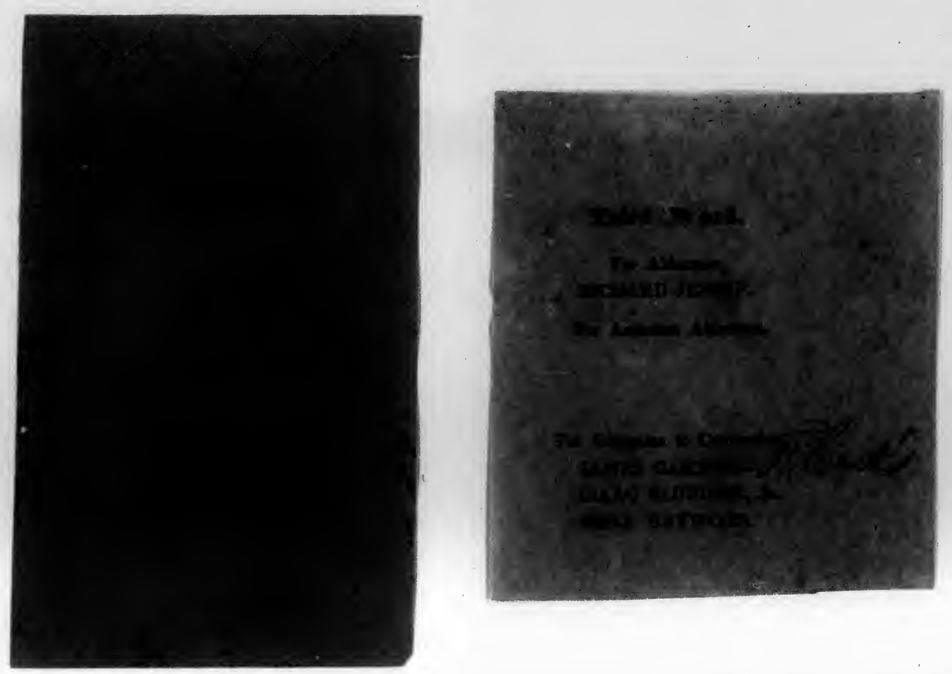

San Francisco August 26th 1851

To the
President
of the Vigilance Committee.
San Francisco
Sir

It is with unfeigned regret I find that our excellent body, as a Vigilance Committee, has degenerated into a Political Association, under an assumed name, I hereby desire for that reason, that my name be taken off the Books of the Vigilance C[redacted] as I shall no longer consider myself to b[redacted] its Members

Tru[redacted] the action of last night may not in[redacted] cause of the Vigilance Comtee as I fear it [redacted]

I am
Yours respectfully
John. F. Spence

[printed Aug 26.]

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San Francisco August 26th 1857

To the
President
of the Vigilance Committee.
San Francisco

Sir

It is with unfeigned regret I find that our excellent body, as a Vigilance Committee, has degenerated into a political Association, under an assumed name, I hereby desire for that reason, that my name be taken off the Books of the Vigilance Committee as I shall no longer consider myself to be one of its Members

Trusting that the action of last night may not injure the good cause of the Vigl.ce Comtee as I fear it must

I am
Yours respectfully
John. F. Spence

[printed Aug 26.]

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San F.co 29th Augt 1851

To the Secretary of
the committee

Dear Sir

Wishing to help the
committee not only with
my faithfull attendance
but also to share the
enormous expenses lately
occured - I beg of you the
favor to accept this small
gift as a token of my
hearty approval of the
conduct of the committee

E. D. 439.

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To the Secretary
of the Committee

Aug - 26 - 57

Capt Thomas

You are requested to detail a Guard and arrest Pat Sweeny and Mr Connelly now Sayshy and bring them before this Committee

Done by order of Committee
August 26 1857

Attest
G. W. Rayman
Sec pro tem

Rayman
Pres't pro tem

Returned with Pat Sweeney at 2 o' clock. — Could not find Mrs. Connelly nor her place of residence. — Neither Mr. Kenedy. —

R Kochkopf
No 266

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Order for Arrest of
Martin Sampley & Wife
Aug 26. 1851

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Martin Sanphy - Native of Ireland, I left Dublin for Liverpool I left Liverpool on board the Ann Drummond Capt Collick, bound for Hobart Town Sydney, 18th July 1839. to better my Condition in Life, I left ~~Hobart Town~~ I left Launceston 9th May 1850 in California on Board Spartan, Hennessey - Ferguson, White, Blayd, Owen French, Rice (South Beach Blacksmith) I do not recollect any others by Name that came here - I recollect Thomas the Baker in Wall's Street - I loaned Capt O' Donnell at the Ohio House, in Dupont Street $1250 when I came here at 8 pr cent a Month - I have not yet received all the Principal nor all the Interest - I went into No business - I lived at Curtis's in Broadway two or three Months from the time I arrived here - - I lived two or three Months at Hennessey's at the South Beach, I was about one Month at the Mines, I worked at the Mines - at the rate of $100 a Month - I came back about a Month since, I have not lived at any other places nor any other Persons from the time I arrived until this time, excepting the time I lived with my wife Mrs Connolly in Nelson's House Martin Sanphy

Attest

I lost $1120 by my wife - I brought on 1 between 2 & 3000 from the Colonies, from the time I arrived 4 or four Months paid $12 a ~~15~~ a week pr Board, I worked as a Captain at out doors work - I do not think that I worked one day in a week since I came to

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California, (except the three or four weeks that I worked at the Mines) I have not kept Store or Tavern since I came into the Country — the $1220 Stolen from me by my wife was in $50 pieces excepting two $10 pieces —

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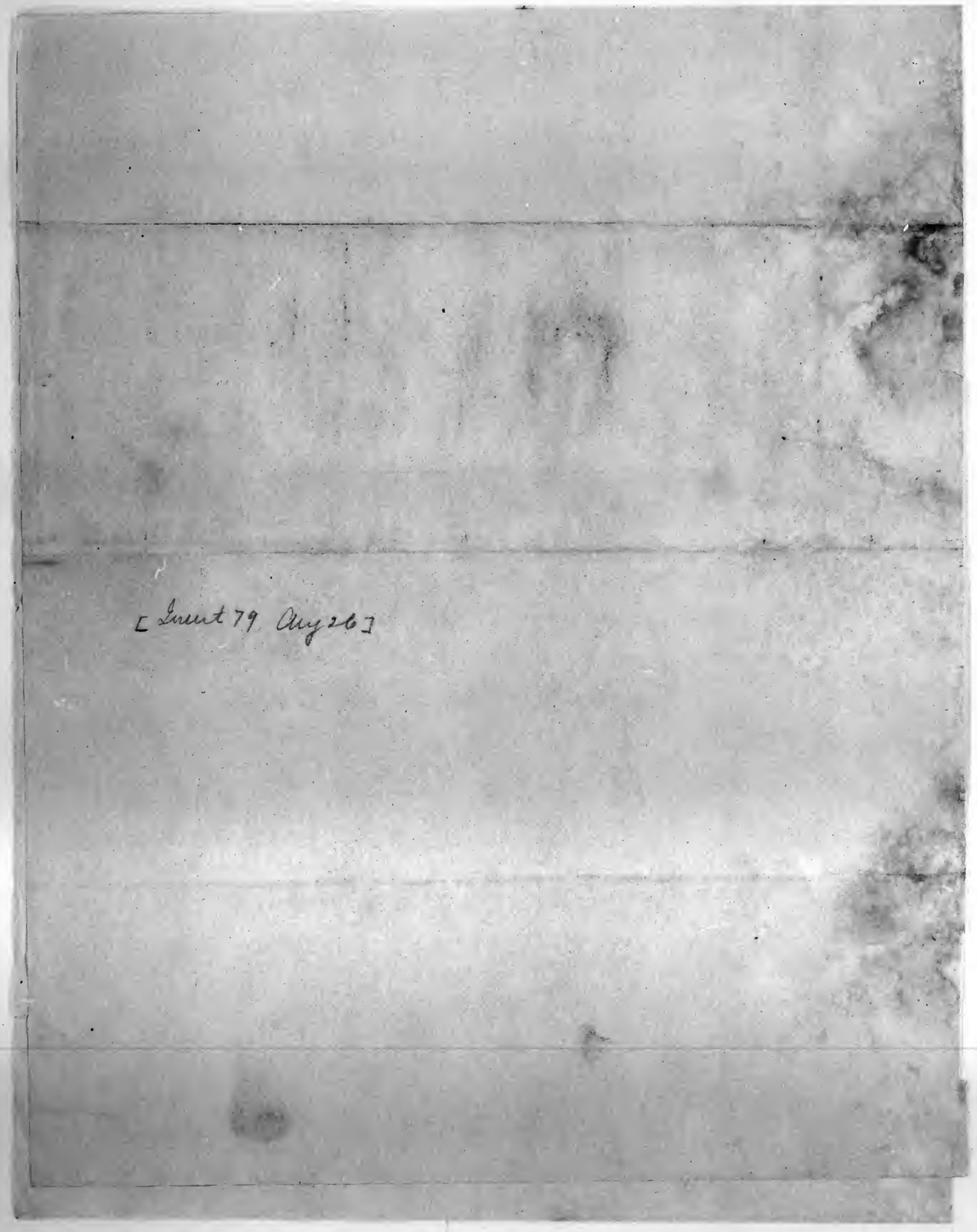

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Martin Sanphy, I am married to a Woman by the name of Connolly, she wanted me to go to Marysville a week ago to go to Trinity I went up and took a House deposited $100 and came down for her, to day we were to go by the Steamer, she sent her Boxes in time, I put them (the Boxes) on board, she then said she was going to a friends House and come for her, I went, but she had not been there, ~~[illegible]~~ she put her clothes in a Box and sent it away I do not know where — Wilson who burned the House since he had took charge of it, I do not know where she is — I know that Wilson and a man called Pat Sweeny ~~have gone~~ are companions of hers — she took $120 from me, she gave me to understand that the money was in the Boxes Martin Stanphy

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William Wright, I was born in Dublin, I went to Philadelphia I landed at New York and from thence to Philad.a I arrived at Philadelphia I lived in Phil.a between 5 & 6 years — I lived at the corner of 2.nd & Pine with Mr Brown a Boot & Shoemaker I went to Baltimore I worked with Mr Hagey in Pratt Street Boot & Shoemaker, I left Baltimore for California last March two years in California I grazed the Cows on Board the ~~Ogden~~ — and arrived in September 1849. I went into the 2 N. Department as a Groom — I held this situation for eight Months, I then went to Trinity Mines — lost about $800 and came back again, last July a year — I lived at Sonoma but I have been staying at Mr Holmes on Dupont Street, between Jackson & Washington Street. I have known Sweeny 12 or 15 Months he (Sweeny) boarded in a House kept by Mrs Regan in Dupont Street, I lost a good deal of Money there, Mack. I hired Pat Sweeny to drive Team a week since, I asked him a Month since, I am staying here now, he has not commenced driving yet, Mr [illegible] is my Master, I bought the Team Mr Keller is to pay — he Mr Keller is out in a penalty —

I know Mr Connolly —

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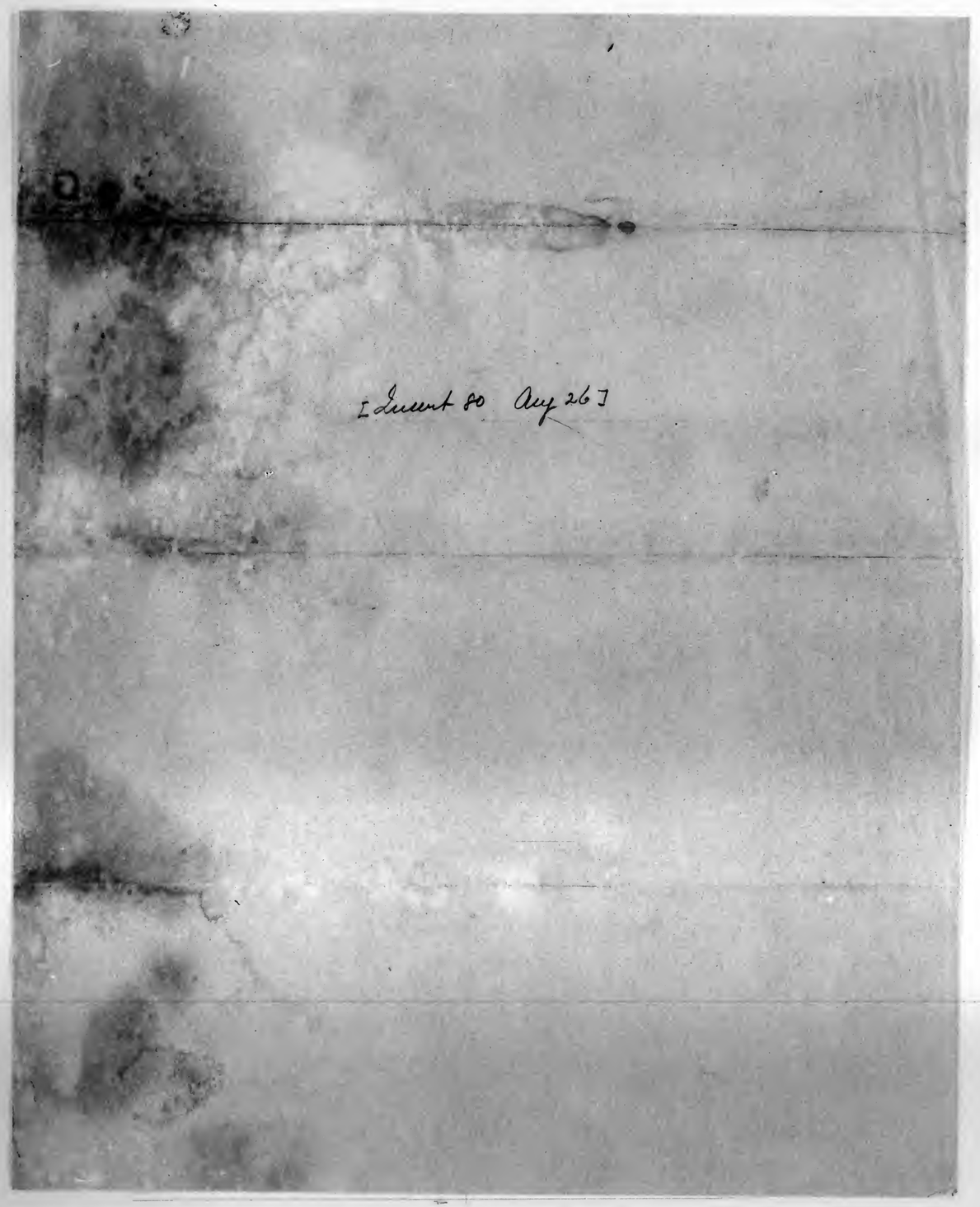
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To Chief of Police

Sir

You are hereby ordered to detail a Guard to bring before this Committee the person of a man named George a bar Keeper for Mr Fields he lives next to Mr Howe or Hall in Battery St beyond Mission St

By order of
Committee
J Bayard
Pt 2330

San Francisco
Aug 27. 1851

The Police report that the man George has gone home; he left about 4 months since
9 P M Aug 27/51

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Thomas W. Harper says from information I have received Michael Kelly has been on and about the premises of Michael Folly, at the Mission, from the time he was missing until yesterday. Yesterday application was made to Mr Langdon's family beyond the house of Folly and opposite the Pavilion — the application was the purpose of obtaining permission for this Kelly to stop at the tank where Mr Langdon's corpse is, about 16 miles from the Mission, near or back of Senechez's rancho. A man working for Langdon & Langdon, boys saw Kelly last yesterday. The boy was not with any one coming there. During the time that Kelly was stopping at Folly's house he slept in Folly's house at night and remained in the bushes ~~at night~~ in the daytime. — When seen yesterday his beard was very long and his general appearance much changed. — This information of Mr Harper was received from Alfred St. Jean, who had a personal interview with Langdon's family this morning, Aug 27. 1857.

Thos W Harper

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Peruvian Angel, I was born in Havana
I came to San Francisco last September
I follow the sea, I brought Cigars to Com
mittee Room for Pat Sheeny, I heard
of Sheeny being in Prison at Hennessy
I am in the habit of going to Hennessy
I am intimate with Pat Sheeny —
I boarded with Schofield and while
I was gone to the Islands Schofield
run away. I met Pat Sheeny who
told me (I have seen Pat their Porte
guese Jim (Stelvin he has gone to Sydney)
W. Yates (Stelvin he has gone to Sydney)

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Charles Stewart, I came to see Tommy Timmy, alias Thomas Quick I never know him Person brought him and recognizes as, Timmy, alias Tom Quick, he Timm came to my House on Saturday, and Brewer was killed on Sunday I have seen him in company with a man nearly of his own make, about two months prior to day, June 1st thereabouts on the Monday following the time he came to my House Tom Quick was taken up for the Murder of Brewer he got out of Prison and came back to my House he re mained at my House with his Wife four or five days, and then left, Timm denies ever having gone by any other Name than Timm — Brewer came to my House on Sunday Morning Timm came day before they seemed to recognize each other talked and drank together, and in the afternoon they went out together I went to Brewer's House in Phelps that kept by Miller we drank together again, left Brewer near the City Hall, a Colored Man came to him Brewer and took him away and I went home, I became acquainted with Brewer while I lived at Mrs Ryan's, this was about seven Months since, I knew Sam Whittaker at that time at Mrs Ryan's, with whom he lived, I saw Brewer have one bag of gold

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Dent, my wife is the Daughter of a man known as Hall, top of Broadway, I did not know a family by name of Gamble top of Broadway, I never attached any man to obtain Money from them, I do not know any families

James states that he left the Port of London in the Brig John in 1833 for Sydney, left as a Servant to Capt Wright of the 50 Regt and came to California about Fourteen Months since —

One of the Tools James say, that he got from Mr Felts Barbecue in Happy Valley, he gave them to me Mr Felts saw them I have no doubt the other two I brought out with me

Julius Henry Robart — I have seen the man James in my Store in Dupont Street, I do not recollect — I have seen James wife sometimes in my Store in Dupont Street

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San Francisco Aug 21-/51 Agreeably to Your order
from the Executive Com[mittee] of V.C. dated Aug 19/51-
I proceeded to Martinez to arrest Joseph Spencer - I found
him at once & arrested him he & his Wife stated to me
that they came from London about 16 mos since to this
City - & since married 10 mos since - & that they both
took in Washing now for a livelihood the Washing & Ironing - I could not learn of their committing any offence
in Martinez they both knew Sam Whitaker Mrs
T. has a Father & Mother living in this City She is about
18 years old - They have both stated to Parties in
Martinez that they came from Sydney - Mrs T has
stated to Mrs Hawkins of M- That Spencer was not
his real name - They have lived in San Francisco
& Benicia also I consider Mrs T. a depraved woman
She appears to possess the lying spirit - owing to
the discrepancies of their statements as to where they
came & their acquaintance with notorious bad men
I searched them. I searched their House thoroughly
did not find any thing Suspicious - except a few
Watchmakers Tools - which are in your town -

Resp[ect]y John W. Cartwright

To The Ex Com[mittee] of V.C
San Francisco

JOHN B

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1-55 Agreeably [illegible] Aug 19[illegible]
[illegible] of D.C. docked Aug 19[illegible]
to arrest Joseph Spence - I [illegible]
ed him he & his Wife I asked to see
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[illegible] - & that they & the
[illegible] - the Washing & She
[illegible] ing any offensive
[illegible] Mrs

Mrs Jane Gates — One of the men who was with Swan at the time he gave the watch to my husband came to my house this morning and I sent a young man for a Constable he could not find one - and came to the Committee room to give information —
This mans name is James Smith - he is about 5 ft high - fair complexion - &c -
William Hughes alias Swan is in town —
On the night that Edward - Stoddfrost & Spence came into my house - I had been carrying some clothes home - the parties were burned out and I could not find them - On the Sunday my husband was taken —
As I was going down the street one day I met Belcher Kay - James Smith - Hughes alias Swan going into my door As I was going out When I came back they were all gone - and my husband wanted to go out and I would not let him go - and he struck me - and I screamed out - at which time there was a Knock at the door - I opened the door then Officers came in - I saw they were determined to take my husband - and I asked him to give me what money he had and the watch - he refused to give me either of them - he saw he was compelled to give [illegible] go and gave them to me - (On that watch he was convicted) two pistols and a bowie knife were in my bag when I left the house, they belonged to my brother. My brothers name is Peter Smith. I have tried several times to recover the pistols and knife but have been unable to do so - I did not

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return to my home that night as they kept
me in the Station House all night - and I
sent for O'Connor who Let me bail me out the next
day. My husband remained in the Station
House. Frank Smith is a stout made man about
5 feet 11 or 6 feet light complexion, brown hair dark
eyes.

August 27 Mr Yates states that she never saw this
Man before

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Daniel Burdeck — I am a native of Rhode Island, Engineer on Board of Steam Boat I know nothing of Hughes, alias Swan — James nor any of the Gang charged with Stealing

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Name States I am a Native of Dundee Scotland I left Scotland in 1845 the Port of Glasgow in the Ship Emma bound for Port Louis Van Diemans Land from Sydney where my Husband Commenced in Sydney. One Month, we left Sydney about Six or Seven Months by the Government for San Francisco have been there about Thirteen Months

We were three and a half years in Hobart Town Van Diemans Land I had two Shops, Cabinet Making Shops Neither my Husband nor myself were ever Convicted, Never Mein that Van Diemans Land was a Penal Colony, after we arrived in San Francisco, we lived at the North end of Stockton Street, there I took in Boarders Nothing, Seaming &c the following persons boarded with me in that House Graham a Cabinet Maker, James Smith my Brother Adams (Common Person) I moved from this Street to Virginia Street it was in the Month of May I lived there One Month after the Fire of June Event to the Westward of Stockton Street towards the North Beach where I now live, I take in Nothing no Men frequent my House at all McIntyre told Mr Thomas where he lives the El Dorado that Adams lived with me Husband is in Said now for Stealing a I know Thomas James he is a Man, he left at the same time I do not know where

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they now are, the watch was claimed by a Frenchman, I saw him in Court at the time of the trial of my Husband. The Man James James's proper name is Thomas Quick, there was a Man called Swan, whose name is William Hughes gave my Husband the watch when Hughes was in Prison my Husband used to take food to him or did I — when Hughes came out he made my Husband a present of the watch — Parbut was Counsel for Hughes, Hughes gave the watch to my Husband in our House in presence of George Patterson who keeps a Store at the North Beach, I think he is an Irishman, Patterson came very often to our House, Thomas Quick's wife came from Hobart Town before the May Fair, she was in my House a few hours only, when he came for her he took his wife up the River she stopped at Burns after her arrival I knew Osman, Jack Edwards I knew Sam Whittaker, I knew T. B. Hay when my Husband was taken up I went to T. B. Hay House to look for Hughes, Ray & Hughes — I knew Teddy McCormick I knew McCormick & Whittaker at the Port Sullivan House I knew Whittaker when he stayed with Mr Ryan at the Rose Cottage, because I used to go there for Porter

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Jimmy from Town robbed me of $800 in Gold dust, One Gold Watch, Silver Watch, Seven gold Rings, one Gold Locket Mr Patterson was in my House at the time Jemmy from Town robbed me Mr Patterson knocked the door open at the time Jemmy from Town was robbing me, I screamed, Jemmy from Town hit Patterson and gave him a Black Eye — with Jemmy from Town there was a small chap he was called Short has a cork eye is called Corkeye, the other was a stout pull faced fellow, called Fatty I never got the things back to, this took place at Gambles, Gamble is gone Patterson says that Gamble is ~~gone~~ in Town, I have heard that Gamble stole and also heard that he was connected with a parcel of Thieves Carr the Constable told me & my Husband at different times about Adams Hughes, Whittaker & McCormick said they were Thieves, Adams and Hughes lodged at my House — T.B. Hay was twice at my House in Virginia Street he came there to look for Hughes alias Swan — he always paid me his board £12 per week, he was at my House about four Months altogether, I worked for him only also — I do not know what he done for a living he

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I kept the name a Jailor. I don't know
when he went to. But when he got up
he did not follow Tailoring in my House
He said he had plenty of money to keep
him while he was here, sometime he
would be gone for two days sometimes
for a week — I never saw any one
call to see Hughes than during
the whole four Months — He boarded
at my House in Stockton that night
the Fire broke out — McCormick has
been at my House in Stockton, that
he came to see Deanna Hughes —
I have seen Whittaker with Hughes
I have seen Dick Edwards, McCormick &
Hughes — I have seen them quite
frequently at the Pat Hughes
House seen Dick among others
with him in the City within three
days — There is only the name
Adam out at the Ranch he
was also any of them, he is a tall
man & light complexion
with Blonde, he is living with a
Mexican Woman — he has been there
several times there, I do not know
Hughes has gone to, shortly after the
time my Husband was arrested
I have been looking out for Hughes
& Brown, also I am for I believe
all were the ones who committed
the Murder.

I lost this Jewellery, before the fine I
Saved this $800 Saved from / my Brothers
Money, and the money paid by Hughes
the things I brought from Hobart Town
the Gold watch I brought from Home
with me, the Locket I bought in Clay
Street / M Thompson gave me the
Chain for the Locket before he went
home / Thompson is from Hobart
Town — he has gone home.

Mr Ratcliff compared with Mrs Yates
Mr R. says he saw her in Court, Mrs Yates
does not recollect Mr R—

Gamble is a fair haired man
tender Eyes, he used to have all those
Thieves about his place, stolen property
was taken to his place, I heard that
he was in Prison, but that he got out

[Mrs. Yates]
[Aug 27]

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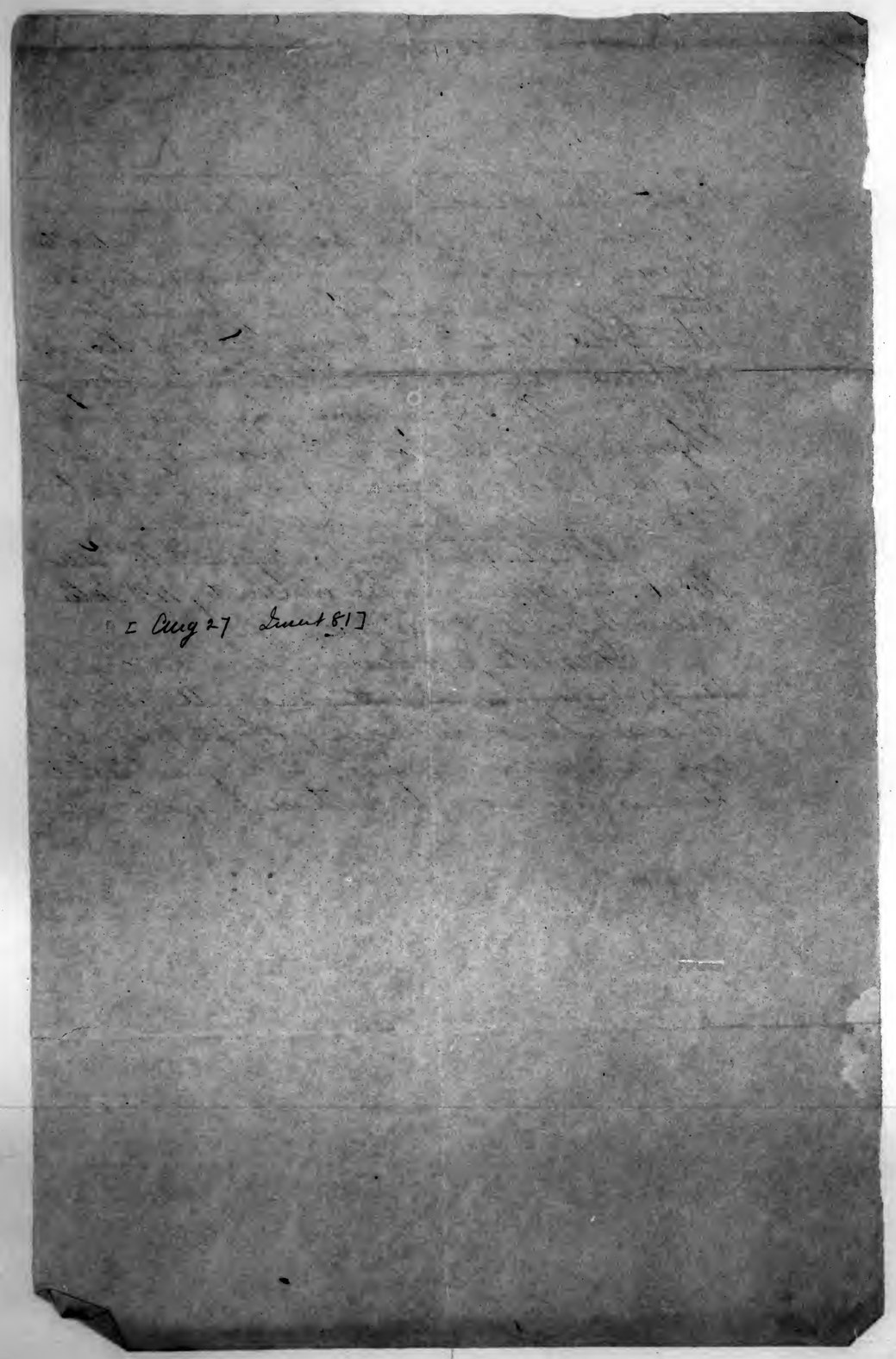

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Questions to be put to Sam.

1. What connexion have you with a certain Sweeny & Martinez which is the cause of trade of said Sweeny?
2. Did Sweeny follow a business in San Francisco, and which was his business?
3. Have you family connexions with Mrs Sweeny, for which reason did you wish to speak to her at the time of your arrest at Martinez?
4. Who was the person, that left your house at 4 or 5 o'clock on the morning you were arrested?
5. Was the person who left your house not a so called sailor, what is his age?
6. Did he not wear a red shirt?
7. Give us the names of the persons who were, two days before your arrest took place, busy all night in moving

goods from your house
Q. Why was Mrs Turner surprised
of your arrest?

Mrs Ebell fears to appear
before the committee and
She does not live any more
at Mr Austins.

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Minutes of General meeting Aug 25. 1851

Mr Selim Woodworth in the Chair

On motion it

Resolved That names of Candidates for the office of Chief of Police be submitted at this meeting and vote for at next meeting when the vote be taken by ballot

Resignation of Mr Charles Sullivan was read and laid on the table. And check not accepted -

On motion Mr Brannan

Resolved That the names of delinquents be read on Tuesday evening next

On motion Mr Brannan

Resolved That the Treasurer of this Committee render a full report on Tuesday evening next -

On motion Mr Geo R Ward

Resolved That each member of Com of 4 hundred be assessed the sum of five dollars to defray the current expenses of August

On motion adjourned

Executive Chamber.
Vigilance Committee

Sir:

You will detail a
number of men to procure
aboard the "Brig" Hallowell
the Capt. of that vessel
for Murder, - & wherever
you find him.

J. C. Woodworth
Pres't V.C.

To the absence of the
Sec. of the Ex. Com. of V.C.

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Aug. 28, 1851.

Joseph

Wm Turner, wife of Turner, now in custody. - I have been in Marin 10 months. I have been acquainted with Turner 2 years he came in same ship with me. - I never heard he was transported. I knew him as a Surveyor. - He has been a waiter in Sacramento House. he was I month in a Restaurant (Miners) long wharf. He got a sore hand there - he staid at Mathews a month or 2. afterwards at Underwoods. I don't remember being in a jewellers store - after a little while before my marriage - I was in a jewellers store, I don't remember in Dupont st. where my husband sold a gold watch. Turner has been washing & boning. digging a well working at blacksmithing for Mr Swayne at Martinez. - He knows Mr Buckler. - does know Swayne or Reves. or Osmun. - I knew Whittaker where I was born, at Maitland. - Whittaker was good there. - He wanted to marry & threatened Turner's life. - My husband saw him at Mrs Ryan - but my husband never lived with that Mrs Ryan - He did live with Mrs Ryans near Stockton St. towards the Hospital. We this was down at Martinez. Mr Hawkins had a watch stolen there & had the men up for stealing it. I never was accused of it. - There are in my house 2 or 3 files a pair of nips & several other tools he works with. - There are no cellars trap doors or at my house

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There is 1 pistol in the house a single barrelled one. I know Mc Auley. - He never said to me that my husband gave him a wink so that he should not recognize him. McAuley keeps the Baa d'Oonaa house. I arrived here the day before the fire about a year ago. About 7 mos. after I arrd I was married. I was in bed with my mother the night of that fire. - My little brother was in bed with Turner. I never was in bed with Turner before my marriage. - There were 7 of us at that time. - Turner and my brother were in one bed & the rest of us in another. - Turner is worth about $150 or $200. I suppose. - The man that gave him those boots was Geo. Lyons. he has gone to the States. - I picked one up at Ellis house. a screw driver. box wood handle. One pair of nippers are lost. My husband went from Aylesbury Eng. to the Colonies. — My husband has been living with Fred. the German 7 years. He was selling jewelry that was stolen for a few ~~months in Sacramento City~~ months in Marysville. — he was about a fortnight in selling it. watches guards & all kinds of jewelry. - It was here. — He was lodging in Pacific St. with a few Dutchwoman & 2 children just above the Calaboose. I think his name was Lewis. — This was about 4 or 5 months since I have been at Marysville about 11 weeks. -

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To the Executive Committee -

Gentlemen -

This morning about half after Ten there drove past me in Jackson St a Barouche or Carriage drawn by a span of Bay Horses - the body of the Barouche is of a dark green - on the box seated with the driver there was one of the confederates of "Aleman" and his gang -

This man is very stout built, face of a florid color and the writer thinks has lost a front tooth from his dress and appearance might be taken for an English Coachman - At the time of Aleman's trial in Monterey he went by the name of "Jackson" he kept there a low eating and drinking shop and was also a Butcher - "Parburt" Alemans lawyer tried to prove an alibi for Aleman and introduced Jackson to testify that A and the others were in his shop drinking at the supposed time of the Custom House robbery - this failed - Jackson was then introduced to prove the good character of Aleman which he testified to in about the same words as "Whittaker" and "Carlyle (alias Stuart)" the three being all used for the same purpose by "Parburt" attorney for prisoners -

Upon the cross-examination conducted by the Prosecuting Attorney (Col. Weller) there was elicited from "Jackson" that he went to San Diego and in a Govt. Vessel, that he paid nothing for his passage, that there was some two or three hundred passengers besides himself -

The Court would not allow Weller to ask a Witness whether he had be

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a no Convict or not or if the question was asked the Witness answered it, on the plea of self criminatin -

However, there was enough shown to convict every hearer that Jackson had been a Convict and to impress every one with the belief that "Jackson" was a confederate of the gang -

Immediately after the trial Jackson took out and left Monterey and your writer has not seen him since until this morning -

Should the Executive think fit to arrest this man or give him intimation that he must leave this Country then, the writer will do all in his power to aid in the search for him and he does not apprehend much difficulty in effecting his object -

All of which is respectfully submitted by his Excy. Edw. L. Williams

San Francisco Aug. 28. 1851

San Francisco Aug 28, 1851

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Chief of Police

You are directed to accompany W. Williams, who will point out one Jackson, whom you will arrest and bring before the Committee of Vigilance and herein fail not

Done by Order of Executive
August 28th 1877

Attest
G. W. Rychman,
Sec. pro-tem.

In the room
of 96

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To the Chairman of the Executive Committee

Sir

I have been refused admittance to the Committee rooms, for what I do not know. unless it was because I was intoxicated on one or two occasions. I wish to be admitted again. and I think you will not have the same complaint of me again. I would have made Application before but waiting an action of the committee as I supposed they would appeal or admit me

I am yours &c John P. Muldrow 317

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Executive Committee

Report in the Matter of No 317
that they consider the Apology of John P.
Muldoon good and sufficient, and
earnestly recommend that No 317 be
restored to the Association

Attest
G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem.

[signature]
Chairman Exec Com

Ordered that he be re admitted —
reconsidered —
refered to Exec Com

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San Francisco August 29. 1851.

To the
Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

Gent. You will please accept this my Resignation as Sergeant at Arms of the Committee of Vigilance. Thanking the Committee through you for the Honor conferred upon me

I have the honor to be Gentlemen
Respectfully Your obt Servant
A. Jell Duffee

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Executive Chamber

August 30th 1857

The Executive Report herewith the resignation of A. J McDuffee the Sergeant at Arms and desire that D L. Oakley be appointed to fill said vacancy.

The Executive particularly recommend Mr Oakley. Having at all times proved himself worthy of trust and confidence

Attest

G. W. Rychman,
Sec. pro-tem

P Runyan
Pres. of Ex Com.

adopted

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Executive Chamber

August 30th 1851

In the Case of Capt Canning of the Brig Hallowell charged with Murder

Your Committee report

That they have had Capt Canning in Custody and examined all the Witnesses for and against him, but finding no ground for his detention your Committee discharged him

All of which they respectfully present

In confirmation

Attest

G. W. Ryckman,
Secs. pro tem

Chairman of Com

adopted

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Charles Gesonius, I was Supercargo of the Brig Hallowell
about 12 Oclock at Night of Saturday the 23 inst, I saw
a Boat coming towards the Brig, I apprized the Capt
of it, suspecting that the Man was after no good, the Man
came up the side, Capt asked what he wanted, and
ordered him down, not going down the Capt struck him
on the Shoulder with a Pump handle, when he descended
I think he slipped and fell in the water, all means
were used to save him, but the current being strong
it swept him away — the Capt took a Boat and
tried to save him, and we were obliged to send the
Ships Boat to save the Capt —

Charles F. Gesonius

Charles Stedman, States that he did not see the Man
nor was he present at the time when the Man offered to
come on board, but being told that a Man was
overboard, I used all means to save him

Chas F Steadmen

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In the Matter of
Capt Harding

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Executive Chamber

August 30th 1851

In the Matter of Harding & Ollinger
Arrested on Suspicion of Murder

Your Committee report that they have examined all the Witnesses in the case, and find no grounds for the detention of the Persons,

Therefore discharged them

Attest
G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

S. Purdy
Chairman Ex Com

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William Cummings, I know the Prisoner William Harding, about One Year ago I was in the Eagle Saloon, about 9. o'Clock at night. Left the Saloon to go Home, I was struck with a Sling Shot by some Person, which caused me to fall into a Hole I was pulled out by some person, afterwards I was told by the Barkeeper of the Eagle, that the Person who struck me was in Jail, I went up to the Jail and recognized this Man Harding,

Next time I saw Harding was at Clarks Point He was pointed out to me as a very bad Man, a few days after Harding had difficulty with a man by the name of Woolly Keaney, and they went over to the Island and fought for some amount of money, since then Keaney has told me, that Harding had robbed at this House spent money pretty freely, and vowed afterwards would go to his Keaney's house, and take money.

his
Wm Cummings
mark

Mr Parent states that he saw the two Men Arrested and assisted to bring them in, knows nothing about the Men, a Man who keeps a small drinking shop on the Mission Road, near the Bridge on the Rincon Road, he said that he had suspicion that Harding had killed the Man whom we had found dead near the Mission

Charles L Parent
Richard Harris

Harding & Keaney
Murder
By Vigilance Committee

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Foster E. Imbett; Pinnin brought it in. Nitmp says that he (Harding) is the man that calle at my House on the Mission Road near the Bridge, he called at my House on Monday the 18th August, he came in and took something to drink with another man, whom I now recognize Harding called Keaney (Pinnin admits that he was with Woolley) Keaney at House of Imbett) Nitmp states that Ollengein a Pinnin presented to him called next day at his House 19th August, they came together drank I saw nothing out of the way they seemed to be intoxicated, I know nothing further — except that a Coat which you have in charge was found near the Body of the Thomas Wheeler,

Foster E Foster

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William Carey Jones. I knew Thomas Wheeler whose body has found supposed to have been Murdered. I know nothing of how he came by his death except by information, I do not Suspect any Person of the Murder in particular (Harding Hollenger knowledge) I do not think I ever saw them before

Coat thereon, I do not think the Coat ever belonged to Wheeler. W Wheeler came out with my Brother in Law Mr Fremont

Wm Carey Jones

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Notice was given me I went out and arrested him, I asked him for the man who had been in his company, he said that he had left him at the Rancho, I asked what Rancho, he said he did not know, I asked him for the name of the Man, he said, his name was John Carson I asked how long he had known him, he said he had known him eight Months, afterwards said that he had known him two years ago in the City of New York, I asked Harding how long he himself had been in California he answered three years, I asked him how long he had been in Town he said that he arrived on the 17th from Sacramento, I then told him to Mount his Horse and go along with me to find the Man who had been riding with him, he seemed to be alarmed and not inclined to go and pretended to be very Drunk, when C. L. Ransandt and Richard Harris came up (who had found a dead body) between my House & the Mission a few hours previous, and stated that that was the Man who had murdered the Man whom they had found having been pointed out to them, as he rode by at the time of finding the Body - I then insisted upon his Mounting the Horse and going with me, about this time John Olligen came in sight riding on a Mule, I also arrested him, and asked him what his Name was, he said his name was John Olligen, I asked him the name of Harding - he said he did not know

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his name and never had seen him before
in his life. I asked them where they had got the
Hoss, they said they had got the Hoss at Clarks
Point. I insisted upon their Mounting their Horses
which they did and I brought them into Town
in coming up Keamy Street, and when Opposite
Mallett's Stable Olligan's Horse turned into
Mallett's Stable, and I learned from that, that
the Horses belonged to Mallett — Hostler stated
that Harding had hired Horses for three
days previous, that on the 19th Harding took
the two Hoss, and had another man in com
pany with Olligan, I pushed them to take the
Prisoners into the Middle of the Stable to the
Lamp to see their faces, Mr Mallett stepped
up and said I should not do it I asked him
why — his objection seemed to be founded on some
objection to the men. I asked Mallett his
name he told me, I then turned to the Prisoners
and told them to go with me, they demanded to know
where I was going to take them, I told them to
the Committee of Vigilance, Bill Cummings took
charge of one Geo: Howard of the other, and I
on Washington on coming into the room I
recognized the Man Mallett in the room
Harding stated that he had been on board the Ship
Columbus, and that the Stripes on his back had
been inflicted on him there

The Man murdered was a Colored Man, had
with Tenbrook at the Mission and had been mur
dered about two weeks previous to the 19th
Harding stated that he left at

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Wolley Reaney's on the Mission Road every night
and he had been in Yuba

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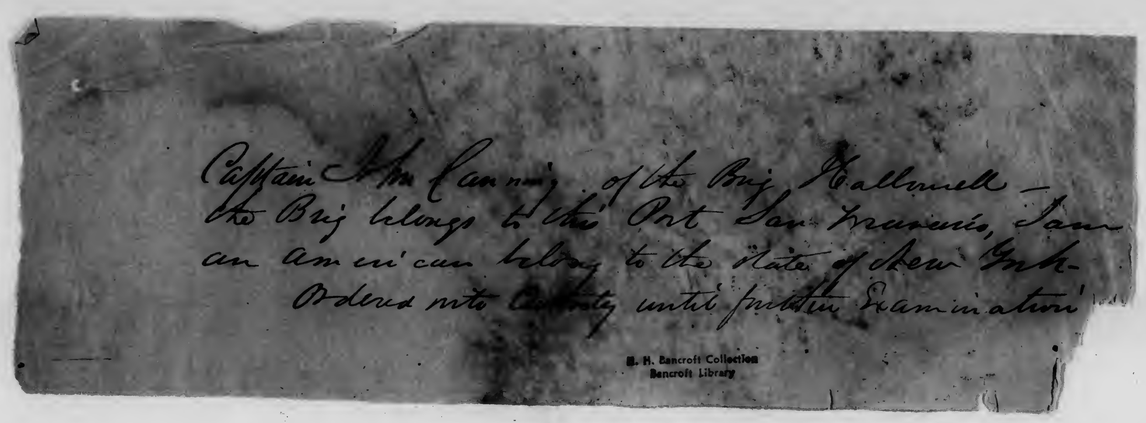
Captain John Canning of the Brig Hallowell —
the Brig belongs to this Port San Francisco, I am
an American belong to the State of New York.
Ordered into Custody until further Examination

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Captain John Canning of the Brig Hallowell --- the Brig belongs to this Port San Francisco, I am an american belong to the State of New York --

Ordered into Custody until further Examination,

Executive Chamber
August 30th 1851

Committee Report

That in the case of
William Alderson a Convict
James Roach — a Convict
William Clay } These two are implicated by
Patrick Sweeny } Sanphy with being connected
with Mr Connolly in taking
a large amount of Money
from Sanphy, the character
of these men do not stand
fair —

William Clay implicated by Whittaker.
In this case we have examined the
Man and find that the report is true
therefore the Committee have settled at
his business

William Barclay, Convict from Sydney
Richard Garland do do do

The Committee have ordered that these Men
be banished from the Country by first respec
three of them have Means — one of them 2 £
three of them Nothing, all of which is res=
pectfully presented to your body for confirm
ation

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Secy. pro-tem

J. Pollock
Presidt pro Tem

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Bk. to Petrel, Capt Byrne for Sidney
agents McVeigh Thompson & Co. or W. S. Daly & Co
will take the passages at $ 50 each will
sail on Monday 8th Sept —

Your Committee respectfully suggest
the propriety of appointing a Committee to
Visit the Prisoners now in Custody

Attest
G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

Randolph & Cow

Courtnaye
Luffs
& Behrser
} Com of 3 to visit Prisoners

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Wm Alderson +
Jas Roach -- 0
Wm Nelson + X
Wm Clay X
~~40~~ Wm Barclay —
~~Pat Sweeny 0~~
Richard Galardo

Attend to Committee that
Wm Alderson
James Roach
Wm Nelson
Wm Clay
Wm Barclay
Pat Sweeny
Richard Galardo
be sent out of the County at once

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Executive Chamber
August 30th 1851

Your Committee Report
That they have in Custody and
under examination the following Prisoners
to Wit

David Earl, Implicated by Stuart &
Whittaker

Robert Ogden & Wife Implicated by
Whittaker

Tommy Wife — Tommy was charged
with Murder of Brewer
& supposed to Guilty of Robbery
of Gonkin Notoriety

Jane Connolly —
also Sophy Van Haarland

On which cases they trust to be able to
report on next Night of Meeting

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro tem

C. Allen
Chairman of Com

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In the Matter of Robert Ogden
implicated by Whittaker

Daniel L. Crouch. I know the Prisoner he is Robert Ogden, about a year ago he kept a Grog Shop on Broadway called Levi and Ogden Levi. I believe him to be the Man implicated by Whittaker. I know nothing more of him Ogden says that his place of business is in Marysville —
Boards at Mrs Watts Mission Street

Danl L Crouch

Wm Redgeth

I knew Teddy McCormick, he was brought to my House from on Board Ship where he first came he was living with a Woman named Beckett — the Man closet whom my Husband was jealous is Thomas Smith behind Crockstein's Hotel on Broadway

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In the Matter of Robert Ogden

Robert Ogden I was born in Manchester England I am about forty five years old, I left England 2th Sept 1841 in the Ship Carthagenian Capt Robinson, left the Port of Liverpool for Sydney, I was assigned Goplin & Brown Sydney, I arrived at San Francisco in January 1850, I had one single Penny when I arrived Myself & wife commenced washing - after washing four Months, I built a Big House corner of Broadway & Montgomery cost me $1174. I called the House the Daniel O'Connell, I paid for it. I let that to Mr O'Meara, after giving up Washing I kept the Place called the Love & Let Leve in Broadway and Montgomery I kept it until 15th last March, I took $690 - Og at $125 for the Daniel O'Connell -

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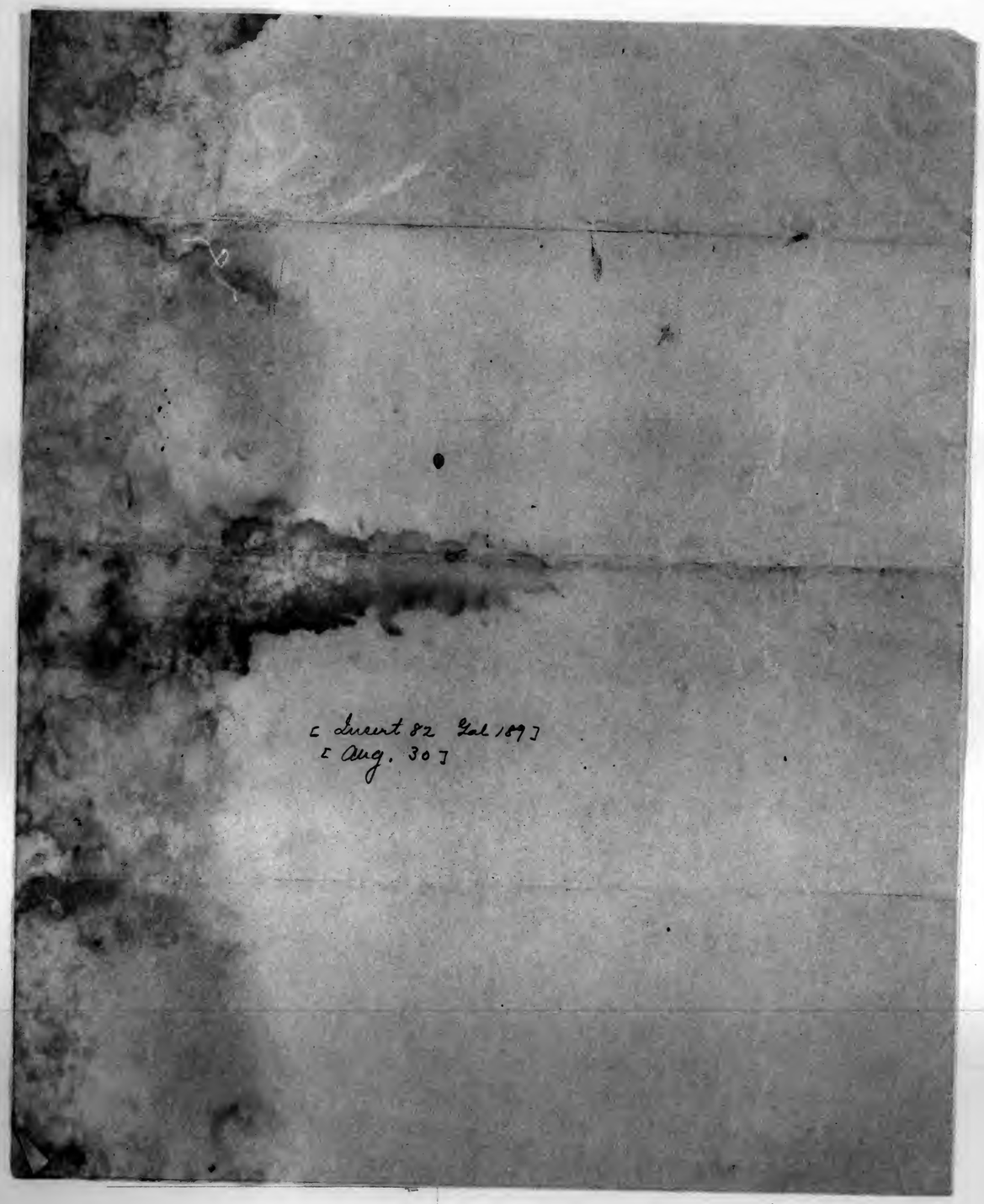

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Executive Committee

August 30 1857

Committee Report

That the subjoined list of Passengers who have left by the Mary Catherine, was politely furnished by Bally Ho - among the list there are many persons who were implicated by Prisoners in our charge, some of whom your Committee have been in quest of

Your Committee thought it prudent to let them depart

Attest

G. W. Ryckman

Sec. pro tem.

L. Rowell

Pres. pro tem.

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List of passengers shipped on board the Mary Catherine
Captain Fox for Sydney. August 29, 1851

James Mc Coy
J. N. Harris
Thomas Brooks +
Thomas Simmons +
John Sullivan +
— Connolly +
Martin, wife and 3 Children.
D Robertson
Patrick Butler
William Shaw
John Sinclair +
Mr & Mrs Parsons
— Barnes —+
J. A. M. Antony
Luke Ryan —+
Broderick and Son
— Peck
N. Sullivan
— Landgrenie
George Frith —
Mr Miller
Joseph Plunkett —+
Charles Leary
Michael Mc Meehan
A. Campbell
Charley Brooks & wife —+
P. Mac Lynch
Barnard Gallan
Lefric Mack

Dr. Welch and wife
Joseph Smith & wife +
James Barton & family
Mr. Hagerty
Mr. Nabbin —+
Mr. Neal
D. Mc Courey
Cornelius Moran & family
James Mullear
Jno. Poynter and wife +
Robt. McRoberts
Geo. Harris
Thomas Wicks
James Gammell
Peter Heffern
Richard Sanders
T. Meacham
Pat. Doyle & family
J. W. Andrews
N. Hitchcock
Nicholas Mc. Neal
Geo. Walker +
N. Macgregor
Brian Dooley
Jno. Harrison
Mr. Scott + 2 Children +
Pat. Mallinard
Jas. Landrigan
Britton Jones —+
J. Davies
Rich.d Mahon & wife —

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Capt
W. L. Bailey & Co's Compliments —

To the Executive Committee.

Pacific Wharf
Aug 29. 1851

—

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Executive Committee

August 30th 1857

Committee report

The resignation of John F. Spence
Geo: Mellus Two Members of the Executive
which they hope may be accepted
And would present the Names
of Capt Cartwright
Nathaniel Miller & N. Miller
to fill the vacancies

Attest
G. W. Pyckman,
Secretary pro tem

Respectfully Yours
Mellus
President pro Tem

— adopted —

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Executive Committee
August 30th 1851

Lloyd Minturn and
Charles L Wood

Members of the Committee of Vigilence desire leave of absence for two Months and remission of Dues and fines for that period

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Secretary pro-tem

L Rundell & Son

Adopted

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Minutes of General Meeting Aug 31. 1857

Col Jas B Hull in the Chair

Minutes of ~~General~~ previous Meeting Read & Apd

Report of Ex Com in the case of Harding & Klinger arrested on a Charge of Murder— Ex Com report that they have examined all the witnesses in the case and find no grounds for the detention of the Prisoners Therefore discharged them—

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Searched the House & found only one box that S identified - that is in the room -
Ascertained that Mrs C's husband died very suddenly of [redacted] apoplexy
that Saphy left the house the next day & afterwards married the widow say within the next 90 days - Mrs C was barbecued for Burns - Wright was in my custody for a short time but I had no charge against him - was told that a blacksmith who lives on the opposite side of the street is a chum of [redacted] Sweeny's but he [redacted] persons keeping Holmes' hotel think he is an innocent man -

D J Thomas
Marshal
Eastern Dist of Pa

There is a House situate on the West side of
Captain Street first House South of Jackson
Street kept by
Pat Sweeny

[redacted] Thomas [redacted]

You are hereby deputized to [redacted]
[redacted] duty and to take in Charge all Boxes
from the belongings to Pat Sweeny & Mrs
Connolly and bring them and the party into
the Custody of the Committee of Vigilance
Done by order of Executive
August 31 1851

[redacted]
Pro tem

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Chief of Police

You will depute a [illegible] to
bring before the Committee one [illegible]
and bring with you any Watch or Watches [illegible]
found, you can take Robert Ogden with you
and bring him back

Done by Executive
August 31 1851

[illegible]
Recording Clerk

The undersigned have searched for
Thomas Smith with Robt. Ogden who
no more than the man in the moon when
to find him - we are therefore obliged to
return this order unsatisfied. Brought
Robt. Ogden back. —

J. J. Ellis
[illegible]
Thos.

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Committee Room, San Francisco
Aug 31st 1867

To the
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen.

I hereby tender my resignation, as Collector of fines & dues, and at the same time would suggest the names of J W Hartman No 211 and A J Connell No 614. as gentlemen well calculated to fill the post, and willing to devote their time to its duties.

Allow me also, to express my thanks, for the kindness exhibited towards me, in recommending my name, for the vacancy, made by the resignation of A J Moffat Esq. and shall endeavour to show my gratitude by fullfilling the duties of my office, to the extent of my ability.

Respectfully &c
D. L Oakley

A J Connell in place of Oakley

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Capt of Police
David Calderwood
Head of Sacramento Street
J M Shatteen
Anhoff Senge Guy's Happy Valley
Hugh Murdoch
head of Washington Street
William Gray
Eagle Bakery
Stockton Street
Stephen Pappin

The within persons are summoned to testify in the case of David Earl
Augt 24 1851

John Watson to be very united to get witnesses for Prisoner

Prisoner wishes to be confronted with Rowland.

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Aug - 26 - 1851

I Wm Kemmerling Sworn. I know Pat Sweeney, William Nilson, Jane Connolly & ~~Morton~~ Martin Sanphy, Pat Sweeney has been in S. F. about One year, he went to the Mines, and returned about Nine Months since he worked on a Scow between S. F. and Marysville, he boarded with Mrs Regan and lately with me. I have seen Mrs Connolly speaking with Pat Sweeney - I have seen Nelson speak with Mrs Connolly, Sanphy has been at the Mines, he married the Woman Connolly about three weeks since. Sanphy and myself went up to Marysville about a week on last Saturday, he Sanphy took a House from a Frenchman & paid him an $100 I took a House of Robert Ogden paid $60 I am to get possession of it on the 1st September I believe Sanphy had money, he came down from Marysville to take his wife up, he found his wife, and prepared to go - I saw her Yesterday in Town as she left the Steamboat Shore she came to my House to bid my wife good bye, then Husband and wife, Sweeney was ~~with~~ about with Knight the greater part of the day, he was at my House in the Morning I am not certain as to whether he slept at my House with Nelson the night previous, he was at my House last Night Patout 7 O. Clock with Nelson, Nelson was drunk, Sweeney was not sober, Pat Sweeney was not at my House at the time of Nelson's Arrest, I have not seen Mrs Connolly nor Sanphy since P. M. of

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Yesterday, I do not know where she has gone to
She has no Trunk or Box at my place, I do not
know that Pat Sweeney or Nelson carried a Box for her
I heard Nelson say, that she was a bad Woman and
that he would not go into his House while she was
there, She lived at Nelson House in company with
her Husband, Nelson kept frequently at my House
there is a Man by the name of Monroe and his wife
living at Nelson House. I presume that they and
Mrs Connelly took care of the place when Geo Nelson
slept at my House. Nelson is a timid Man, and I
think he was afraid to go home. Sansby had
heard some tales to the discredit of Mrs Connelly before
his Marriage, I believe Mrs Connolly's character to be bad
I have no doubt her bearing her Husband was for the
purpose of robbing her Husband

Nelson discharged on condition that he report
in relation to Mrs Connolly August 26th 1851

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James McGowan, I am a resident of San Francisco
At the time that Irish Dick was executed at Hang
Town I resided there, a Man called Woolley at
tempted to rescue Irish Dick, he offered his Horse
Saddle & Bridle to escape with, Woolley nearly mur
dered a Man called Ben who was a pisitive to
execute Dick, Woolley was notorious as a breaker
of the Peace was a fighting Man, I do not
know what Woolley's occupation was at
Hangtown, the Authorities would have
taken Woolley for the Assault & Battery on
Ben, but Woolley escaped, I know of
no other breach of the Peace except the
attempt on Ben / this Woolley is about
San Francisco, I believe him to be a dan
gerous Man, he is about 5 ft 8 in heavy
set light Complexion light hair some
what Curly his nose above the bridge is some
what flat, the point turns a little to one side

James McGowan

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Pat Sweeny, I am from Van Diemans Land, I left Launceston about 18 Months since, I sometimes work as a Ship wright, and sometimes on the River, I knew Connolly and his Wife, I have known her since his death, been intimate with her, she came down frequently to the place where I boarded, at Mr Hennessys - I have seen her at Hennessys seven or eight times at least, I have taken her home twice Mr Hennessy has asked me to take her home, She kept at Hennessys two nights, Hennessy kept with me at the time, I have been acquainted with her since she Married Sanphy - I have been in company with her several times since her Marriage with Sanphy - I was in company with her on the day she left San Francisco, I carried some Trunks & Beading from the North Beach to Hennessys for Sanphy, which I am informed belonged to her - After she Married Sanphy, Nelson & myself carried them up to Nelson House it was the night they were Married, I do not know where Mr Connolly is or where she intended to go to,

attest Rayner

August 27 1857

~~A Young Man by the name of Latham~~ ~~desired me to get a Carpet Bag for him~~ ~~I thought it was~~ Mrs Sanphy left the Carpet Bag in my charge ~~for a young man~~ by the name of Latham who is at the Mines ~~I left it with~~ Mr Nelsons for safe keeping - She gave it to me on the morning that she was going away to the mines, She asked me to keep the Bag for this young man - She said that she had given Latham an order to receive his Box some time before,

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William Ubbin – I came from Tahiti, I have been in S. F. four years, I now live corner of Dupont & Francisco Sts, I do not do any business there, I let A part to two families, Mr Sanphy & Mr Morrison, I keep a room in it for myself, I knew her in Connolly's lifetime, I have known her since his death, I have been intimate with her since her Marriage with Sanphy – I have often sat with her –

I was born in Ireland, do not know what year I left Ireland in 1841, in the Agnes Emery, bound for Sydney – 300 & upwards of Passengers, no Soldiers on board She left Liverpool, they were Emigrants, I did not pay two pounds, do not think I have my Emigration Papers – I spoke for Mr Scott about 8 Mos at New Castle I then came to Sydney, and worked for Mr Harris about 18 Mos I then went to Tahiti with a friend, by the name of Miles, where I was nearly two years.

I saw her (Mr Connolly) on the day that she was going away, she said she was going to Maryville

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In the Matter of David Earl

David Calderwood – I know David Earl, I knew Earl in Scotland and his Father's family in Scotland I have known him two and a half years in America, in San Francisco he was in the employ of Simm – and built for Crop Robson & Co, he is considered a sort of Libertine, I never knew him guilty of any crime such as Burglary – if he has ever been guilty of such crime it must have arisen from his connection with the charge of Bigamy, so far as I know any thing of him, I would not think that he would be guilty of Stealing

Daniel Calderwood

Stephen Rayner – I know David Earl since May 10th 1851. I know him as a Carpenter from Earl & Mapes, I employed them to build for me, and also for Toland & Hart, they completed their contract in relation to Toland & Hart, Mine was a little delayed, so far as my business transactions with them I cannot find any fault, I never heard the character of Earl called in question until since the Execution of Jenkins by the Vigilance Committee since then implicated by Stuart, the Settlakers; of my own knowledge I know nothing

S Rayner

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In the Matter of David Earl

George P. Melvill, I know David Earl, I have known him since last October, I never knew any thing against his character for honesty, except the charge against him of Bigamy, he was an industrious man

G P Melvill

William A. Rowland, who has been previously examined ex parte, now reproduced at the instance of M. Earl, who desired to be confronted August 30th 1851

Earl, Under what circumstances did we become acquainted?

Rowland, My wife took board at House of him I do not know Earl guilty of any dishonesty.

Attest

J Rayran

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Richard E. Rowland — Augus 31 1887

E. What were the circumstances by which we became acquainted?

Answer — My Mother took a House of Earl about December 1849.

E. Did you or your Father ever employ me to build a House

Answer — My Father employed Earl to build him a House, I merely acted for my Father, signed no contract, my age at that time was fifteen Years.

E. What time did your Mother die

Answer — December.

E. Were there any arrangements between your Father, Yourself and myself in relation to Money for her Interment

Ans — There may have been — my Father borrowed some Money of Mr Earl, I do not know the Amount, the Money was paid the whole amount borrowed of Earl was $700.

Question. What security did he receive from your Father for the repayment of the Money

Ans: I Believe my Father gave his Note for it

Earl, Do you remember how the $700 was paid

Ans: I have your acknowledgement for it

Earl — You Asked that I robbed your Father State under what circumstances

Ans: In 1850 we Father Sister Myself were out at the House of Earl — he Earl said that he had been at our House stopped the Window and said that he saw the Bed

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and clothes tumbled, that is the reason why he
had suspicion, the amount was about $50 or $60 —
the robbery had been done by some one well acquainted
with the place — and Earl was well acquainted
with it —

E. Do you recollect your Father saying that
he lost that $7 — and that it was a good thing
he had put his Money in his Boot and
that was safe

Ans. I do not —

Earl — Did your Father owe me any Money
at the time of Robbery

Ans. I believe he did.

Earl — Did you not suspect that some other
Person might have robbed the House

Answer — No one knew the House as well as
you did —

Earl — Did you or your father ever pay for
the House

Answer. We did pay for it and have your
Acknowledgement — & can produce it

Earl — Do you recollect the time you Father
bought 2 Kegs Butter to amt of $300 of Macon
& Co

Answer I do recollect my Father & myself
were not in Partnership at the time of
buying the Butter, but were shortly after
wards

E. Did you ever ask me for money
to buy by your own account

Ans: I do not. I recollect asking you
to advance me Money

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Earl- Did I advance your father or
yourself the money to buy the Butter
Ann- I do not remember of your
making any advance
Earl- Were you a party to the purchase
of the Butter
Ans. I was not.
I have no other Questions to ask this
wit

Attest S Rayson

Wm A. Rowland -
Earl. Do you recollect of your purchasing Butter
of Macondray & Co to amount of about $300
Ansr. I do; I purchased it for myself I do
not recollect the time about a year & half ago
Earl- Do you recollect calling on me a year
ago about this time to borrow some money
to pay for Butter of M & Co
Ans. I do recollect calling on you - and
borrowing some money to pay for the Butter
Earl- Was your son Richard in Company
with you in the selling of the Butter?
Ans: I cannot say; the amount was
more than $200
Earl How was the money returned to me
by you
Ans: I paid ~~part in Cash~~ it all in
Cash
Parties are called upon to produce accounts
& Settlements -
Earl has no further question

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Examined by W. W. Miller

20. I do not recollect buying any Lumber of the Ship Huron – Jacob Addis bought it. I agreed to pay for the Lumber bought of the Huron – I gave my Note for it, the Lumber was purchased in May 1850.

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Sept 1 - 1857

Sergeant at Arms

Requested to send and bring from
corner of Sansome & Broadway, House
of Wm Welch, a Trunk a Box of
Clothing & Bed & Bedding belonging to
Mr Langley & Connolly and bring
them to Committee Room

Order of Executive
Sept 1st 1857

Attest

Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary

J P Williams
Pres't Ex Com

The above order has been performed by 3 o'clock
at 12 o'clock Sept 3 1857

To D J Thomas Jr
Marshall

Dan'l J Thomas Jr
Marshal

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Order of Executive Committee
to Sergeant at Arms
case Connolly

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Sept 1, 1857

A Man by the name of J. L. Watsingham charged with Forgery has made his Escape from Sonora—

Watsingham is about 5 ft 6 or 7 in high. Stout made, florid complexion red Hair & whiskers (if not shaved) wears his whiskers round his chin. He came into the City on the Morning of the 31st August by the Stockton Boat

Chief of Police

is hereby directed to place his guards at such places as he may think best and detect and bring into our Custody the said Watsingham — giving also such facilities as Mr Mc Farlane may desire who has the writ in his possession for the arrest, and make report to the Committee

Done by Order of Executive
Sept 1st 1857

Attest

Paulson
Pres't Vig Com

Left for San [redacted] please

Mr Mc Farlane Marshal of Sonora has following him

W Smith
Chief of Police

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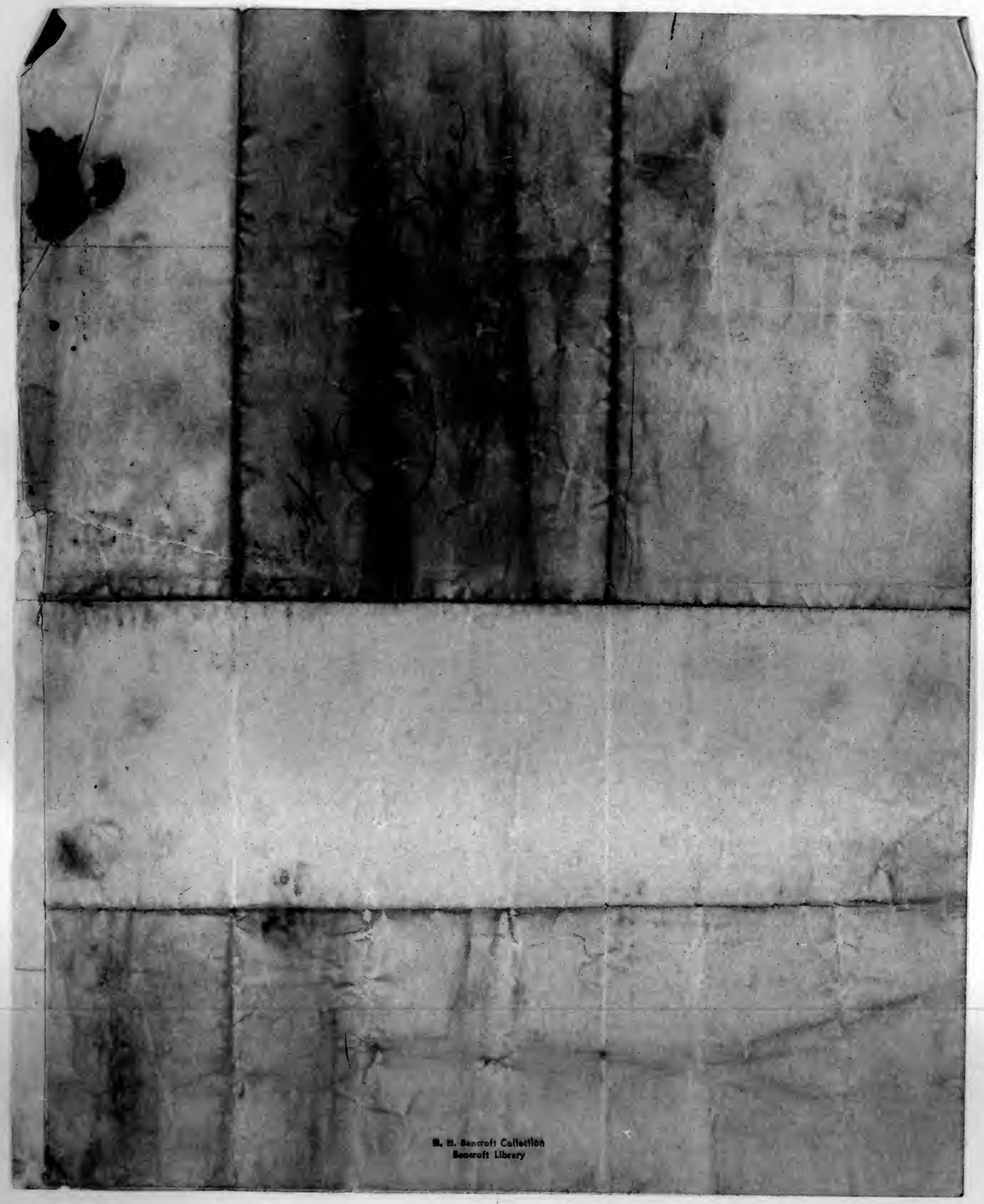

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Sept - 1, 1857

James Chase - Who Stole from 3 to 4 lbs Gold Dust from me at Parks Bar on the 28th August 1857. he is about 5 ft 8 in high stout made at the Chest, Black Hair Lubberkins dark Complexion - very Wide between the Eyes he has been traced to Marysville - he carried a full sized Colts Revolver, and a small one also a Mountain Rifle - he is about 40 years of age

John C Shipman

Brown gold - 2 lbs It is black - one piece weighs 7 lbs one other 2 lbs in shape of an heart one piece 1 lbs 1 oz It is very thin remarkably so common rinds at Parks Bar -

One of the fingers on the third one hand with right a left hand is turned in and cannot be straightened -

The above is the description of James Chase
Chief of Police

I directed to detail a guard as a lookout to chase, and arrest and bring him before the Committee, It is expected that he is now or will be shortly in Town to escape by some Steamer or Despatch

Done by Order of Executive
September 1st 1857

Return this document when executed, with report endorsed

J Ryan
Secretary to Committee

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Chief of Police

You are requested to take measures touching the subjoined Documents, so as to secure the arrest of Kelly named therein -

Also to arrest Spies and Swan who are said to be about the Mission Dolores

You will return the Document, with report endorsed thereon

Done by the Executive
September 20th 57

Thomas
Private Sec'y

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Capt W D Harrington

Says Kelly is to be found at Michael Foley's, is not to be seen, except at night, or the characters are sometimes there. Kelly ask Capt H—s man, to secrete him at Capt H—s house, but was refused, Foley lives at the mission.

Capt H— resides 3 miles west of Angelos his house is on the Santa Cruz pass, Know that many horse thieves & other bad men congregate near him, will supply horses and aid if required at any time.

Refers to

Capt Chadwick Store W. G Hawley
Page, Bacon & Co
Grayson, Guild & Co
Clayton
Agnew Battery opposite U. S. Barracks

D L Oakley

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To the
Executive Committee

Resident

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Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 2nd 1851

Chief of Police

You are requested to detail a look out for Mr. Hines, Stanley and McDougal whose discription is hereunto annexed. It is supposed that the said Culprits are in this City or hourly expected, if found you will search them and bring whatever you find with the Prisoners into the custody of the Committee

Done by order of Executive
September 2nd 1851

P Bayran
Pres't Ex Com.

You will be careful to return this Document with your report indorsed thereon

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Hines

San Francisco Sept 1st 1851

On the 13th Aug. a robbery was committed on the persons of Charles Thomson & Hiram Stevens & Joseph Radcliffe of Mariposa Bar North Fabia on the Sonoma ville road about 3 miles from Sebrin's Ranch. Description of the Robbers

The first was a man about six feet tall dark hair, black mustaches, dark Brown ~~beard~~ or black beard, a florid complexion naturally, dark had on a broad brimed Manilla or straw hat

His name I think is Hines

Stanley

The second was about 5 feet 8 inches naturally light complexion but now stained. Had long light hair & light sandy whiskers, has a scar on the right cheek extending to near or just below the corner of the mouth, His name is Stanley, Heard of him in Londons Bar on Yuba had shaved his whiskers off, & call'd himself Lake Abbott, has been twice robbed from Sac City he is supposed now to be in this vicinity

McDougal

The third was a short thick set man full round face long redish or sandy hair & light whiskers His name is supposed to be McDougal

Amount of Robbery about $5,000 Dollars

Viz, Thomson 2,300
Stevens 2,450
Radcliffe 250

Sent to W Bowen Dep't Sheriff of Marysville

Committed 21 August

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North Beach San Francisco 2 Sept 1851

To the President of the
Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilance
present

Sir/

I have the honor to address you in regard
whom you have [illegible] confined within your Rooms by name William Wilson
ve that I only meddle with what concerns me in this matter I have simply
to my wife's Cousin and that she in conjunction with myself feel
deprived for the first time in his life of his liberty,
I have therefore to request respectfully but
ght to [illegible] for whatever he may be charged with, or
[illegible] examination by your Committee that he be allowed
bail to [illegible] I am prepared to deposit in Cash in some
safe [illegible] will hold myself prepared to find the responsibility of
[illegible] respectable men in Town when to Members of your Committee
should [illegible] come forward in a case of common humanity like the
present [illegible] that he will voluntarily come forward at any
period you, Sir, may deem proper to appoint. —
My only reason, Sir, in asking this much is, not that I fear any
just trial he may be brought to for any action of his life, but, that
[illegible] health, his very existance as I am persuaded from what
occurred yesterday [illegible] owing his delicate Constitution and sensitive mind
[illegible] something dreadful will happen either to his brain or bodily health
[illegible] course you may see fit to adopt with regard to him. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
with respect Your Obdt Servt. —

J. Stewart

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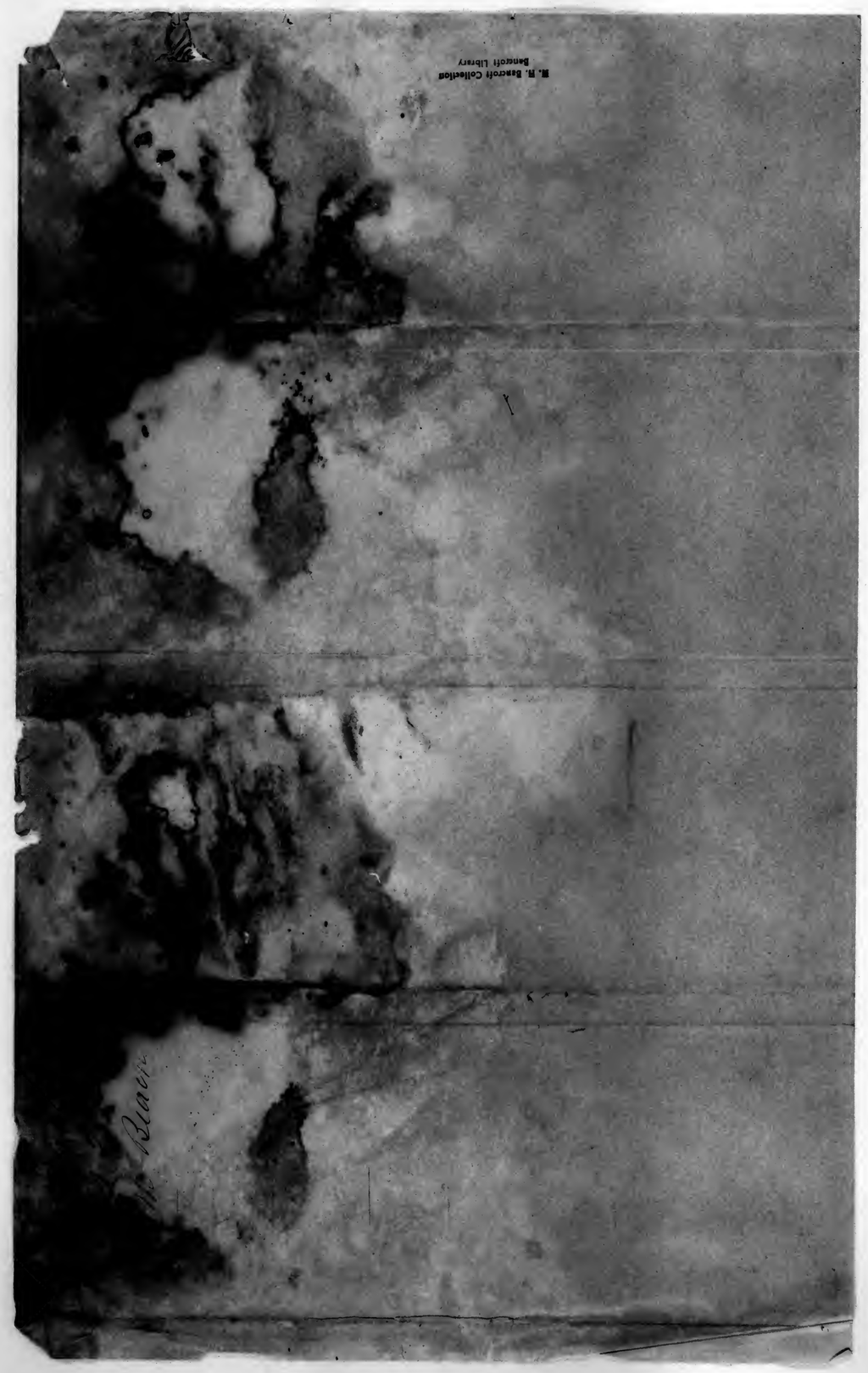
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Sept 4–57.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Nugent will have a certified copy of the Govs Proclamation pardoning Charles Quane, sent to him this evening & who he will forward the same to you immediately. The document is in the County Clerks office – and as the person in charge of such records was absent, I could not obtain the pardon myself. I believe that the community will hold us responsible if we allow so great a rascal as Quane to go at large. I have already had it said to me, that if the Committee are consistent they will either confine Quane or send him out of the county.

You can depend on my aid & assistance in any course you may see fit to adopt. I would like to be with you this evening but an important engagement prevents, – Ever

Yrs Obedient

C. V. Gillespie

Mr Payran

4th Sept

5½ pm

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C b Gillespie
Sept 4. 1867

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Executive Committee, Sept 5, 1851.

It is ordered that David Earl be directed to leave this State within ten days from this date, and that he pay his own passage.

It is ordered that David Turner be directed to leave this state for the Colonies, by the Brig Zone, and that he pay his own passage. ~~It is ordered that David Earl have his liberty this night.~~

It is ordered that Charles Duane be arrested ~~and brought before this Committee~~, and that the Chief of Police be directed to keep him in a secure and secret place, subject to the order of the Committee

In the case of Charles Duane, the ~~matter~~ of last evening was re-considered. ~~in consequence of the witness not having been detained as per the verbal~~ ~~order of Mr Brumley to have made notice~~

The seat of Mr Brumley is declared vacant in consequence of his long continued absence, and ~~that~~ the name of Lieut Baynard is recommended as one to the Finance Committee to fill such vacancy.

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San Francisco Sept.r 5th 1851

Eugene Delessert Esq.r Dear Sir.

Herewith I send you a list of the names of members of the Vigilance Committee who paid me their dues while I was officiating as Collector, by which you will perceive that I have received $210.00 in Cash & 15.00 in Bills, making $225.00 from which amount deduct the Commission allowed me. 10% and it leaves a balance of $ 187.50 I hold your receipt for the sum of $ 185.00, and now hand you the Bal. of $ 2.50 which cancels all my business of the Collectorship

I should have handed you this before, but urgent business has prevented me

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
W. G. Randall

Encl 83½ gal 1947

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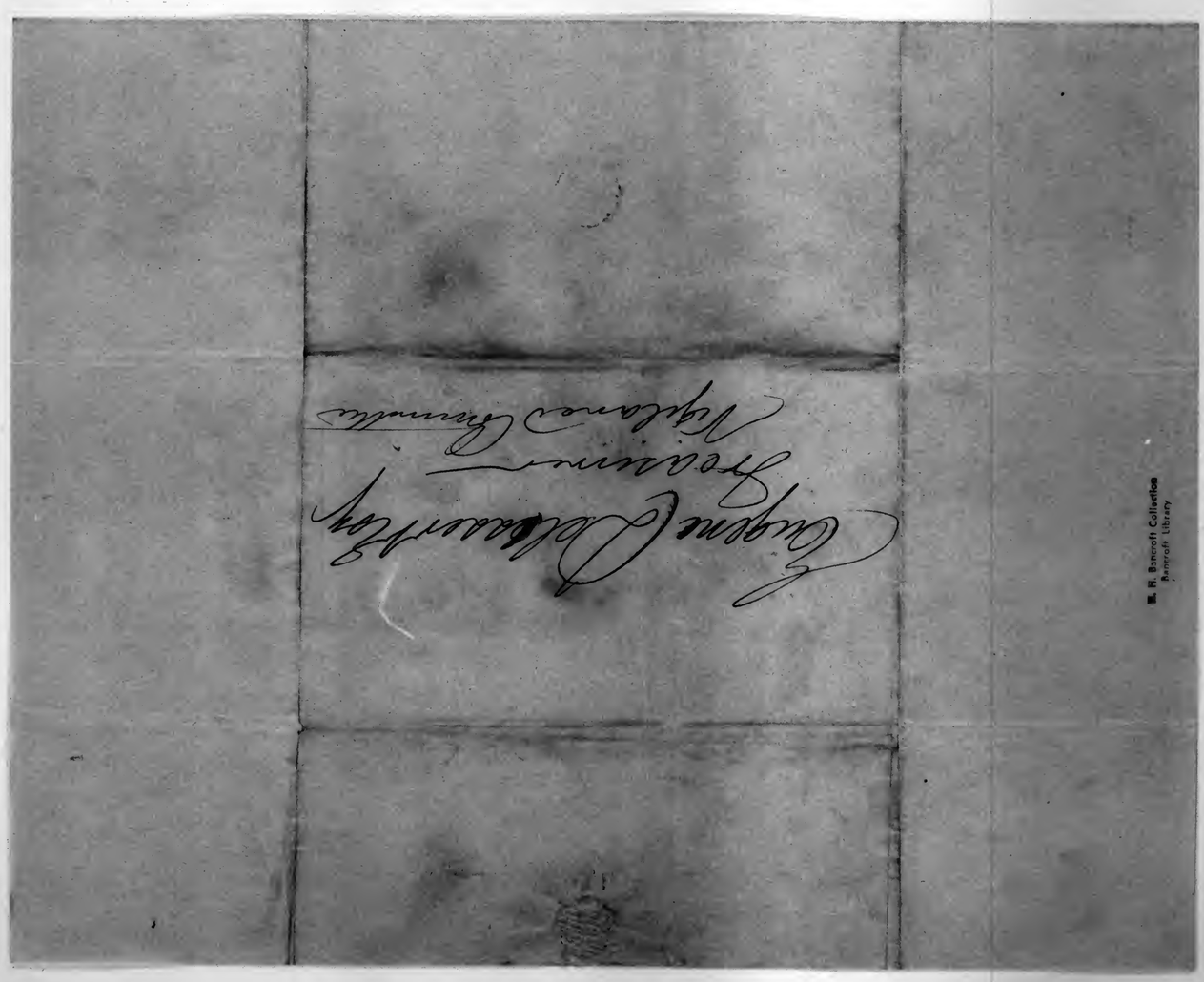
Capt. Dellenbaugh
Prospecting
Arizona Summer
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San Francisco Sept 5. 1857.

To the Chief of Police

You are hereby ordered to detail a guard and arrest Chas. Duane and bring him to our quarters & to such other good and sufficiently safe place that you may in your prudence think best.

By order of the Committee

From all information obtained by G. Schmidt & Mr Boyd, who had the Order for Arrest, He has left in the steamer President for Acapulco this day.

Sept 6. 1857

Wm. Carr Smith
Chief Police

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Minutes of General Meeting Sept 6. 1857

Mr H. Haight in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & approved

On Motion N Miller

Resolved That a publication be given in the public prints that a full meeting be called for Tuesday evening next

On Motion Mr Hampton

Resolved That a demand be made on the Gov of California ~~giv~~ for the names of the parties who petitioned for his ex clemency in the case of Chas Duane

On Motion

Resolved That the Ex Com have power to act in the case of Metcalf vs Argenti Attorney Gal - to procure lawyers fee and that their act be endorsed by General Com

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Executive Chamber

Sept 6th 1851

To the Gentlemen Composing the Committee of Vigilance
in Sanfrancisco

The executive Committee of your body
have laboured ardously to accomplish the business-com-
mitted to their charge, in performing which, they have
had but a single eye to the safety and prosperity of
our fellows.

It is with much sincere satisfaction, that
they are enabled to say, that the reports, before you, embr-
aces action in relation to every prisoner in their
hands, and it only remains, for your sub Com-
mittee, to see the proper disposal, and not keep
them as dumps.

We also have heartfelt pleasure in com-
municating the fact, that many of the prisoners, not
only are entirely by their own passages, but are
willing to depart in perfect satisfaction with the
acts of the Committee. Your committee have ren-
dered them every facility that humanity and pru-
dence could dictate.

Amongst the cases before us were
two of husband & wife, those two cases demanded
our attention, your committee have separated the
parties for their own good, and by the separation
may be the means of saving much anguish.

Our labours are now completed
so far peace, and the [illegible] have attended our
efforts for the public good, we earnestly hope
that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest
upon us, and the duration of our labours, be no
cause on the part of the vicious, to renew their
course of life to the injury of the people.

We trust
that those in power at this time, and those who
shall succeed them, by reason of the late election
may so learn wisdom, that in the exercise of
their representative duties, they may ease the weight
from the shoulders of their Constituents, and thereby
honour their Common Country and preserve their
institutions unsullied.

It now become you, to
adopt some action for the future, to so base the
present institution, that it may silently be a
terror to all evil doers, and a rewarder of all
that do well, that it may be a guardian Spirit
of the land.

With feelings of high respect & Esteem
Believe me your
Obdt Servt well wisher

[Oakley ?]

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE
SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
Of the Committee of Vigilence
Of San Francisco

Saturday September 6th 1851

In the case of David Earl
charged by Stuart, Whittaker and others with having conspired to rob, as well as being Accessory to the escape of Southins

Your Committee report that they have held the Prisoner in Custody and in irons for nearly six weeks and during that time have Summoned many witnesses for and against the Prisoner, and find no grounds to warrant the giving up the Prisoner to the Authorities, nor sufficient to warrant the infliction of punishment by the hands of the Committee

They therefore discharged said David Earl under an injunction to leave the State of California within Ten days from the Fifth day of September since which the said Earl has prayed respectfully that the Committee give them five days longer to settle his business, which was granted

The Committee ask for a Confirmation of their acts in this case

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro tem.

Adopted

F. Rayran
Presidt Ex Com

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Report in the case of

David Earl

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE — SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco
Sept 6th 1851

In the Matter of Joseph Turner

The Committee have fully examined the case, and are of opinion that he is a bad Citizen, as well as a Convict, Turner was arrested under suspicion of being concerned in McKenzie's Robbery, but up-on it this time no clue has arisen to fix the charge

You Committee have ordered him and his wife to leave, all of which is now being carried out by the Special Committee appointed for that purpose

Attest, G. W. Richman, Sec. pro. tem.

J. Hayman
President pro Tem

adopted

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Joseph Turner

Report of
Executive

COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
Of the Committee of Vigilence of San Francisco
September 6th 1851

In the case of Barton Sanphey your Committee have examined his case fully and deliberately and from the examination find that he had been intimate with Jenkins whom the Committee Hung - also Burns and others whom this Committee banished, they further believe this Man to be a bad Citizen, in Consequence of which they Committee have ordered that he leave the State and they respectfully ask for Confirmation of their act

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro-tem.

P. Dayton
Pres't of Ex Com

adopted

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Martin Sampley

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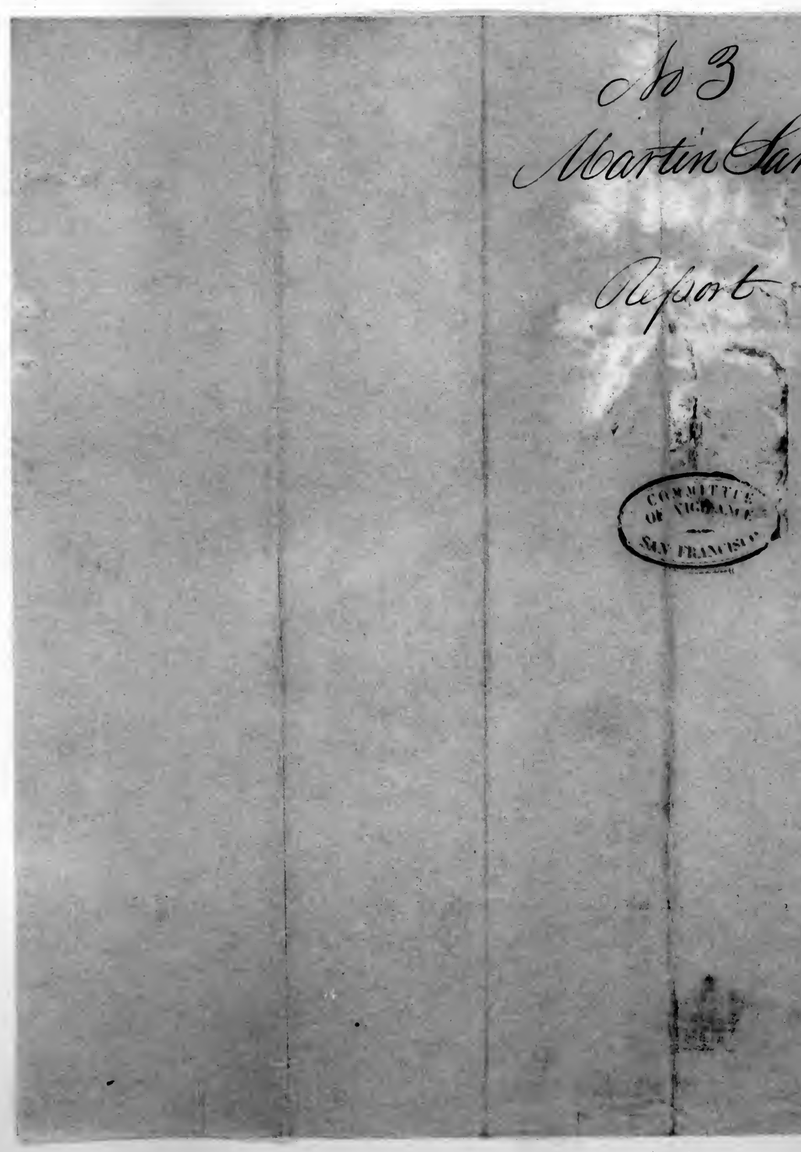

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco
July 16th 1857

In the case of Jane Connolly (now
Sanphy)

Mr Connolly came before this Committee
voluntarily having understood that Martin
Sanphy (the husband) had preferred charges
against her to
the Committee have fully investi-
tigated the case and believe the whole matter
to be a foul conspiracy on the part of Sanphy &
others to destroy the reputation of said Jane
as well as to become possessed of some property
belonging to her by reason of his Marriage

A renunciement has been taken from
him as to any and all interest that said Sanphy
might or could have in any real or Personal
Estate of said Jane Connolly or belonging to
her previous to her Marriage with him

We respectfully ask of your body that the
said Jane be allowed to depart, and to
remain so long as she may desire,

Attest G W Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

Respectfully &c Com

Referred back to Ex Com
for reconsideration
adopted

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Jane Connolly
now Sanphey

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco
September 6th 1851

In the Matter of Robert Ogden;

Robert Ogden was impleidated by Whittaker as being a Thief and a Convict,

Our Committee have examined the Matter and firmly believe that Whittaker was not far from right and therefore have ordered the said Ogden to be banished from the State

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro tem

Pres. pro Tem

adopted

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Robert Ogden

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 20 1851

To the Vigilance Committee

Gentlemen Some time since your body ordered Alexander Wright (a convict) who had just arrived to leave the Country, and held him in Custody for some time, and then sent him away

Wright behaved humbly well while in our Custody, and stated that his Wife and Child he thought would come out in the next Ship, after we had banished him but a short time, his Wife and Child arrived, she has endeavored to earn something by Labor, but her Child has been a great drawback on her industry - she has regularly supported herself to the Committee and seems to be an excellent Woman

Owing to her destitution and desperation of her Husband she prays that the Committee will send her back

The case of this poor Woman we respectfully present to your attention for action this Evening being really a case that demands an exercise of our most benevolent feelings

Attest G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

Respectfully Com

Laid on Table
reconsidered
adopted

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No 6
Mary Wright

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber

of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco

Tuesday September 6th 1857

In the Matter of William Wilson

who was ordered to quit the Country,

Your Committee re considered the previous action in the case, at the instance of several respectable Citizens on which re consideration they had sufficient proof that said Wilson was not a Convict, and was a quiet inoffensive Man.

On which ground the Committee discharged said Wilson

Attest

E. W. Eastman,
Sec. pro tem

Sayman
Presdt of Ex Com

adopted

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William Wilson

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco
September 6th 51

Your Committee report that the Guard brought to me one Howard who proved to be a Deserter from the service of the U. S. Government

Notice has been given to the D. M. who will take charge of said Howard and pay to the Committee the sum of $30 all of which is respectfully submitted.

Attest,
G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro. tem.

Wm T Coleman
Pres. of the Com

adopted

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H. & Howard a Desertu

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE — SAN FRANCISCO

Committee Room of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco

Saturday September 6th 1851
1 Oclock 30 M. P. M.

In the case of Charles Duane

Your President of the Executive Ports that on the Night of the 4th inst your Executive Committee were informed of the Enlargement of said Duane by an Order of the Governor of the State bearing date 17th Augt

The question of Action arose the Modus operandi discussed Mr Schenck was appointed President of the Board and G. W. Rychman Secretary

I contended that by reason of the matter being one of those cases adopted by the Committee of the whole it could not be brought before the Executive for final Action, and therefore opposed it, firmly believing that the Executive body being an examining body, have no right to adopt final and conclusive action further than to recommend to the General body —

As an Executive Body your Committee had power to order arrest and hold subject to your Action, and nothing further

Stephen Payson

Laid on the Table

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Charles Duane

Report

COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE
SAN FRANCISCO

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilence of San Francisco
September 6th 1851

Whereas the seat in the Executive of your Committee of Charles H. Brinley, has been vacant by his continued absence out of the State, and it being of great importance that our Executive Board should be filled by good and competent Men

Our Committee respectfully offer the Name of L Maynard Esquire to fill said vacancy

Attest,

J. Payson
Pres't pro tem

adopted

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Recommendation of Executive Committee in relation to vacancy created by absence of C. H. Bramley

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Sept 6 – 1857

Your Committee on the affairs of Wm Clay report as follows,

I have succeeded in collecting money to the amount of one hundred & fifty three doll. but a balce of say fifty is unavoidably lost. his licence two months to run, value say $30 and two bad debts of ten Dolls each — $20.

The balce one hundred and fifty ⅔ Dolls I now hold.

The only expense attending the collection having been fare to & from the Mission while endeavouring to collect $10 —	153.00	
balce		93.00
		$157.00

I have exchanged a portion of this in [illegible] but it being very difficult to obtain [illegible] even at 5% premium I fear for further success.

No further expense will attend this, save the ctge of his luggage to the whf & boating to the Ship say $5.00

$146.00

Sanfrancisco Sept 6th 57 Respectfully Submitted

D. L Oakley

Committee of One

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To the Executive Committee

Present

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[to Wells]

No 1 Wells Buildings
Fleet St & 1st.

Dear Sir.

The case of Metcalf
vs Argenti & yourself will probably
be called for trial on Monday.

If it is your intention to make
a defence, and you require my
services I should be glad to be
informed of the same during the
day.

Yrs &c
G Austin

Mr. Atkinson

Mr Atkinson
7 Battery Street

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Chief of Police

You are required to make examination of Hatton House also of Mrs Speedon, for $50 in $50 some small coin to amount to $5 $95, if found bring them before the Committee and the parties also

By Order of the Executive Com
Sept 6 1851

J. Payson
Sec Committee

San Francisco Sept 7/51

We hereby authorize a Constable from the Agents of the Vigilance Committee of this City Police Search our House & the persons of the inmates —

Witness J Watmough

Thos Hoffman
Ann E. Hoffman

124
25
149
103
46
2
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Mrs Jane Gates I Know Mrs Jane Connolly
She came to my house with Swan - and went
away with him I should think Mrs Connolly lived in
the Uncle Sam from one to two months - She attend-
-ed bar at the Uncle Sam - and afterward kept bar
for Mr Burnes on Clark's point Swan lived in
the Uncle Sam at the time Mrs Connolly lived there
Swan lived in my house about 2 months before
I Know what his occupation was - he then left
my house and went to the Uncle Sam to live

her
Jane X Gates
mark

San Francisco
Sept 7. 1852

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Copy

Vigilance Committee
San Francisco Sept 8. 1857

To His Excellency
John M' Dougal Gov of Cal

Sir

By a resolution passed this evening by the Vigilance Committee - I am authorized - respectfully to request of you a copy of the petition and signatures urging you to grant the reprieve of Charles Delano

Ben Respectfully
Log Lee
D C Woodworth
Pres't Exec Com

Ben Grace Hopkins Jr
Secretary

Copy delivered by
Mr R B Hampton

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Minutes of General Meeting September 9. 1851

Mr Selim E Woodworth in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & approved

On Motion of Geo R Ward
Resolved - That an order be given by the General Committee to pay a Coach bill of 50.$ to John Crow bringing Fanny Seymour to Committee Room - Carried -

It was moved by Capt I F Hutton
That a Committee of 5 be appointed to select the names of 25 Gentlemen to be submitted to the Committee for election as the Executive Committee to hold their office for a period of six months and to make such suggestions or propositions as may be of interest to the association
The following Gent were appointed
Capt I F Hutton - Mr Delasaret - Mr S Davey
Charles E Case Dr Geary - F Argenti

On Motion Mr F Woodworth
Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to waite upon Govenor Mc Dougal and obtain from him the petition for the release of Chas Duane together with all the names attached
The following Gent are the Comm Mr Hampton
Mr Cronin Dr Davis

On Motion Mr F Woodworth
Resolved That the Secretary request from the

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(for the release

Governor of the State the names of the persons who signed a petition of Charles Duane

On Motion adjourned

Isaac Blackmore Jr
Secretary

Resolved [illegible]

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Carried

On Motion Capt Hutton
Resolved That a Select Committee of be appointed by the Chairman to select the names men as a new Ex Com

On Motion Mr Woodworth
Resolved That a Com of three be appointed to wait upon Gov Mr Dougal and obtain from him the petition for the release of Chas Duane together with all the names attached
The following Gent are the Com Mr Hampton Mr Cronin ~~Mr Hunt Lt Cobb Hyatt~~ Mr Davis

On Motion Mr Woodworth
That the Secretary ~~do~~ request the names of the persons who signed the Petition

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for the release of Chas Duane from the
Governor of the State

Apr. 9. 1857

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Moved by Hatton
That a Committee of 5 be appointed to
select the names of 20 or 25 Gentlemen
to be submitted to the Committee for election
as an Executive Committee to hold their Offices
for a period of Six Months & to make such
Suggestions or propositions as may be of interest
to the Association

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For the purpose of keeping up our organization and that this Committee shall continue to be a term to the end intended. It is Hereby Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall still continue to hold their regular meetings for the transaction of all business that may come before them, and that they shall once a month or oftener if in their judgment they think necessary call a meeting of the general committee for the purpose of laying before them their report of all transactions of which they may have taken cognizance and for the further transacting of any business necessary for the good of the Committee. And it is further resolved that for the purpose of reducing expenses the Executive Committee have power to provide for themselves such a room as they think proper for their place of meeting and open all communications from and once each week thereof and that the last part of this resolution to be attended to as soon as the prisoners now in custody shall be disposed of.

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No 1 September 9th 1857

Executive Chamber

Of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco

Some time since a certain amount of Money was raised by Subscription under the Auspices of the Committee as a Jail fund, and by them placed in the Hands of the Treasurer for future disposal and action

And Whereas your Executive have had before their body Sheriff Hays for the purpose of investigating the affairs of the said Prison, which investigation has resulted favorably to the views and objects entertained by us at the time said Subscription was raised to wit

Sheriff Hays States that he has received an order to raise from the Taxes now assessed sufficient Money to pay off a Mortgage due to Mr Argenti, that said Mortgage is the only incumbrance on said Prison except a Lien for Work, Labor and Materials which is held by Sheriff Hays; he further stated that in addition to said Lien he has become indebted in another sum of from three to four thousand dollars for Iron Doors & Locks to render the Prison secure, that said Doors Locks &c were made, and the debt incurred at the instance of the Committee of Vigilance, the Sheriff is unable in himself to meet the payment of the debts so incurred for want of funds

He further represents that by an arrangement made with the County; Bounty funds will be raised out of the County Rates a Series

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the Prison will be entirely completed without a further appeal to the People for private subscription and without creating a debt on the Prison

The Prisoners are now employed in various occupations quarrying stone, Smith Work, tending on Masons &c &c, whereby much will be saved to the County

Your Committee report, that the objects for which the fund was raised having been anticipated, they see no reason why the appropriation should not be made and respectfully suggest that an order issue from the Finance Committee or Committee of the Jail Fund in favor of said Sheriff for said fund and to that with liquidate the debts which he has assumed to pay

Your Committee further report that their confidence in said Sheriff remains firm and unshaken and do verily believe that he will honestly apply the funds for the purposes intended and agreeable to the will of this Committee and further, that a vote of Thanks should be awarded to Sheriff Hays for his perseverance in bringing this matter to so happy an issue

All of which we respectfully submit to your body for action and confirmation

By Order of the Executive

"adopted by"
Exec Com
H Z Ab

Rowley & Com

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No 2 Sept 4th 1851

Ex Executive Chamber San Francisco

The Committee report that they have One Thomas Spedding in Custody charged by James Davis with having robbed him of upwards of $500 at a House called the Travellers Home

Thomas A Semple
Chn pro tem

J Stanton
Asst Adjt Gen

Prisoner discharged

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Native of Montgomery County, Virginia
of age, I came into California
1850 have resided at Nevada
San Francisco on the 5th of September inst, and
put up at Hopson's on first Street, this Morning the
5th Same old Man called Harper, I was running
while I was there, I saw some thirty or forty dollars
passing between Harper & the Landlady Hopson's wife,
I also saw Speedson there, I told the Landlord that I
would see a family that moved up into the
County & keep a Boarding House & Grocery they
moved down —

I went up stairs to turn in, and just as
I was about to turn in Speedson came up and
said Davis you had better give your money
to the Landlord to keep as I would be robbed
I said it is all safe I have my money in my
Pantaloon Pocket — I went to bed and slept
about one hour or so, when I awoke I found
that I had been robbed —

Amount Lost 10. 50 Pieces
Small Coin — 85 90

95
30
60 00
33 75
26 25
00 00
26. 25

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[illegible] Cooper, born in the North of Ireland— aged about 24
[illegible] arrived here in American Brig Cameo— Left Liver-
[illegible] Emigrant ship, Capt B Blythe.—
[illegible] arrived first time 2d January
[illegible] till Nov. 1850.— While here worked for Turner, Fink & Co.
[illegible] right, and then off and on at different times— T. Fink & Co
[illegible] at the foot of Powell st or Washington st— Also worked for
several others, amongst them Stanley, Finney &c— worked here from two to
three months— then left for the Mines— remained there till Sept Nov.
last— then returned here and shipped some days for Sydney.—
Remained at Sydney about three weeks and then returned to
S. F. in the Brig Cameo, Capt White— arrived here more
than two months ago— After I arrived I started for the Mines in
three or four days— Arrived in S. F. one week yester-
day.— Made nothing but a living— paid my passage &
had about enough to buy one suits brand.— No
money about me now— nor has any one got any
money of mine.— First saw Mr Davis the man robbed to-
day, before dinner— about 11 o'clock in the 2d story of the Brave
Tars Home, Happy Home— was in my bed smoking a pipe—
Davis came to my room to wake my father— Davis did not
sleep in the same room with my father— First knew of Davis
being robbed to-day at the time he came to wake my father—
Davis then enquired of my father if he knew who had robbed
him.— I jumped out of bed and told my father to get up. &
give Davis an clear account of what Davis wanted to know
My father said he knew nothing about the money.— I then
went down stairs and called for the landlord.— The landlord's
name is Thomas Kelsey. My father knew that Davis had some
gold pieces.— I never saw Davis have three ten dollar pieces.— This

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[illegible] was there [illegible] could he have been robbed — I have
[illegible] trunk, no valise or carpet bag — My father has no trunk.
[illegible] started on board a store ship and got five
[illegible] — another man [illegible] went up and got $7. — ~~He~~ A
[illegible] up and said "Davis you had better put your
money in the hands of the landlord or landlady — Do not
know what reply Davis made. I slept in the berth above
my father — there is a partition between ~~me~~ where I slept and
where Davis went to bed —

William Harper — re-examined — Have seen Spalding at type
writing — Know nothing of his character — is a butcher. — Heard Spaldings
voice up stairs with Davis before they went to look for saddle
bags — Heard him tell Davis he had better give his money in
charge of the landlord or landlady. — Did not hear Spalding or hear
him up stairs after they returned. — My father has not a good
opinion of Spalding. — I know nothing of him myself. Heard
last week that Spalding had sold a Sausage Machine for
between 3 & 400 dollars. —

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James Hogan — Keeper of a public house called the Travellers
— Irishman by birth — from Sydney — arrived here early
— at the time of the great fire, in the Emerald Isle,
in 1857 with wife & six children — came
to Sydney from Liverpool. Took the house &
soon after my arrival. — I know the
man that was robbed at my house, now present — Davis.
Came to my house this morning and took a drink, as I under-
stood. — First saw him myself at about ten this morning —
Saw him have about three or four dollars in silver. — Heard
my wife say she had seen the man robbed have ten or more
$50 pieces. — After Davis returned with a man named Speden,
a butcher that kills for Mr Barry, corner of Majors & Speden
said to Davis "you had better give your money to the landlord
for safe keeping." Davis replied "my money is all right & I re-
plied "I dont want to keep any mans money if he does
not want me to do so." — Davis said he was going to stop
at my place. — I know he went up stairs to go to bed. — Was
up stairs about two hours — when he came down stairs he
said he had been robbed of his purse that contained
one hundred dollars. — Do not know of any man
went up stairs while Davis was there expecting a man
named Harper — an old man. — Jonny Harper was up stairs
when Davis went to bed — had not been down stairs & was
in bed. — Harper was in the next room to Davis went to bed in.
Have known old Harper but two or three months — works in an
Engineers shop — is a blacksmith — Have known Jonny Harper
about 8 days — believe him to be a steady man — works at odd
jobs. — The $50 pieces that my wife saw was previous to his going
out for his saddle bags. — Davis had drank several glasses, but

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[illegible] not murder him knowl. — I am satisfied Davis was [illegible] — my self & Davis searched the rooms, but did not see [illegible] person of [illegible] man — have known him in the [illegible] — I do not suspect any particular person to have [illegible] — No person could go up stairs without [illegible] of my family seeing them — and no person did go up stairs except Mr Harper — Spedon, and young Hunter that had not got up from his bed. —

Thos Hayson

John Horrigan — an Irishman — 30 years of age — arrived here about 2½ years since from Sydney. — In Sydney about six years — left Cork in the Mary Jardine — Emigrant ship. — Have known Spedding from 6 to 8 mos — since a house of me — Know nothing against his character — Never heard any thing against him. — Know he had a Sausage Machine & have heard he sold it for $300 — not long time when he heard it had been sold — thinks he heard it on Sunday or about two o'clock — Saw him and heard a vessel yesterday bound for Sydney — Told me on Saturday he was going [illegible] he had sold out. — It was about 3 P M yesterday [illegible] saw Spedding yes and heard the Sydney vessel. Also [illegible] with him

John Horrigan

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Thomas Spedding — I saw Davis this Morning
and was to the Pacific Wharf, and went back to
[illegible] and have not seen him
[illegible] Half past 2. O'Clock —
and returned at ½ past 2. o'clock to Hasson —
[illegible] Wharf at ½ past 9 a 10. o'Clock

Re examination of Thomas Spedding Sept 18th 1857

Michael Coff — I saw A. Spedding Horse, I saw
a Sausage Machine, It was for sale
I did not know its value — I only saw
one Sausage Machine,

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No 3

Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 19th 1851

The Committee report that a Mutineer on board the Steamer Commodore Stockton was brought into their Custody by the name of Daniel W. Holden

After a full examination we discharged the Prisoner from our Custody on the Ground that it was a case not properly before us

Thomas J. Smith
Sec'y pro tem

J. Stuart
Pres't of Com

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Capt Henry Randall – I am Capt of the
Northumer – Daniel Whilden started from
Panama in the Propeller Stockton – and he
with others created a mutiny on board & drove
the Capt & crew off the ship – Whilden came
on board my ship as passenger at Panama
the first I saw of him he was upon the
steerage passengers to go and take the Cabin
passengers fare and said follow me
as soon as I heard that for fear they
would make a rush I stepped up to him
and put my hand on his shoulder and requested him to be quiet he said
no and struck me the steward & mate
took hold of him and I ordered him aft
and put him in irons – he has since
threatened my life and the mates I believe he
was intoxicated at the time or I do not think he
would have done it

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Daniel F Whilden – I was born in Philadelphia
I have resided in New Orleans for the last 17 years
I am a Printer by trade – I was in Texas in
the war – I came on the Steamer Northener
I was starved most of the passage – fed on stinking
– Ring meat – this was the cause of the sore in board
I could get no water most of the time – I could
get little or no bread – I heard from the Steward
that there was plenty of bread – & I proposed to
to go and take the bread by force

question to Capt did I [illegible] threaten [illegible] your life
Answer I heard so

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept. 9]

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Executive Chamber San Francisco

Your Committee report that they have in Custody one William G. Hance, charged with Murder, Robbery, and divers other heinous Offences against the Peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of New Granada. That although under sentence of death by the said Commonwealth he contrived to break Prison at Panama and made his escape with other Desperadoes, who with said Hance took Passage on the Tuscotia and arrived at this Port of San Francisco

It further appears that a reward of $1000 has been offered for this Hance

Your Committee suggest the propriety of sending this Prisoner back to Panama on the ground that it is moved be contrary to all Equity that he should be punished by us in the absence of all proof and for Crimes committed beyond our jurisdiction

Thomas J. Emley
Secy pro tem

J. Ryan
Purser Steamer

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Stephen P. Clark:— I Chief Engineer on Steamer Carolina.— On the 4th July. Hance the prisoner was in the Prison at Panama—

Prisoner questioned.— knows Dick Jones at Panama knows nothing about a murder committed on the Chagres river.—

Clark's examination resumed Hance is guilty of having murdered his wife or the woman he was living with.— He was tried & convicted for the crime & sentenced to the mines from whence he ~~made~~ was taken back to Panama and charged with the murder on the Chagres River. He was convicted of this second charge and sentenced to death.— He escaped from prison on evening of the 4th of July last, went to Totoga and took passage in Truckett for San Francisco.—

Stephen P Clark

Attest
Frodk A Woodworth
Septr. 8th 1851

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Wm G. Hance [illegible] Jesse D Mer at Panama
Col Bowie. Chg with killing
" Stout Gonzales — resident
J. B King of Panama
Doct Smith
Judge Hoffman
Pulaski Jacks —

Hance & Gonzales & his Brother in Law went out Cunning together, started at 6 Oclock in the Morning. we came from Redgion on a Tree, we rode on Mules. J. Hance arrived at the Bridge Gun snapped, tried Again it Snapped again — I became angry & then Adam and more, Gonzales got down & marched that he could make it go off — he said [illegible] Stood it & marched with [illegible] W. he G. said he moved to [illegible] if it does not go off he would

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Executive Chamber

San Francisco September 4th 1857

The Petition of D. L Oakley (Sergeant at Arms)
hereunto annexed having been acted upon
You Committee directed said D. L. Oakley
to dispose of said Merchandise and render an
account of the same to the Finance Committee
and pay over the proceeds to the Treasurer

J. Haynes
Presidt Ex Com

Thomas H. Smile
Secy pro tem

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To the Executive Committee

Gentn

There is in my possession, two pieces of calico prints, brought there some six weeks since, by a person who found them on Mare Island, they are somewhat damaged and probably will never be reclaimed, If it is your pleasure I will send them to some public auction to be sold.

Respectfully &c &c
D. L Oakley
Sergt at Arms

Committee Room
Sept 8th 1851

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Executive Committee

Present

Executive Chamber
San Francisco September 9th 1857

Your Committee have carefully examined the account rendered of Albert Wells Esquire for Fines and Dues Collected, and believe the same to be correct, but such investigation not belonging to the Executive we respectfully ask that you will refer the Vouchers to the Finance Committee of your body

H. Simmons Secretary
Pro tem

J. Bigler
President of Com

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Account of Fines and monthly dues Collected
for the Vigilent Committee of San Francisco

Amount of Fines	$ 40 ;
" " Dues	115 ;
	$ 155 ;
Commission 10% —	" 15.50
	$ 139.50

E. C.

San Francisco 1 Sept 1851

Robert Wells.
Col. of Fines & Dues of the
Vigilent Committee of San Fran.

Received Sanfrancisco Augt 28th 51
of Robert Wells. Collector of Fines & Dues - Vigilance
Committee, the Sum of one hundred and fifty
five Doll less ten per cent commissions

155-
15.50
$139.50

David L. Oakley
Collr of Fines & Dues

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San Francisco 1 Sept 1851.

The "Executive Committee"
of the "Vigilance Committee"
of "San Francisco"

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find my accounts for the Collection of Dues and monthly dues amtg to $139.50 One hundred thirty nine 50/100 Dolls also Mr Dadley's duplicate recipts for the above amt. Having paid it over to him as they appointed recently by you to that effect -

Please examine the same and if Correct they please to assign the office of "Collector of Dues & dues of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco being on the point of leaving the City for some time -

Yours Respectfy
Robert Wells

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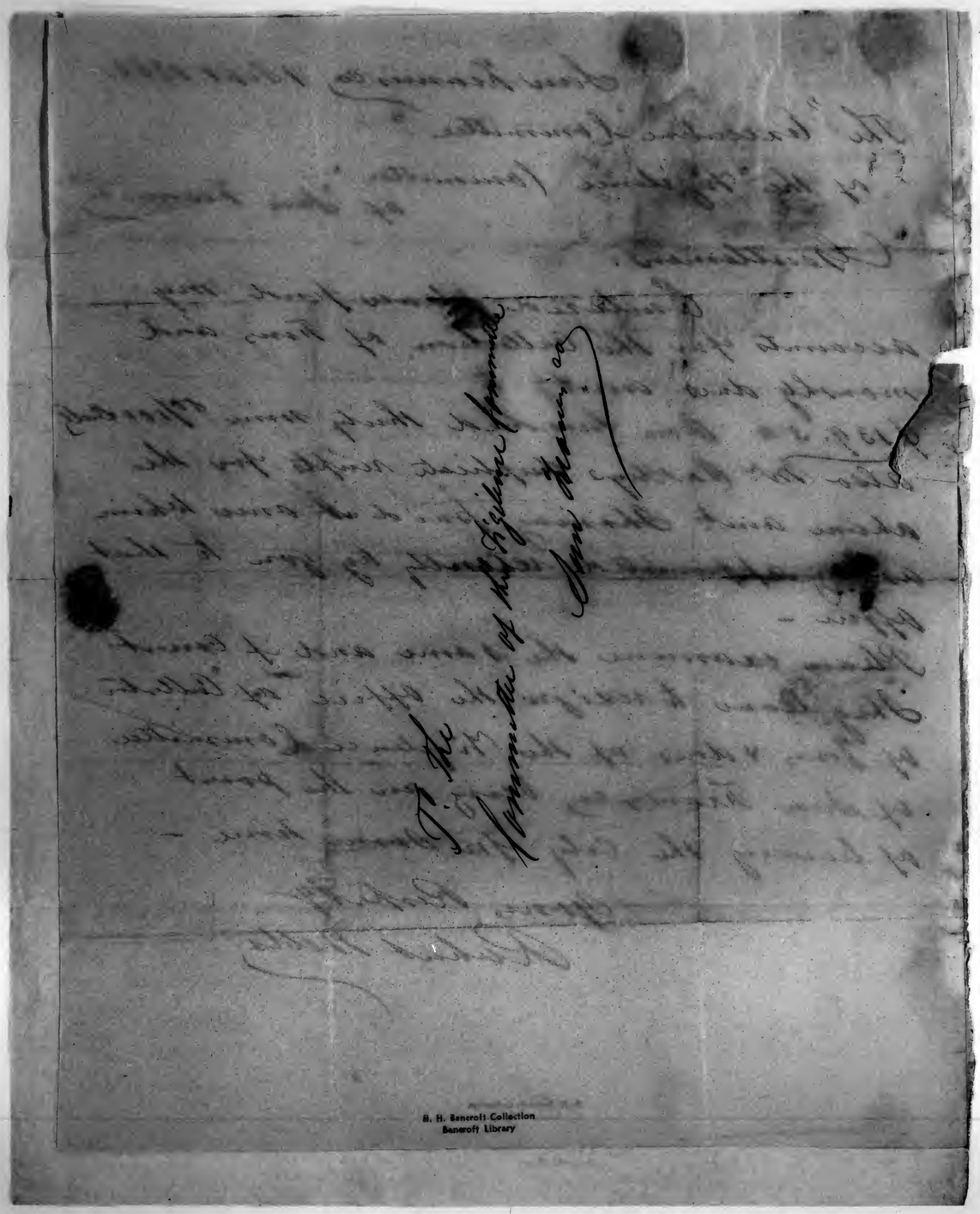

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Mr [illegible] Jones is indebted to this body for his own Dues July & Aug $10 and has collected

from	J. F Osgood	5
	N Hazeltine	5
	[illegible]	5 total $25

& he F A Atkinson Collector of Fines and Dues he would pay over this

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D L Oakley
Sergt at Arms

F. P. H. Truman

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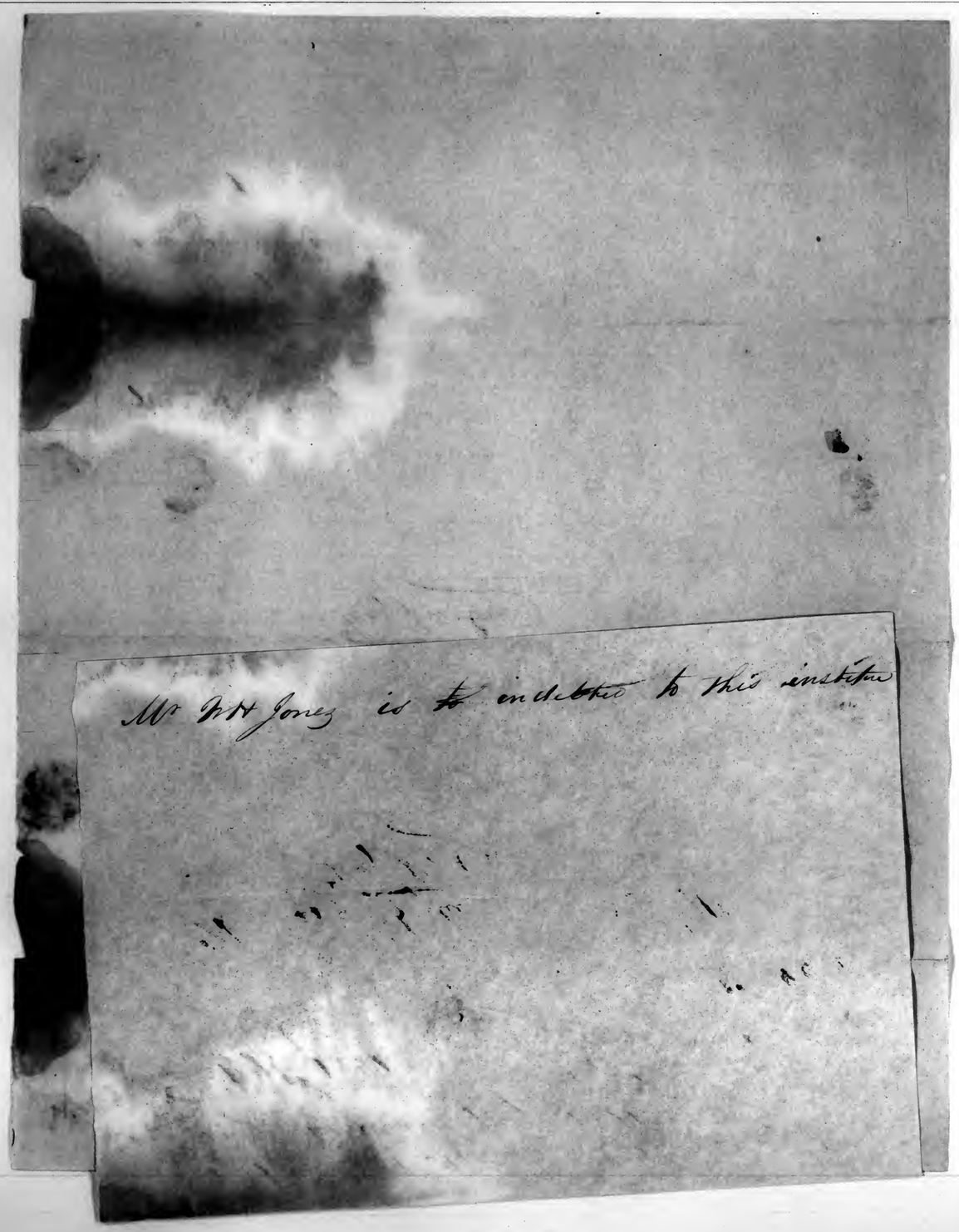
Mr W H Jones is to be indebted to this institu

Executive Committee
San Francisco Sept 19th 1857

The subjoined document submitted by D. L. Corbley Sergeant at Arms, which shows an indebtedness on part of Wm. Jones of $25 for Dues collected by him of others

He respectfully suggest that a Committee be appointed to investigate this matter

Thomas J. Smith
Secy pro tem

Sharon
Pres't pro Tem

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Executive Chamber
San Francisco Sept 29th 1857

In the Matter of John Ward a supposed Convict

Your Committee report that they have examined said Ward, who positively denies being a Convict and also produced the annexed letter of Simon Lake as to character

After which they discharged said Ward, to be called up again whenever your Committee shall deem it proper to do so

J Bowman
Chairman of the Com

Thomas J Smiley
Secy pro tem

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Bush St. San Francisco
19th Augt. 1851

To
The
Vigilant Committee
San Francisco

Gentn!

Having been called upon by Mr.
Ward this morning to state to you what I
know of his character & general deportment while
a resident in Sydney New South Wales for a period
of at least eight years prior to his leaving for
this Country in 1849 I beg to state that I
have known Mr. Ward for upwards of eight years
during which time I had an opportunity closely
observing him in his outward deportment &
his conduct always appeared to me to be that
of an honest & industrious man, had it been
otherwise I should have known it as he lived
near my residence for upwards of five years.

I beg to remain

Gentn
Your Obt. Servt.
James Lake

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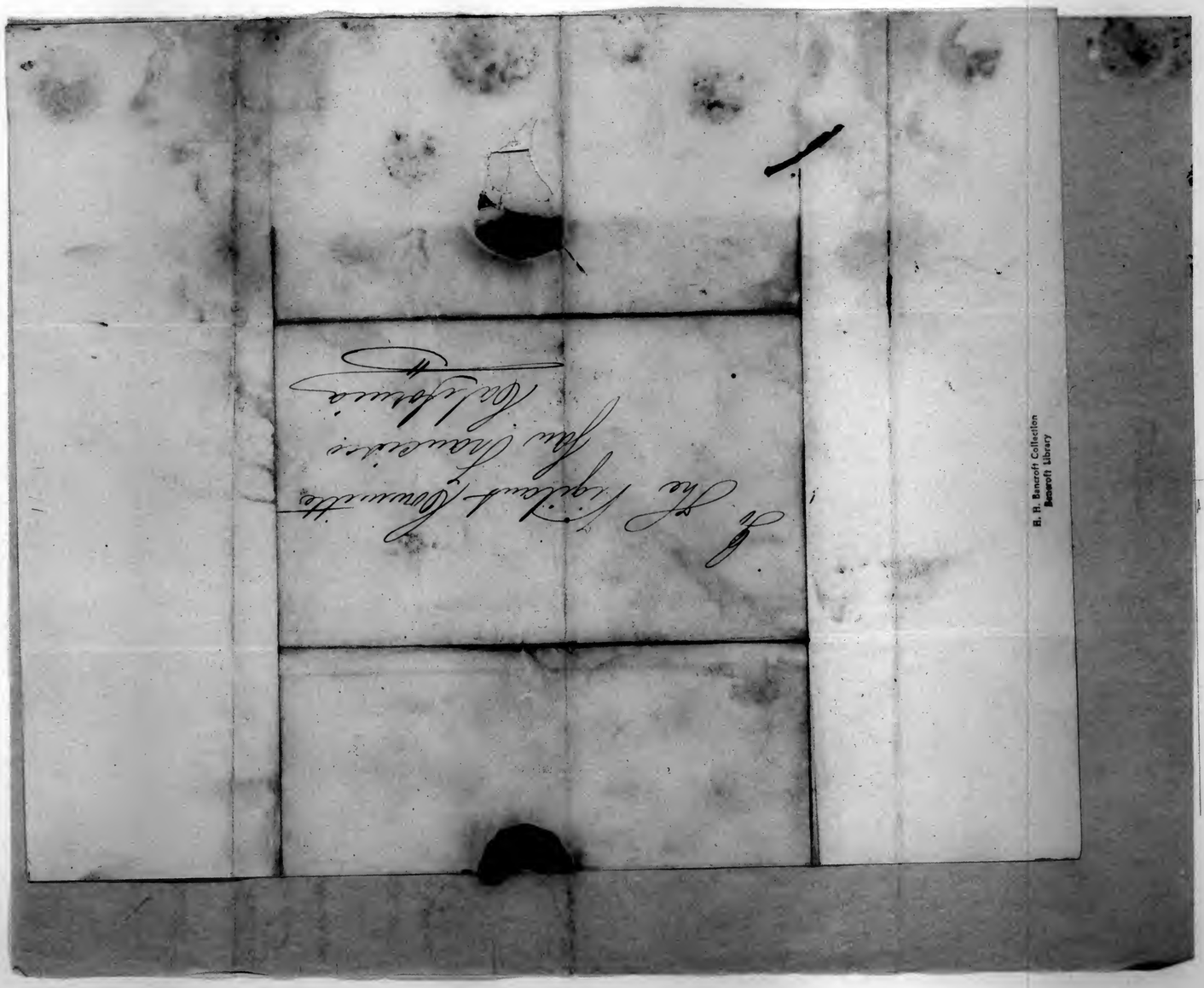

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Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 19 1851

To the Committee of Vigilance

The annexed Documents purporting to be claims on the Vigilance Committee for Professional services rendered in the case of Metcalf versus Argenti & Atkinson should properly come before the Finance Committee for investigation and adjudication

We therefore respectfully ask to be relieved from the charge and that the Matter be referred to the Department to which it belongs

Thomas J. Smiley
Chairman

J. Payson
Treadwell & Co

Referred to Special Committee of three
Mr Geo Howard
Mr Thomas
Mr Cartwright

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In Superior Court
City of San Francisco

Peter Metcalf
vs.
F. Argenti &
F. A Atkinson

Trespass. grave clausum
fregit – Damages $20,000
Writ. Issued Aug. 15 & 23d – 1851

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San Francisco
Aug. 25 – 1851

Mr. F. A Atkinson
To Messrs. Pennett & Musson atty's.

To prof. Services in said Cause – $1000 –

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Supreme Court
City of San Francisco

Peter Metcalf
vs.
Augustus Atkinson

Trespass - damages $20.000
Writ from Aug. 6 to 23

San Francisco - Aug 25. 1851

Mr. F A Atkinson
To. E. G. Austin Atty. &c Dr.
To Profl Services in said Cause $1000.

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San Francisco
August 26th 1857.

Wm T. Atkinson
Sir

Notice has been served on me that in the case of Peter Metcalf vs Argenti & Gourdelf that the Plaintiff intends to move for leave to amend his complaint so as to claim "Fifty thousand dollars" damages.

Yours &c
E. Austin

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Sept 24/56.

Dear Sir The hearing of the motion was post
poned in consequence of Mr Randolph's sickness
to the 22d of the month.

The fees of the Clerk and
the Sheriff amounting to $124.95 to be received by them
to be paid immediately. Please to notify Mr Cartwright
& Mr Pegram of this, to say that it may be attended to
at once.

Yours &c
E. G. Hautai
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Executive Chamber
San Francisco September 9th 1851

Your Committee respectfully submit the annexed Letter from our Brethren com posing the Vigilance Committee of Sonora who so cordially applaud our acts, and so truthfully denounce those who should have been our Guardians

We respectfully suggest that the Letter be answered with the thanks of the Committee

Thomas J. Smiley
Secy pro tem

J. Coon
Presidt Ex Com

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J. Taylor Esq

Sir,

At a meeting of the Regulator Com. of the City of Sacra. the following Resolution was unanimously adopted viz

Resolved, that for two years past the State of California has been the theatre of outrages of every discription, and bloodshed and murder fostered by the imbecility of our rulers and the maladministration of Justice, coupled in so many instances with the most palpable and sinister corruption, have added rampant over the Liberty, lives and Property of the Peaceful and well meaning citizens of the State—

In this dangerous state of society, the People, assuming the Power which they had delegated to servants who were found incapable or unwilling to perform their Sacred Trust, took prompt and stringent measures to effect that, which the Executive, and the administration of Justice were incapable of doing, viz. giving support to the Laws restoring the tranquility of the Community, ferreting out the desperate bands of ruffians infesting the Country and bringing them to instant and condign punishment—

How the People have performed this assumed duty, the forbearance they have shown in every instance, the willingness and activity with which they have labored in their arduous work, the result and facts are well known to the Executive and Courts of

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how as he an admiring and grateful
Community -

Now therefore, Viewing the Conduct of Gov
McDougal, who has heddue himself in disgraceful
obscurity, while his power might have effected
the desired end, and now coming forward with
officious interference, to attempt that Gov
McDougal has acted Cautiously & against the
peace and good order of the State and is unde-
serving of aught but the reprobation of the People
of California -

Chamber of the General Vigilance Com
August 23d 1851

William Ver Kuis, Secy

J Payran Esq
Sir

Allow me as an opponent of the
opinions of the members of our body Congratulating
you on the act of summary justice you have put
down & the world in the detection of Whelan Rae and
McKenzie - Allow me to say we are cordially with
you

I am Sir
Very Respty Your Obt Svt

William Ver Kuis
Secy Com of V.

Mora Aug 26 1851

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Executive Committee San Francisco Sept 9th 1857.

The Committee report that the annexed resignation of I. Spalding on the ground of being a Non Resident

And would suggest that leave the resignation be accepted so far as to granting him leave of absence & remittance of dues pro tem

Wm Graham
Pres. of Ex Com

Thomas R. Smiley
Secy pro tem

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To the Resident of the Vigilant Committee

I have received your Note under date 31st Ultº requiring my attention this day on duty. I am with you heart & hand but I must tender my Resignation. For this reason that I am no longer a resident of San Francisco. I am a resident of California

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J Spurgeon

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Executive Committee

San Francisco Sept 19 1851

The annexed Letter n Petition of

H. P. H. Truman

Sets forth that he has discovered some very important means of preventing Fires, and thereby saving Property and lives and conceiving that to be the most important branch of the Vigilence Committee he proposes to make an experiment thereby to prove the truth of what he avers

Your Committee cannot the utility of any means whereby lives and Property may be preserved and would suggest the propriety of granting the de- of said Truman and to fix a time and place to see his object tested, all of which we respectfully submit to your jn detion

[illegible]
Chairman of Com

Thomas J. Schmitz
Secy pro tem

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Chairman of Vigilant Committee

Sir)

I take this as the only available opportunity, [illegible] known, what I intend to communicate to the Citizens of San [illegible] As every thing has been so unsettled a state, it was a difficult thing for a man to know how, and to whom, to make application. I now at last learned, that nearly all of the Gentlemen of the Vigilance Committee, are interested in the preservation of the City from fire, and in improving its condition and appearance. If such be the case, I cannot apply to a body of men better qualified, more interested, and more likely and more able, to carry the improvement I am about to name, into effective execution.

Of all the various accidents to which mankind are continually exposed, non are so distressing as those resulting from fire, as respects the loss of property, and the loss of lives. A happy family, which retired to rest, but a few hours since, in apparent security, is awakened by the dreadful enemy, considers themselves fortunate if they escape with their lives, and without damage to their person. But it often happens, that the effects of the fire, is far more terrible; parents sometimes behold their dearest relations perish in the flames, without the possibility of saving them.

Such distressing evils as I have lately witnessed in this City, should create, and cherish, the strongest possible desire in the breast of every man, who has an interest, in the preservation of property and of the City, to embrace every opportunity, of becoming possessed of the means, of preserving hereafter, the City, from such frightful losses, and direadful calamities.

Although I have no interest in preserving the City, and the immence amount of property, contained in it; and I am quite certain, that by communicating to others, the means of preserving it, before I secure by Patent my interest in the said means, I shall be doing myself a heavy pecuniary loss or injury,

Before the two last destructive fires, which reduced this City to ashes, and destroyed so many lives, I had made up my mind not to make known what I am now a going to relate to you, until I had arrived at New York or London, to secure my interest therein by Patent; but such distressing and heart rending calamities, have induced me to change my resolution, in hope of preserving in time to come, the City, lives, and property from the devasting element.

[illegible]

As nearly all fires, arise from trivial beginnings, such as the Snuff of a Candle, the Legend of a Cigar, the dust from a Pipe, the sparks from a Chimney, or the Mistake of the incendiary, A fire could never take place, were the combustible Materials used in Building, properly prepared with the articles I have alluded to. It is far better, much easier, and incomparably cheaper, to prevent a fire, than to extinguish it after it begins.

Should any Gentleman of the Vigilant Committee, have a desire to witness the effect, of a few experiments, I will prepare a few specimens for that purpose; and will appear at your room with the same, or at any other convenient place which may be appoint.

I have not long to remain in California, before I depart for New York, or for London; but I shall be better pleased to learn through the News Papers, after my arrival at home, that a company of Citizens had been formed in San Francisco, and that the destructive power of fire, had been completely arrested, by the said Committee; than to learn through the said News Papers, that the City of San Francisco had been burned down two or three times a year, according to its usual custom.

I am Sir

Yours respectfully

F. P. H. Truman.

Chairman
of Vigilant Committee
San Francisco
Feb. 4, 1851

I will call, as I pass, about this time tomorrow.

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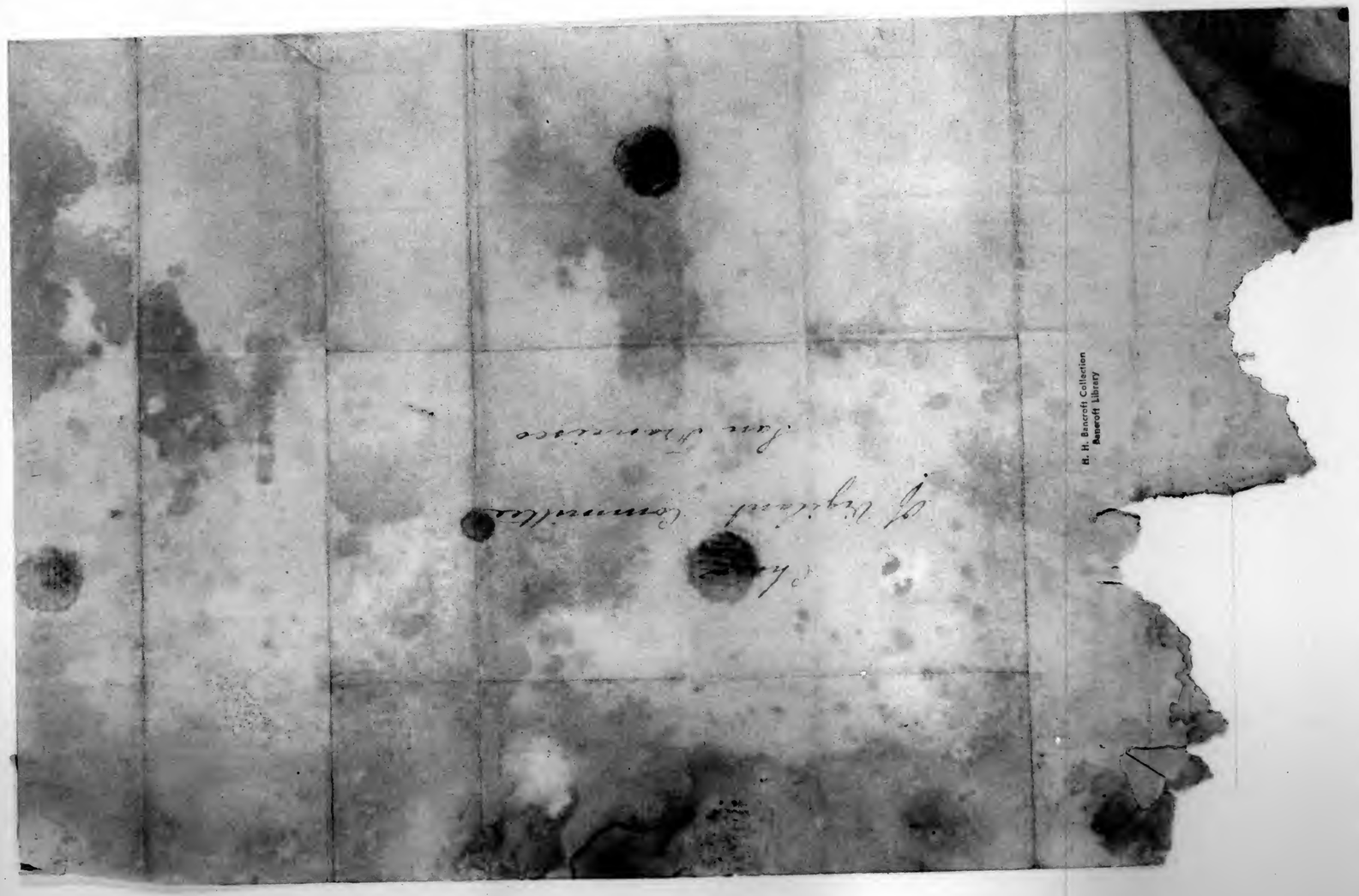
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Report of the Treasurer

19 Bills unpaid amounting to $1788.35

By Cash on hand - —— " 491.79

Due $1296.56

Jail funds.

Amount to $4.484.00

"laid on the table"

San Francisco 9 Sept 1857

Jno Dekessert

Treasurer

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Prental Hotel —

San Francisco Sept 5th /51

Wm E. Dobinson

Treasurer of Pioneer Committee

Please pay to Wm L Tufts five dollars for the benefit of Thomas Berdue and oblige my self with the same

Respectfully

L Tufts

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Sept 9 1851

To the Committee of Vigilance

Gentn

After an absence of seven years, I intend visiting my native place; I have done my duty while a member of this association and none can gainsay it. I now request an unlimited leave of absence, intending to return and, if this association is in existence to renew my relations with it.

With Sentiments of Deep respect I remain Gentlemen Your Obdt Servt

Wm Hall Heath

San Francisco Sept 9th 1851

"Leave of absence granted" & Vg Coll.
and a vote of thanks passed
to the Genl

~~What action will the Meeting take upon the Journal of the last Session~~

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Matthias Harth
Sept 9. 1857

[illegible] Kennedy et Boyd
Pleas

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"Gentlemen"

From a remark I made in my "Statement" a while since, it might be inferred that I meant disrespect towards Mr Smith Chief of [redacted] Police, and least the Committee should infer any thing of that kind, I hereby state that I mean allusion to Mr Smith in any manner disrespectful whatever, on the contrary I have a very great respect for the Gentleman

Respectfully

Thomas McCahill

Sept 9. 1857

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Napa Sept 9th 1851

John A Spooner

Sir I have had a Dutch Gentlemen in Charge who goes by the name of Arthur Deed for stealing a horse from Ely Phelps I had him chained to the floor in the garret of the American House He managed (by the assistance of a gentleman) to make his escape last night about 10 O'clock, I firmly believe that he went to San Francisco in a launch that is shipping hay for Cordna— He is about 5 ft 6 in high very fair complexion with light hair and cut very short— The hair grows low down on his forehead, He is a fine Scholar and can read and write the English, French, German, and Italian Languages. His beard is short and curly on his Chin and upper lip and very thin on his jaws, he went away without hat or any clothes except a shirt and pantaloons— He use to work for Cordna cutting hay— When he was about here he wore a high crowned white fur hat and a large blue coat

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coat always buttoned up (hot or cold
If you and the rest of the Committee
will catch him and hang him or
keep him until I can get him I
will confer a favor you Friend
Jas Spooner

S. M. Kinney
Sheriff Stanislaus Co

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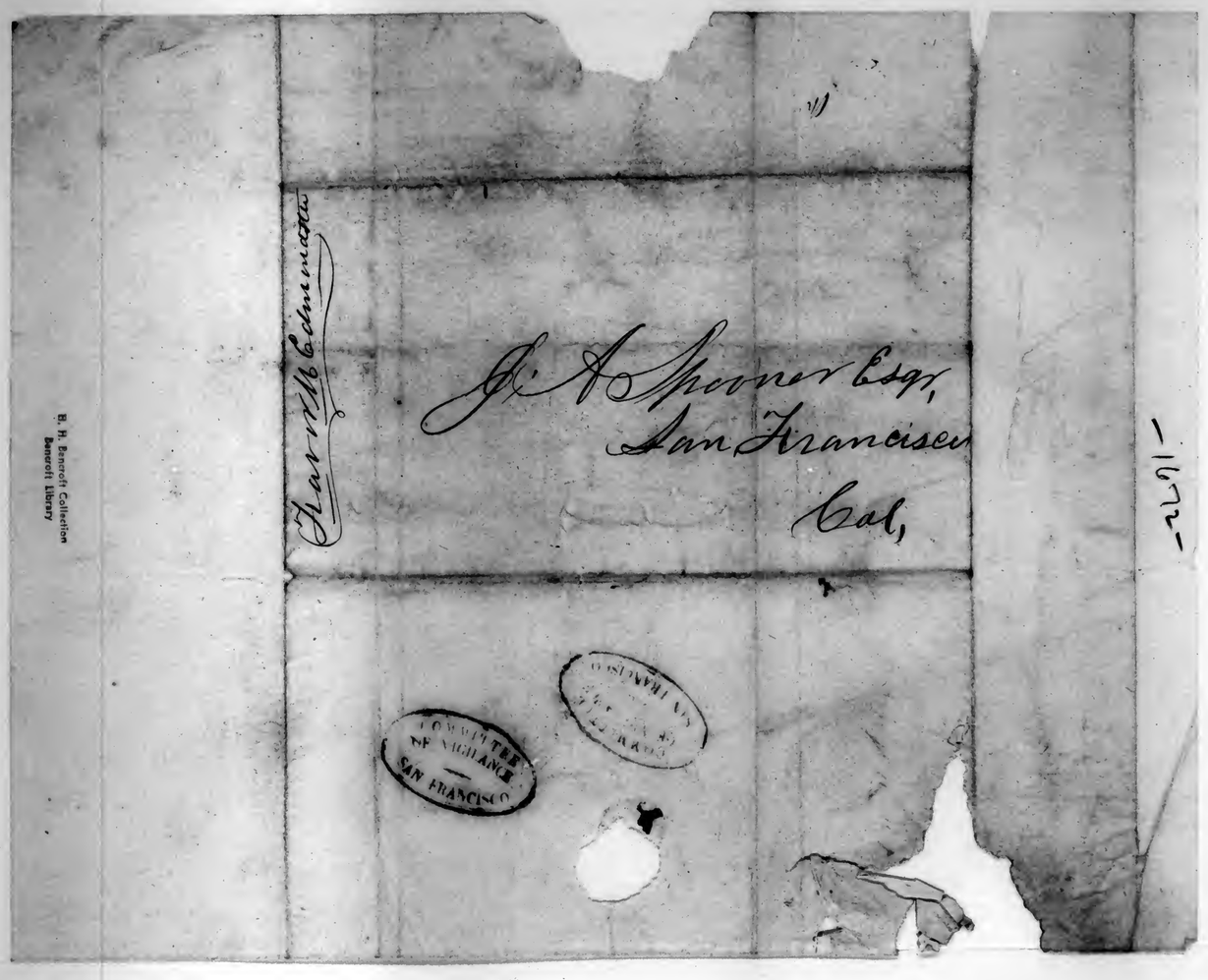

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To Sheriff City
Treasurer S. C.

Please pay to the order of John C. Hays Esq Sheriff of the County of San Francisco the sum of Forty four hundred Eighty four Dollars the same being the amount allowed and paid in in "Jail Fund"

San Francisco Sept 30th 1851

$4484 00/100

Jas. C. J. Waldo
Geo. Hyde
P. W. Hedley

Finance Committee of S. C.

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Amount of Initiation fees & assessments,
not paid to date $31.30
Amt of Fines 45.00
$76.30

Some of the above dues will not be paid in consequence of the absence of the debtors. I will render a complete detail previous to Saturday next

Respectfully yours
C L Oakley
S. ad Arrez

Sept 10th
To Edmund Esq

[Encl 85 gal.]

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Executive Chamber

September 11th 1851

To the Committee of Vigilance of the City & County of San Francisco

In the Matter of Pat Sweeny, under Sentence of Banishment

His case came up before your Committee for re consideration

At such time it was clearly shown to your Committee, that said Sweeny had never been a Convict, and during his residence in San Francisco had uniformly supported a good character for honesty

When arrested he was supposed to have been an accomplice and confederate with Hennessy Mc Connoly and others, but since it has been ascertained that he boarded with Hennessy, whose wife has been a Servant to his Father's family in the Colonies

After due consideration of all the facts we discharged said Sweeny under a solemn promise that he would keep out of bad Company and become a good Citizen

We therefore ask of your body a confirmation of our Act touching this case

Stephen Payran
Pres. of Ex Committee

Attest G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem.

adopted

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Executive Chamber

Of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco

September 11th 1851

In the case of Thomas Spedding
charged with grand Larceny

Your Committee report that they have had said Prisoner in Custody for some days, and examined many witnesses both for and against the Prisoner

And although the circumstances appeared strong, yet nevertheless the proof being insufficient as to how the Prisoner became possessed of the Money found upon himself and wife and no other money being found, and also proof of previous good character

Your Committee deemed it both prudent and proper to discharge said Prisoner under an injunction to assist and search for the lost money and make report thereon

We therefore ask for confirmation of our act

Attest

G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

Stephen Payran
Pres't of Ex Committee

Adopted

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Executive Chamber
of the Committee of Vigilance
of San Francisco

J C Schenck Esqr

Dear Sir

In the name and on behalf of my Colleagues constituting this Executive body of our association to express our sincere regret at a seperation with one whom we so fondly esteem

We can never forget when with us at the inception of our duties you joined us with a willing heart and firm hand to relieve our adopted City from the many impending evils that hung over it.

We had suffered much and suffered long the torch of the Incendiary had destroyed us many times, ruin so frequently fell to our lot, that we became dismayed, the lives of many of our valuable citizens had been destroyed by the hands of assassins, it was under such a state of things that we banded ourselves together, having no alternative, our Judiciary and subordinates, had become corrupt; desperate offenders were allowed to go forth in our midst to riot on our lives and property for their pecuniary advantage.

Although the day was dark, and danger stared us in the face, we essayed to meet the storm and test the consequence, the spirits of our revolutionary Sires prompted us, virtue guided our acts, corrupt representatives yielded, Felons and Incendiaries fled, light has taken the place of darkness, and

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a calm has succeeded the storm, peace and security are restored.

You are about to revisit the scenes of your Youth, to see Eye to Eye those whom you love; and with you will attend the sincere wishes of your Colaborers that your fondest expectations may be realized

We humbly trust that if you ever feel disposed to revisit us, that you may find the good seed sown by us in honesty bringing forth all that we so ardently have desired, that California may be the abode of virtue and Innocence, and that such Confidence may be felt in its Institutions that yourself and all our Brethern may be induced to bring out their wives and children, and thereby to strengthen what we have done, as to bid defiance to the vicious and evil minded

Assure your friends Sir that we are worthy of all commendation, that hereafter they may treat with us Commercially with Confidence

You are granted leave of absence and a remittance of all dues until your return

Attest

Signed Stephen Payran
President. Cp Committee

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Capt Russ Auction
Dinner

Will Capt Randall have the kindness to know what at what hour he will be at the Office, as I should like to see him on business in relation to Mr. McEwen

C. D. Loomis

Sept 12/64

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Box 6: Sept. 13, 1851 - Feb. 1852 (Folders 567-679)

Minutes of General Meeting Sept 13. 1857

Mr I F Hutton in the Chair

Minutes of previous meeting read & ap'd

On motion of Mr Cartwright
Resolved That the Collectors be authorized to ask each member for the amount of Said funds in his possession.

On Motion of Mr Cartwright
That the Bills of the Capt of Brig Zone be audited by the finance Com and —

On motion
That motion to arrest Charles Duane be laid on the table

On Motion of Jas G Ward
That the Communication to the Governor of Cal requesting him to give

On Motion Mr Smiley
Resolved That a committee of one be dis-patched to Baltimore to request of the Gov M°Dougal to give the names of the Gent who signed a petition for the pardon of Charles Duane

On Motion Mr Garwood
Resolved That the Committee who were appointed to select members for the Ex Com report on Tuesday evening next

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On Motion Sept 13—57
Resolved That all Pistols & burglars tools taken from prisoners be retained by the Committee

On Motion
Resolved That the action of the Ex Com in charging Clay 21.5 endorsed by the Gen Com

S Payran

Stephen Payran

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Minutes of General Meeting September 13. 1851

Capt I P Hutton in the Chair

Minutes of former Meeting read & approved

On Motion of Mr Cartwright
Resolved, That the Collectors be authorized by the Committee to ask each member for the amount of Gaol funds in his possession.

On Motion of Mr Cartwright
Resolved, That the bill of the Capt of Brig Zone, be audited by the Finance Committee and that the Treasurer pay the same, and further that this Committee give to each prisoner ~~that~~ that have none one pair of blankets

On Motion
Resolved That the resolution for the arrest of Chas Duane be laid upon the table —

On Motion Mr Smith
Resolved That a committee of one be appointed by the Chair to proceed to Baltimore and request of the Governor to give the names of the Gentlemen who signed a petition for the pardon of Charles Duane

On Motion of Capt Garwood
Resolved, That the Special Committee who were appointed to select an Executive Committee of General the transaction of business for last on Tuesday evening

On Motion
Resolved. That all burglars tools and pistols taken from prisoners be retained by this committee after said prisoners are disposed of—

On Motion
Resolved That the action of the Executive Committee in charging W Clay 21.4 for expenses & board be endorsed by the General Committee — —carried—

On Motion of George R Ward
Resolved That a Committee of twelve be appointed to collect the dues and fines now due, and to pay over the same as collected to the treasurer of the Vigilance Committee and make a final report at the next stated meeting on Tuesday next— And that the names of each member who does not pay shall be read at next meeting
The following were appointed Collectors.
Mr Bromley, Geo A Howard, I C Wordsworth
Geo I Oakes, Thompson Hall, A Miller
Talmage, D. Dewey, Fred Woodworth
Isaac Bluxome Jr A J Cornell, B G Davis

The Finance Committee report
That the balance on hand is 351.50
" bills due and audited 847.20
" " purchased & not audited 376.45
$1223.65

On Motion adjourned
Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary

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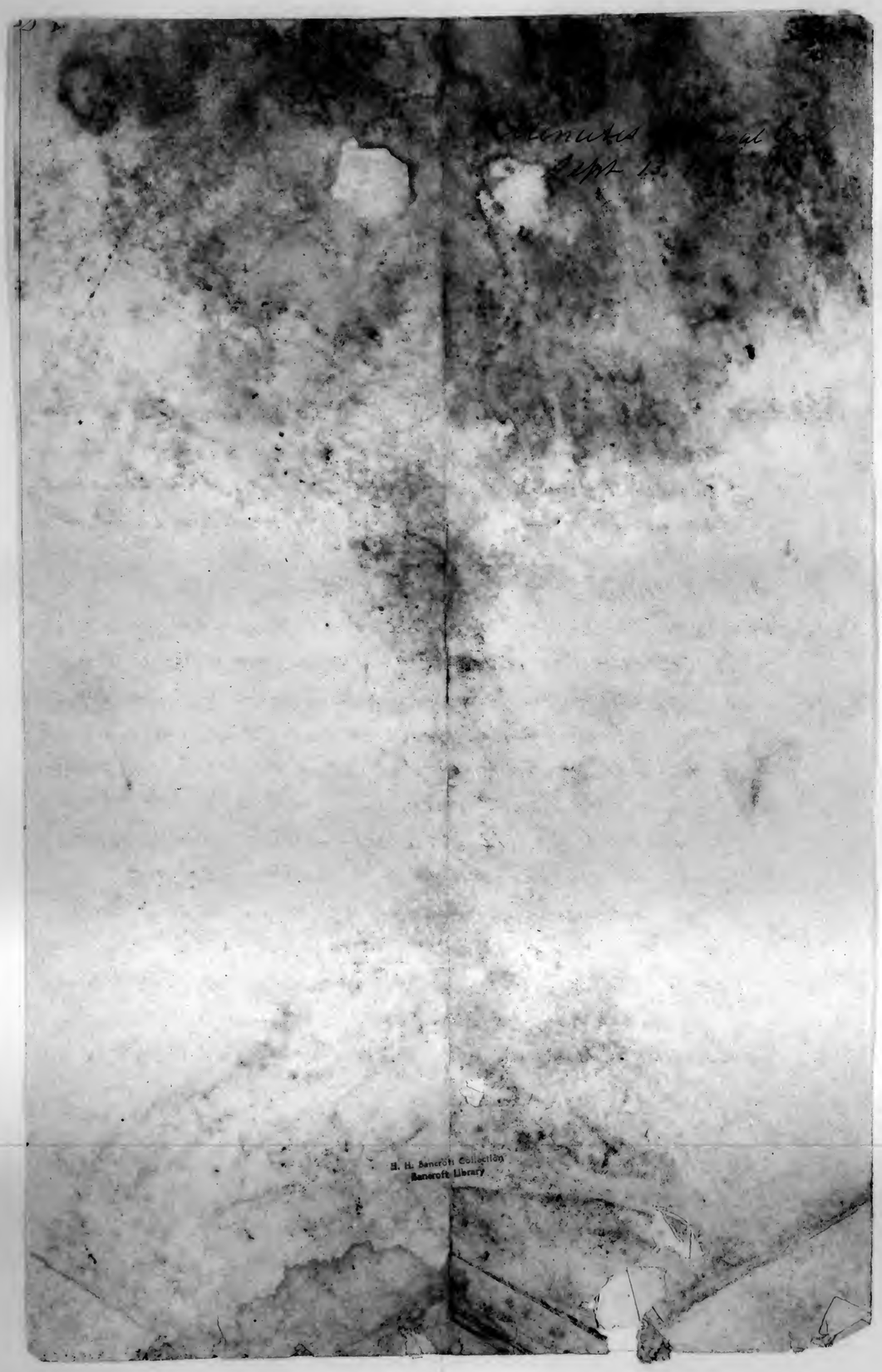
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Resolved That a Committee of 12 be appointed to collect the dues and fines from due and, to pay over the same as collected to the Treasurer of the G. C and make a final report to the next stated meeting on Tuesday next.

Amended by — That the names of each member who does not pay shall be read at each meeting

Passed

Geo. R. Wood
Thos. Fitzpatrick

That they notify members of their appointment

No 58.

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[Sept 13 dup.]

Executive Chamber Sept 13th 1851

Com Committee upon the annexed receipt of Thomas Spedding to your body with a request that it be ordered to be filed pro forma

Attest
G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro. tem

J. Payson
Pres't of Ex Com

accepted

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Received San Francisco September 11. 1881 from
Committee of Vigelance the sum of Thirty three
75/100 dolls taken from me by said Committee at the
time of my arrest and the further sum of four hun-
-and twenty six dollars taken from my wife at the
same time
$459. 75/100

Thomas Breeding

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Executive Committee. September 13th 1851

To the General Committee of Vigilance

Gentlemen Your Executive Committee report in the case of Charles Duane First. That an order was passed to notify said Charles Duane to quit the State within fifteen days

Afterwards the Matter was reconsidered, and believing that such order would be in direct contravention of the action had by the General Committee in said Premises, your Committee rescinded their previous order and passed an Order that the said Charles Duane should be arrested and held subject to your action Order And thereupon issued said order directing the Chief of Police to carry out the same

And further report that the said Order has not yet been returned,

Attest G. W. Ryckman Sec. pro tem.

J. Payson Pres't Ex Com

Accepted

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San Francisco September 13th 1857

Executive Chamber

of the Committee of Vigilance

Your Committee respectfully submit the subjoined account of J. B. Mc Crooks, for action. It needs no comment from us

Payran

Pres. of Ex Committee

Mr Crooks Expelled
and Secretary notify Sergeant at Arms
of the fact

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Mr. J. B. Crooks

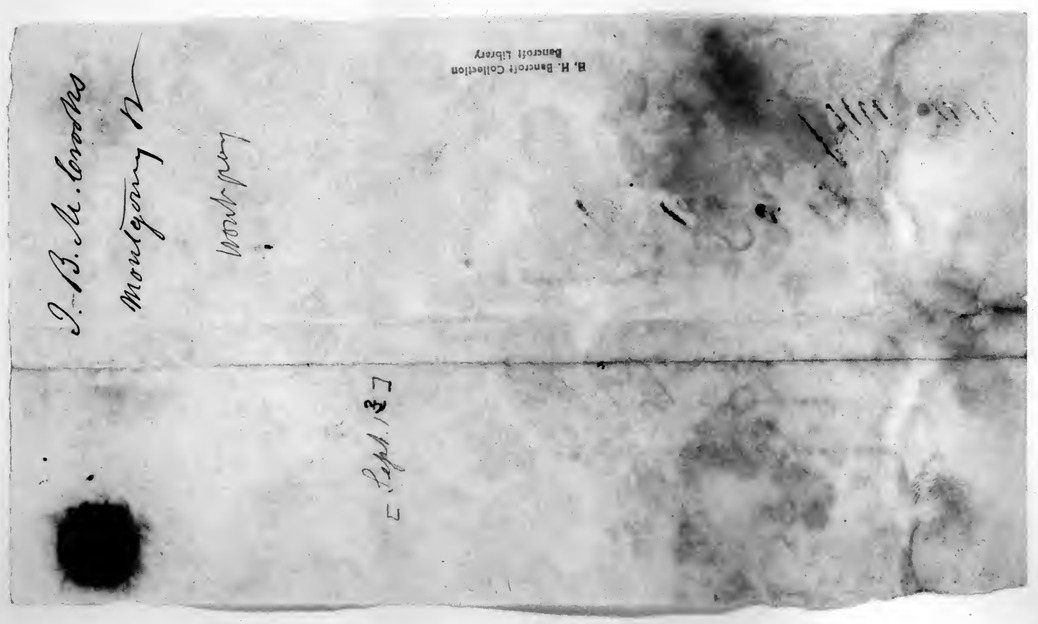
To the Committee of Vigilance &c

For the days for the months of July & August inst. "your non attendance when detailed for duty 20 days @ $3.00 $60.00

Received Payment

Jas. O'Neil Jr. Quartermaster

San Francisco Sept 13th 1857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J. B. M. Crooks
Montgomery
Montgomery
Sept 13

Report on the
case of J. B. M. Crooks

Sept -13-1851

The Committee on Finance
respectfully report.
That by an account current
of the treasurer made up
to this day there is a bal-
ance in hand of $ 337.50
That there are bills due
and audited $ 847.20
Bills presented but
audited " 376.45
$ 1223.65

against which the Sergeant
at Arms, as per schedule
handed in, holds an account
$ 2855.
for duty rendered after making
all reasonable allowances
for claims not collectable.
This committee cannot too
strongly recommend to
the "Committee of Vigilance"
that prompt steps be im-
mediately taken to collect
the outstanding dues in
to take stock & then steps
as their wisdom may say
best to liquidate the debts
of the Committee and return the

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the audit of the Committee that they find much dissatisfaction has arisen in public opinion by the delay that has already occurred.

The Committee has also to report that in accordance with the resolution passed 9 Inst they have paid over to the Sheriff of the County the sum of $4484. the same being the amounts collected & paid into the hands of the treasurer "for the Jail-Funds", but would also suggest that doubtless many other collections have been made by members of the Committee of Vigilance, who have not paid over the same not being aware that the funds were required and would respectfully suggest that measures be taken to make them collections and transfer the same to the Sheriff of this County for the purpose for which the donations were made.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Finance Committee

Thos. D. Wilson Chm.

J. C. Pressley Treasurer

J. C. L. Hammond

San Pedro 13 Sept 1851

* The lines are not ruled due in the above exhibit amount to over $4500.

accepted.

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Executive Chamber September 13th 1857

Com Committee report the annexed Bill of rental of the Premises now occupied by the Committee

It is stated that the owners refuse to rent the Premises at a less rent than the amount stated in the Bill

It is necessary that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, more properly belonging to him

Attest G. W. Ryckman Secretary

S Payson Pres't pro tem

Refered to finance Committee

With order to pay 300

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Reports in the
Matter of Rent
of Committee Room

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Chairman Executive Committee.

Genl.

After diligent search. I am satisfied that the two men. passengers by the Steps "Prescot" with "Horace" (now yam pisture) left San Francisco. in a small sch. on Thursday Eve. for "Sanoma."

Frank. & William are the names by which they go. Frank. from all accounts is a desperate man. and would not hesitate to commit any crime.

I have a description of them.

Respectfully &c

626. R. Calhoun

Gen. Headquarters Jan. 13. 1851

Present.

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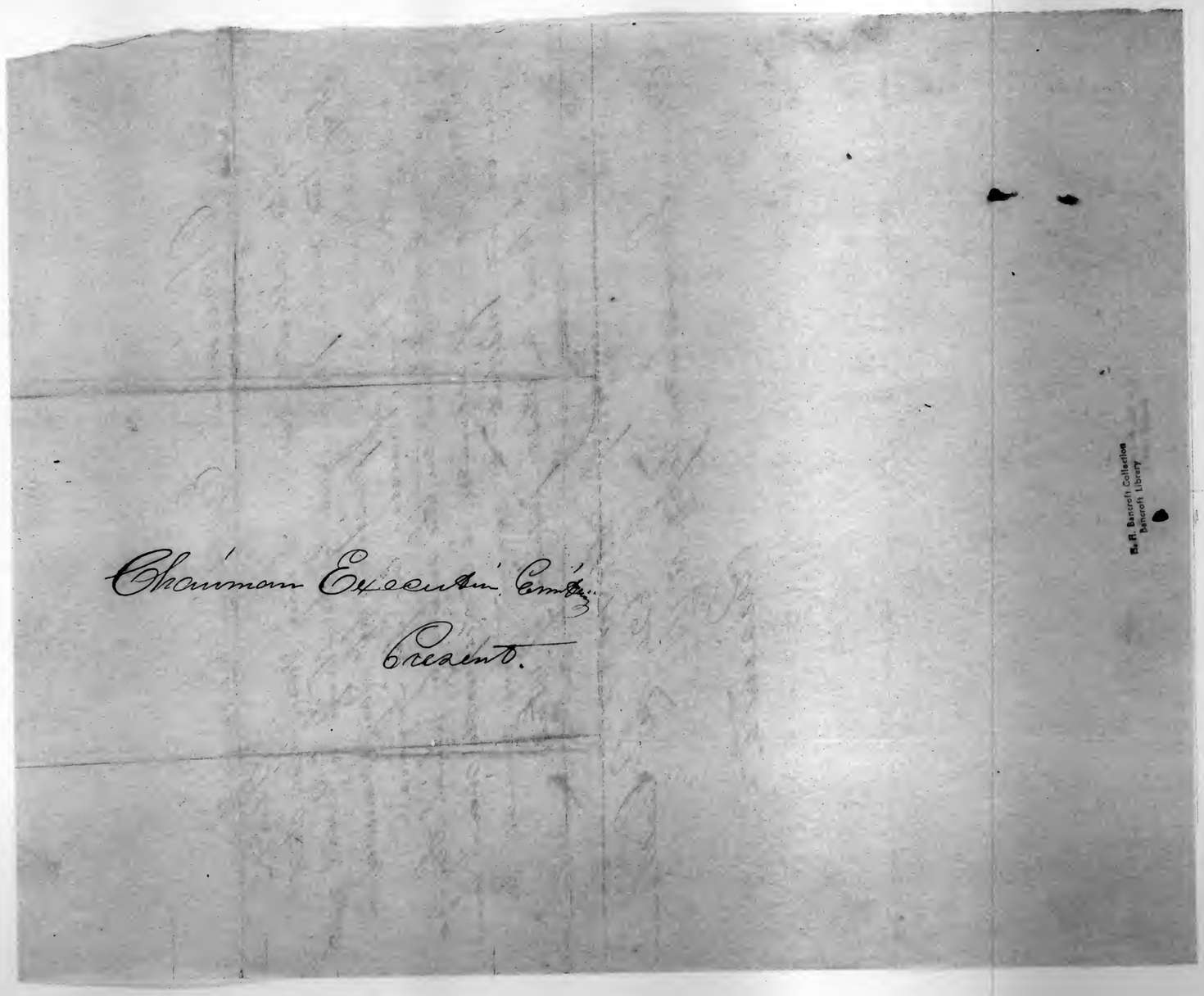

Chairman Executive Comtee.

Present.

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Executive Chamber September 13th 1851

The annexed Nomination of James. H. Curtis Esquire as a Member of the Executive is offered for Confirmation, and for such further action as the case may require

Attest

G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem.

P. Vanness
Pres't Ex Com

accepted

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San Francisco Sept 11th 1851

To the Pres.t Ex.e Committee

Sir - Please accept my resignation as a member of your body -

My business Engagements will not allow that unremitting attention to the duties of the Executive, so necessarily devolving upon Each member -

With feelings of esteem I remain Sir Yours truly

James F. Curtis

Accepted Sept 11. 1851

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Executive Chamber
San Francisco September 13 1851

Your Committee respectfully present the subjoined resignation for action

Attest
G. W. Ryckman
Secy pro tem

S. Purdy
Pres't of Ex Com

Laid on the Table

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San Francisco Sep. 9th 1857

Sir.

Without Entertaining a doubt as to the necessity of the Organization and action of the Vigilance Committee, Yet believing that the time has arrived, When our future welfare & reputation both at Home & Abroad, Calls upon us- Voluntarily to surrender into the hands of the Legally Constituted officers- Recently appointed by the people, the powers that have been assumed and Exercised by the Committee- I herewith respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Committee of Vigilance- and ask that my name be Stricken from the Roll of Members

Very Respectfully
Yours &c-

C. M. Carb
No 170-

To Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary &c

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San Francisco Sep. 9th 1857

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Retake of Preceding Frame

San Francisco

Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 19th 1857

Gen. Committee report the resignation of Thomas McCahill Esquire as a Member of the Executive Committee,

J. Payran
Presdt Ex Com

Attest G. W. Ryckman,
Sec. pro tem

accepted

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San Francisco Sept 19th 1857

To the President of the Ex Committee

Having been informed to night, that be a vote of the Ex-Committee, I had been requested to resign, I beg leave to say that it affords me great pleasure to withdraw from said Committee, and of having an opportunity to do so

Respectfully
T. McCahill

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Thos McCahill
Resignation
September 13. 1811

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Executive Chamber Saturday September 19th 1857

Of the Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco

To My Colleagues Members of
the Executive

Gent

It is with unfeigned regret, and
indeed sorrow, that I offer you my resignation as a
Member of your board.

I have been long with you, and hoped to
have conscientiously discharged my duty without re
gard to consequences, jealousy, & censure. I have been
informed that I in common with others have been made
such a subject that although not present with you
but absent on duty, my Tuesday motives have been called into question,
in so much that reform in your Executive body is
considered necessary

Notwithstanding the desire for
reform, rather the dissolution of the Association
permit me to say, that apprehensions of prohibition in matters
tion and cavellings we can together bring it all
things to an happy issue, and restore to us peace
safety and tranquility to our City

I would love to see it continue for all time, and
firmly believe that if the Association could exist under
its present order, it would tend to preserve the happy
state of our City and State, and make it the abode
of safety happiness and prosperity—

Dissolve it, or do any thing that would
serve to disorganize it in its essentials, you will
throw it open to abuses never to be recovered

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from — Anarchy and confusion would soon reign
in our midst.

I would say to the General Committee through you
that although I expected no thanks, I little thought I should
receive censure, and that too when not present to resent
it. Suffice it to say, with you I came in under the Original
Constitution of the Committee, (and is reorginized) I die with
it.

As a Citizen I am with you in all legitimate affairs
tending to our Interest, or rather the Interests of the
People.

I bid you an affectionate farewell, with this
hope that your Successors may not lose sight of what
has preceded them

L. Rayson

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July '51

Whereas seeming quiet peace and safety has attended our Career of Vigidence upon this Peninsula, and the dreaded evils to be apprehended from sudden out breaks of the people have fallen short of the expectations of those who were opposed to such measures

And whereas the Committee of Vigidence of this City has been the foster Father of all such Institutions throughout the State, whereby Safety has been guaranteed to our Brethren, and Hundreds of the evil minded who were in our midst have fled, whereby much danger will be avoided

It now becomes us to so arrange the basis of our Association that Islands may be opened, and our usefulness continued, and the future present a bright scene compared with the past

Therefore we would suggest the propriety of this Committee continuing in its present form ~~with this exception~~ — and in the following order

That the Executive Committee continue to discharge their duties by meeting at a room to be selected, and there receive all reports that may be offered, and should any case occur of sufficient importance to call the General Committee together to them call them ~~together~~ by notice to be given ~~by the Secretary through the Public Papers or otherwise~~

And in conjunction with ~~the~~ other Associations throughout the State, to hold all Public Matters under consideration, and report thereon,

To hold the Acts of all our Representatives

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subject to our examination so that thereby some assurance may be had of their faithfully discharging their duties

We would also suggest the propriety of receiving all good citizens as members who shall at their initiation pay five dollars, ~~of which a moiety shall be collected in payment of the current expenses~~ with such Monthly Stipends as may be fixed upon

That there shall be a Stated Meeting not of the General Committee oftener than once a Month except in cases of necessity

That this Association shall not lose its identity, but exist in all its properties, liable to be called into action whenever necessity may require

Resolved therefore that the Committee of Vigilance shall still continue under its present organization

That the present state order of business shall continue, and no Meeting shall be called of the General Committee except on urgent business to be determined by the Executive

That the said Executive or a Quorum of five meet every Evening (at the place to be designated) and there receive reports, and attend to such matters as may come before them

That the services of a Sergeant at Arms under Salary, be dispensed with, that the duty be placed on one of the Committee, who may

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retain the Man (George) or some other person) in our employ to take care of the room and attend the door

That the proceedings of the present Committee shall be engrossed, and taken charge of by them for such future action as may be taken —

That the Qualification Committee shall be merged in the Executive Committee, and that no new Members shall be admitted except through and by the Executive Committee, under such rules and regulations as they may hereafter adopt.

That there shall be a Judiciary Committee who shall have the Surveillance of the Judiciary of the County, as well as the Intimidate bearing of the same,

That there shall be a Finance Committee whose business it shall be to take or receive all Monies and make disbursements on orders from the Executive signed by a Quorum

~~That the Committee~~

Also — That the Executive Committee shall have Power to dispose of all Surplus Property the Proceeds of the Same when Paid over to the Treasury & to fill any Vacancies that may occur in their midst from the General Committee —

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[Sept. 13]

Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 14 1851

To the Committee of Vigilance

Gentlemen

It is with great regret that we offer the annexed resignation of our Brother G. E. Schenck who is about to leave the State on a visit. he has labored long and arduously with us throughout the trying Scenes that have passed has shown himself an earnest advocate in our noble efforts to secure life and property against danger

We humbly trust that in the acceptance of his resignation as a Member of the Executive Body, you will not forget what is due to one so Meritorious

Attest

G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem.

Payson
Pres. Ex Com

adopted with the thanks of this Com

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San Francisco Sept 10th 1857

To the Executive Committee of the V.C.

Gentlemen

My contemplated departure for my Native State renders it necessary that I should resign my seat as a Member of your body.

In doing so allow me to express to you the sincere regret I feel at parting with Gentlemen who by their many Virtues have so endeared themselves to me, that their Names shall ever hold a place in my Memory.

Though I may be far from you, My heart and Sympathies will be ever with you.

You will I know continue in the good work, you have so wisely and so justly begun and ~~so~~ brought to such fitt conclusion

Go on Gentlemen in this good cause of reform, in Criminal Jurisprudence,

Ever keep a Vigilant Eye on those placed in offices, from the Chief Officer of State, to the lowest in the gift of the people.

Let them know that they are the Servents of the people and to them they must surrender their trusts, when not faithfully Executed.

Use your influence Gentlemen for the establishment of Schools. Academys, and Seminarys, of learning and virtue. This accomplished, you can with pride say

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that this our state of californian has become one of the brightest stars in the great galaxy of our glorious Union—

Gentlemen allow me to expres to you and thrugh you to all the members of the Vigilance Committee, my sincere wishes for their personal welfare, and for the lasting good and greatness, of this your adopted City and State.

With sentiments of great regard & esteem I beg to remain ever

Yours truly &c
Geo. Ernest A. Schmoltz

To
Stephan Payran
President Ex Committee

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Executive Chamber San Francisco Sept 13 1851

To the Committee of Vigilance

Gentlemen

Some days since a Deserter from the service of the U. S. Army was arrested by our Committee and brought into custody — he was examined by the Executive and ordered to be given up, as well as to secure the sum of $30 in such Amount all of which we presumed had been done, although no report has been made

To day the annexed letter of W Bohrer was handed in by it he admits the fact of the desertion but in the first time are we made aware of the Arrest being made by W Bohrer (who is a Member of the Committee) nor do we see that it alters the case

The Executive have no power to reconsider the Matter it having been acted on by your body, therefore we submit his Letter to you for such action as you may adopt in the premises

Attest

G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem

S. Brannan
Presidt of Ex Committee

adopted

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Committee Room
Sept. 15 1851

Executive Committee
Committee of Vigilance
Gentlemen

I have been called upon to day to pay a bill of $30 for the arrest of the man Howard as a deserter from the U.S. Army. I wish to state that while the troops from the "Presidio" were on the Expedition in the Indian Country as an escort to the Commissioners, I was ordered to that Post (Presidio) to take charge of it & the public Property, and while there this person Howard was sent there under my charge, he had been there for some time, and deserted, I spent many days looking after him without avail, till within two months ago I found him & sent him to the Presidio, where he deserted again, I searched for him then and did not find him until a few days ago, and brought him up here until I could make the necessary arrangements for carrying him to his Post, and I myself thought that as I had all the trouble with him that surely I should receive the reward for my labors, but whereas I find that I am adjudged to pay this sum back. Hoping gentlemen that you will reconsider that action I submit this to you for your decision

I am gentlemen
Very Respt.
Your Obt Svt.
C. Cohen

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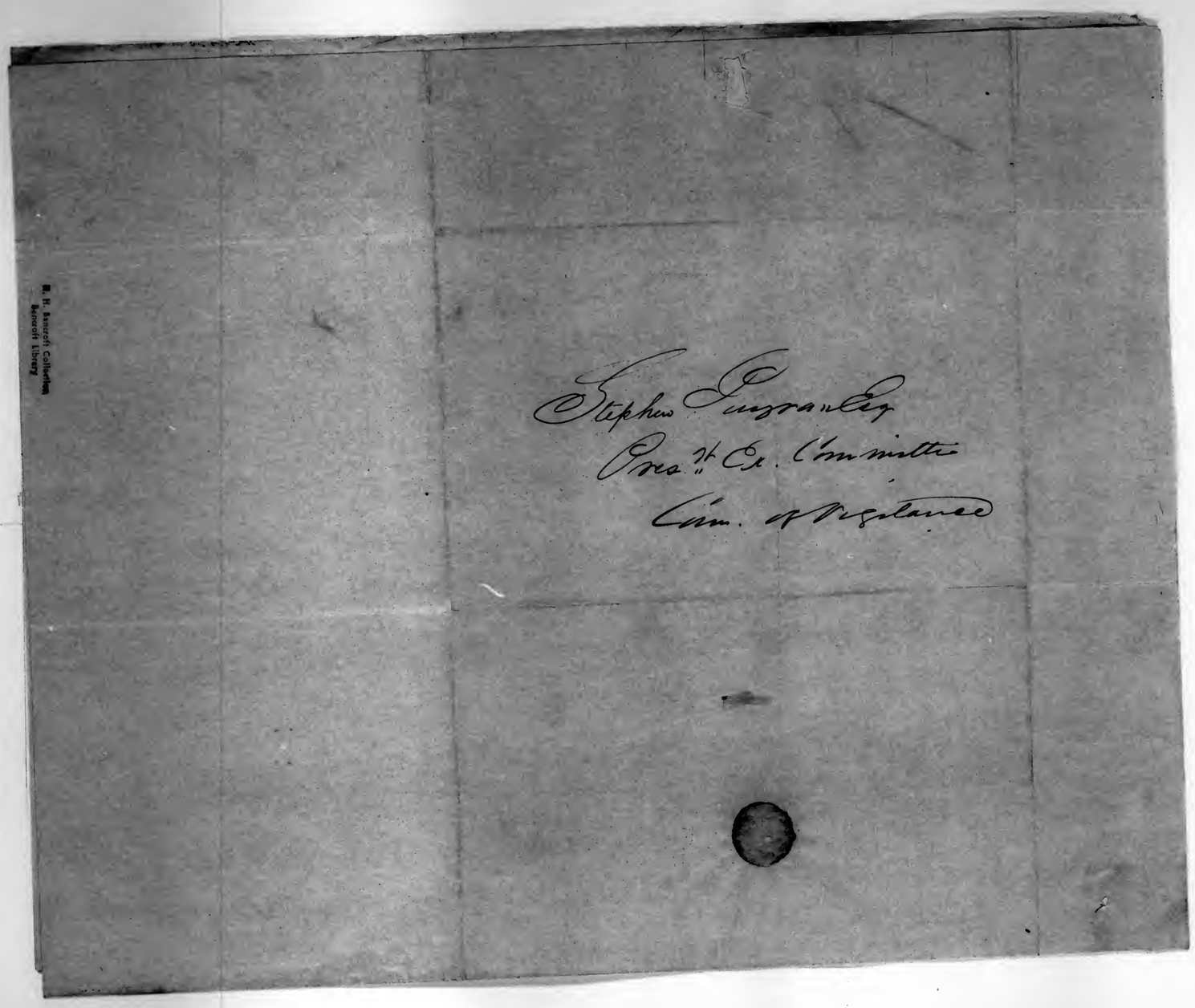
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Stephen Lunsford Esq
Pres.t H. Ex. Committee
Com. of Vigilance

Executive Chamber Sept 15th 1851

Your Committee respectfully inform you that all the Convicts and Prisoners in our Custody have been disposed of agreeably to your orders

We would therefore respectfully suggest that all the documents of the present Executive be engrossed and ordered to remain in the Custody of such Member of the Executive as a Majority of the Executive may select, so that the same may be carefully preserved in good faith that in the future their actions may be shown to any representative body, should the required

These documents begun and ended with the present Executive, and can not be of any present utility to any Executive body you may appoint to fill our places and we humbly trust that although reform may be your desire, you surely have confidence in our integrity & have and feel a deep solicitude in the careful preservation of these Documents

J Runyan
Presidg Ex Committee

Attest
G. W. Ryckman, Sec. pro tem

laid on the table
Sept 16, 1851
Wm Irving

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Executive Chamber Sept 15th 1851
Committee of Vigilance

Your Committee report that they appointed Mr Cartwright a Committee of one to attend to the Shipping of Hands per Steamer of to day, his report is herewith annexed and submitted to you for confirmation

attest
G. W. Ryckman
Sec. pro tem.

C. Lawton
President of Ex Com

San Francisco Sept 15/51. According to the above order I proceeded to the Ship Panama and had a conference with Capt Watkins & by him was referred to Mr Knight Agt for the P. M. Steam Co & by an arangement with the Parties I Shipped N. Hands per Ship Panama which Sailed this day - & wrote a Letter to Capt Watkins requesting him to claim the Reward of $1000.- offered by the authorities of New Granada & Pay over the Same to the Vigilance Committee of this City after deducting the Amt of Passage Money & Charges All of which is respectfully Submitted

J. W. Cartwright

adopted

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State of California

Superior Court
City of San Francisco

Peter Metcalf vs. Felipe Arguello et al
F. A. Atkinson

September 15th 1851.

Dr. Defts
To Costs of Clerk as follows

1851 July 9th	Fil and 1 cert of fee		1.50
" 1	Ent. appearance		1.00
" 25	Fil and 4 cert of fil		1.50
Aug. 16	10 Subpts fil fee of fil		16.50
" 20	16 " " "		26.25
" 21	13 " " "		19.50
" 19	Swearing 7 Witts		3.50
			69.75
	Testimony for defts		27.20
			$ 96.95

Dr. Defts
To Sheriff Fees

28	Subpts	28.00	
Fees paid Interps		8.00	
		36.00	36.00
			132.95
R. Kaufman Mr.			50.00
			$ 82.95

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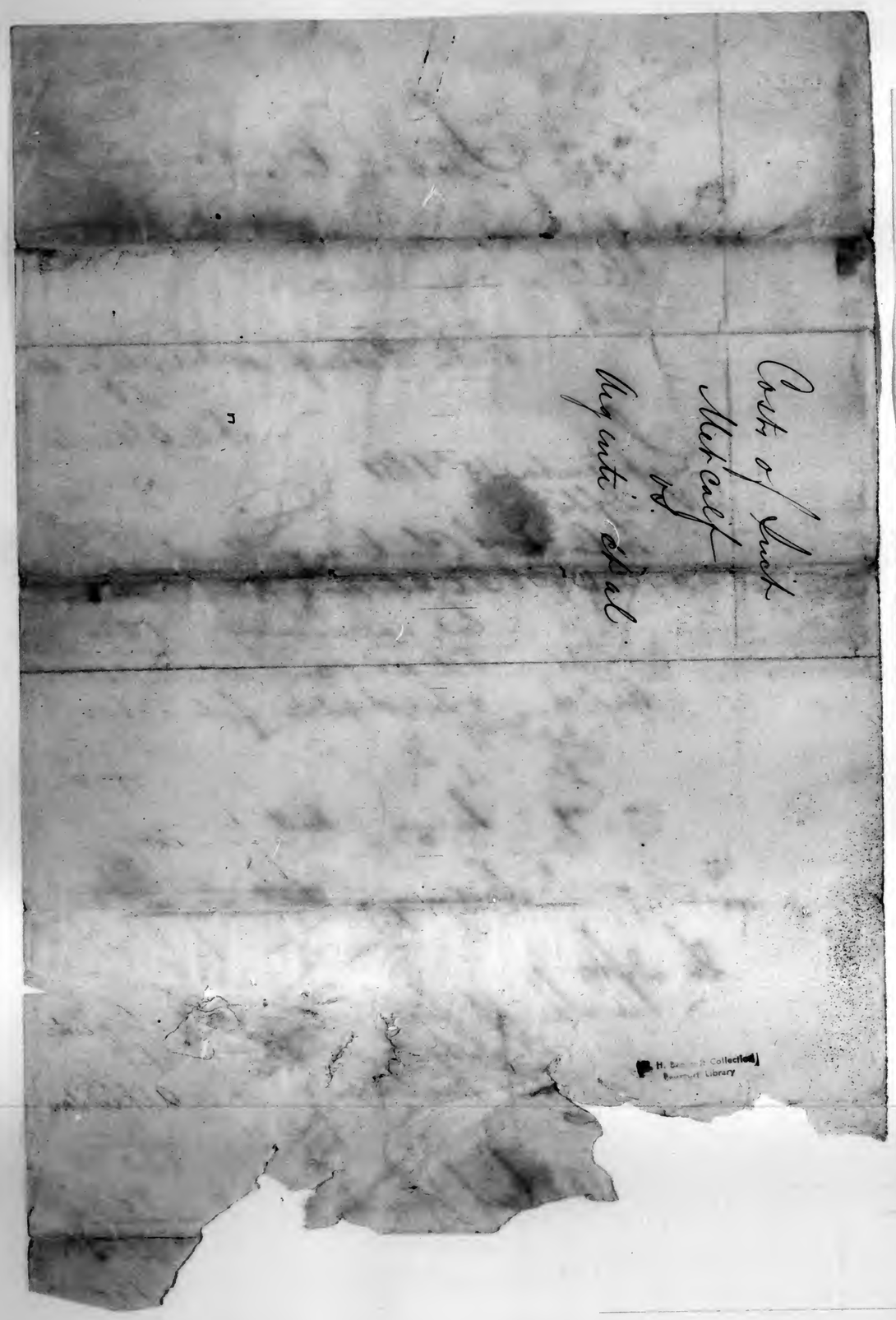

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Costs of ~~Such~~ Suit.
Metcalf vs.
~~V. S.~~
Argenti et al

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State of California

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City of San Francisco

Peter Metcalf vs. Felix Argenti, et F. A. Atkinson — one line

September 15th 1851

flush Dr Dft's #

To Costs of Clerk as follows

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Dr Dftd$

To Sheriff fee

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		Fees paid witnesses	8.00
			$36.00
			36.00
			132.95

Minutes of General Committee Sept 16. 1851

Mr Selim E Woodworth in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & approved

~~The~~ Report of Special Com appointed to waite upon the Rev Mr Dougal beg to report that they have seen and made the request desired by this committee and he declines to give the names of the Gent who signed the petition for the release of Chas Duane

By M Cartwright -

By ~~Mr~~ Mr Ford Woodworth

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16. 1851 from Isaac
committee the sum
money collected by
paid three men

Thomas Burden

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Berdue

J. J. Chaveteau	10	
Madam. de Beccaria	4	Bertrue
Senor Orcige	10	Drago
Senor J. Alvarias	16	
Senor Santmsteka	10	
	50	

Presented by P. Petroni Esq on behalf of the Donors for the benefit of Berdue your Committee respectfully suggest that a Note of thanks be passed to the Donors through the Presentor who has been deputed to make the presentation on behalf of P. Petroni Esquire

J. Ryan
Purdy & Com

Attest
G. W. Ryckman,
Secretary

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Resolved that the new executive Committee be authorized to give up their present Rent Rooms & procure some Suitable Place of meeting less expensive than the present — & also to take dispose of all Surplus effects & pay the accounts into the hands of the Treasurer of the executive Committee —

J M Customs Jr

Sept 16/50

adopted

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By D F Thomas

Resolved — That each person appointed on the Ex. Com — be required to notify ~~the Secretary of his acceptance of~~ ~~said~~ in writing his acceptance, & that ~~each~~ any one who does not give such notice shall not be a member of the Committee

That the gent have 10 days to accept —

That the Secy notify each member of his election

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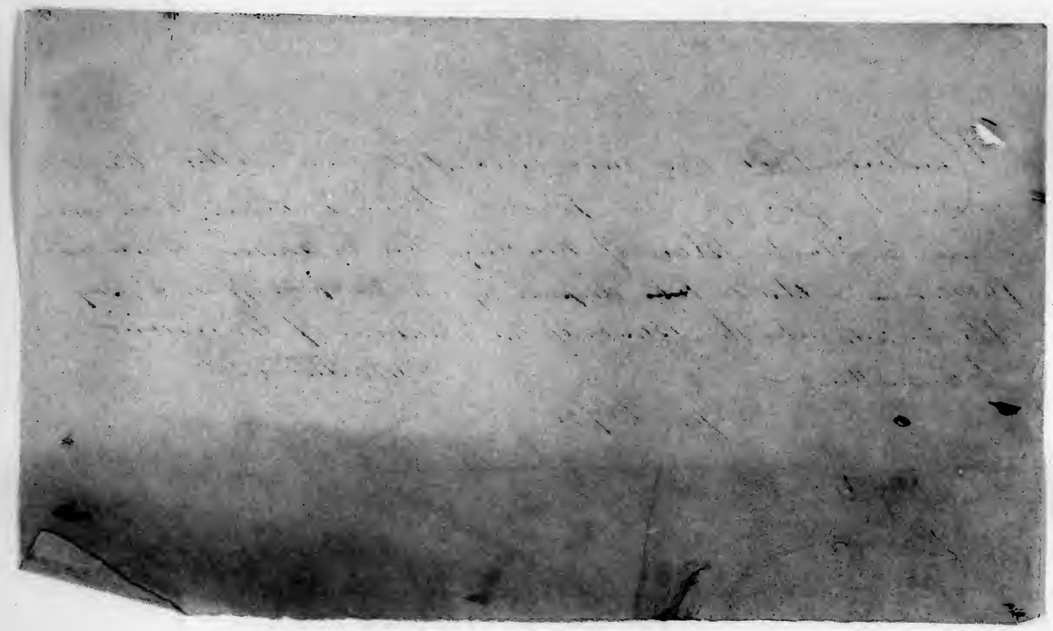

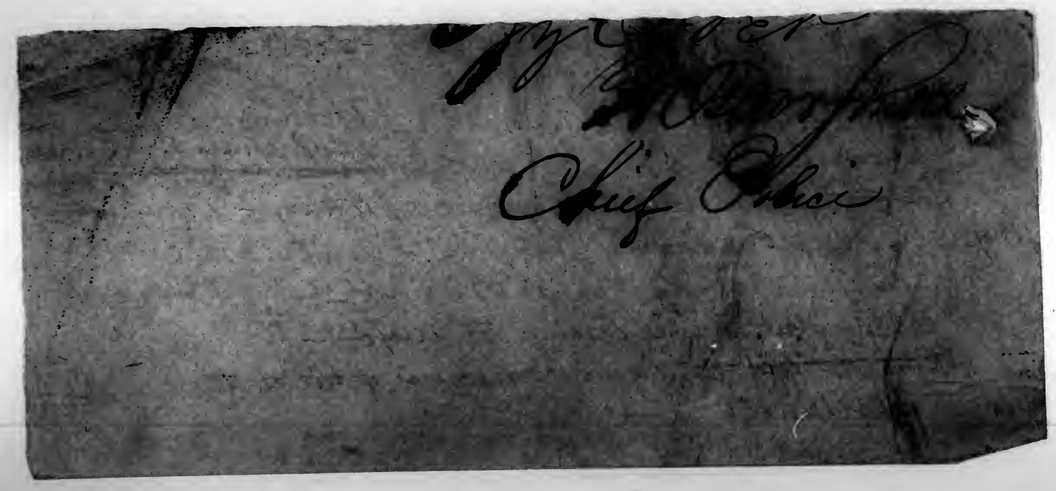
Chief Office

Executive Chamber Sept 16th 1851

To the Committee of Diligence

~~Granted~~ Permit me to present the resignation of I. C. E. Wadsworth Esqr as a Member of the Finance Committee, which is presented for acceptance

Chapman
Middlesex Com

Accepted
laid on the table

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San Francisco Sept 15th 1857

Gentlemen

Please accept my resignation
as a member of the Finance Committee

Very Respectfully Yours

J. C. Wadsworth

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September 17th 1851.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of 45. Present twenty seven.

Mr Hutton called to Chair.

Upon balloting for President Mr Stephen Payran was elected.

Mr S. Bluxome was elected member of the Executive Committee in place of S. Prall Stevens who did not accept.

Mr Bluxome was also elected Secretary.

Mr T. Woodworth was elected a member.

Messrs Ward Maynard & Dessen elected Finance Committee.

On Motion Mr Hutton

Resolved That Mr Bluxome be authorized to collect the arrearages of dues & fines now due to this committee and receive 10 p.c. on the amount collected, and that he be allowed to employ one of the Collectors.

Mr Hutton

That a Com of 3 be appointed by the Chair to draw up by laws for the Government of this Ex Com and how many shall constitute a Quorum

Payran Ryckman Maynard

Mr Jas C Ward

That a Com of 3 be appointed to select a proper room & remove the furniture remain

Payran E Jorham Cobb

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Capt W D M Howard
That Mr Thompson be appointed a Com of one to
waite upon the owners of the present buildings to know
how long the Com may occupy the present room
without charge.

Mr Geo B Ward
That the Secy be ordered to publish a calling upon all
members to hand over their amt of money

Capt Hutton
That we now adjourn to meet on next Wednesday
evening at 7½

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September 17. 1851

Members of Executive Com of 45 - present 27

Mr I. T. Stutton was called to the Chair.
upon balloting for President Mr Stephen
Payson was elected

Mr Is Blanchard Jr was elected member
of the Executive Com in place of I Pratt
Stephens who did not accept

Mr Blanchard was also elected secretary

Mr T Woodworth was also elected a member
of Ex Com:

The following Gent were elected as the Finance
Com - Geo R Ward & Maynard & E. De-
-Lasaet

The following motion was made by Mr Stutton
That Mr Blanchard be authorized to collect
the amount of dues fines now due this Com
and receive 10% on amount collected, and
that he be allowed to employ one of the ~~four~~
-~~two~~ collectors of the Com - -carried -

Resolved On Motion Mr Stutton
That a Com of 3 be appointed by the Chair-
-man to draw up by laws for the Government
of the Executive Committee and also to re-
-port the number necessary to form a Quor
-um. The following Gent were elected Pay-
-son Rychman - Maynard -

On Motion of Jas C Ward -
That a Com of three be appointed to select
a proper room for the Ex Com and have
the furniture removed ~~thither~~ to it
Payson C Goodnow Com

Dec - 24?
Omit dup. Sept 17.

On Motion of Geo R Ward
That the Secy be ordered to Notify the members of the
Vigilence Com through the public press to hand the moneys
they have collected for Jail funds to the treasurer

On Motion Capt Hutton
That we now adjourn to meet on next Wednesday evening the
24 inst at 1/2 past 7 O'c

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-bers of the Vigilence Com through the public
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On Motion Capt Hutton
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List of the proposed Executive Committee —

✓	W. D. M. Howard	✓
✓	S. Brannan	✓
✓	W. T. Coleman	✓
✓	J. C. Ward	✓
✓	Capt. C. Gorham	✓
✓	B. C. Sanders	✓
✓	J. E. Woodworth	✓
✓	Jas. King of Wm	✓
✓	Jas. Dows	
✓	H. F. Teschmacher	✓
✓	Dr. A. B. Stout	
✓	F. Vassault	✓
✓	J. Parrott	✓
✓	R. M. Gibbs	✓
✓	J. B. Hume	✓
x	Jos. Polk	
✓	Chas. Griswold	✓
✓	~~Capt. Whipple~~	S. Kaysan
✓	~~Dr. Reed~~	
✓	H. A. Cobb	✓
x	J. Reed ~~Stacey~~	
✓	Capt. G. M. Garrood	✓
✓	G. W. Ryckman	—
✓	J. J. L. Smiley	—
✓	I. W. Cartwright	—
✓	Wm H. Thompson	✓
✓	L. D. Kinsay	✓ At Burgoyne Bros
✓	A. Kittredge	✓
✓	W. H. White	✓
✓	Capt. John Kayes	✓
✓	" S. Sanders	✓
✓	Sat M. Swift	✓

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Geo R. Wood ✓
A. N. Naglee ✓
W. Burling ✓
J. De Long ✓
W. C. Ralston ✓
Sir L. Maynard ✓
W. A. Darling ✓

The following gentlemen were added to the Ex Com

Capt I. D Stratton
Mr Sam Dewey ✓ Special Committee
" F Argenti
" E Delasaux
" Chas L Case. ✓

Caleb Hyatt.
Ex Shaw
Schofield.
Att Door

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List of the proposed Executive Committee

W. D. M. Howard
S. Brannan
W. T. Coleman -
I. C. Ward.
Capt E. Gorham
B. C. Sanders
S E. Woodworth
Jas King of Wm
Jas Dows -
H. F. Teschmaker
Dr A B Stout
F. Vassanlt
I. S. Parrott
R. M Jessup
I. B. Huie
Jas Port
Chas Griswold
S. Payran
H. A. Cobb
Capt G. M. Garwood
G. W. Ryckman -
T I L Smiley
J W. Cartwright
Wm W Thompson
L D. Kumay - at Burgoyne & Cos
A Kircher
W H White

Mintz
Beers
Stephens

Capt John Rayners
D. Jarwers
Jas M Swift
Geo R Ward
H. N. Nagler
W Burling
J Dr Long
W C Amman
Lieut L Maynard
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Ald Dorr

Geo R Ward ✓
H. N. Nagler ✓
W Girling ✓
I De Long ✓
W. C. Ampton ✓
Wm L Maynard ✓
W. A. Dowling ✓

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Mr Sam Dewey
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" Chas L Carr.

} Special Committee

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Schofield.
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Finance Committee
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W. Maynard
James King of Wm
W. Smedley

Elected — and this election date on the 17th day of Sept — the day on which the Com of 5 made this report //

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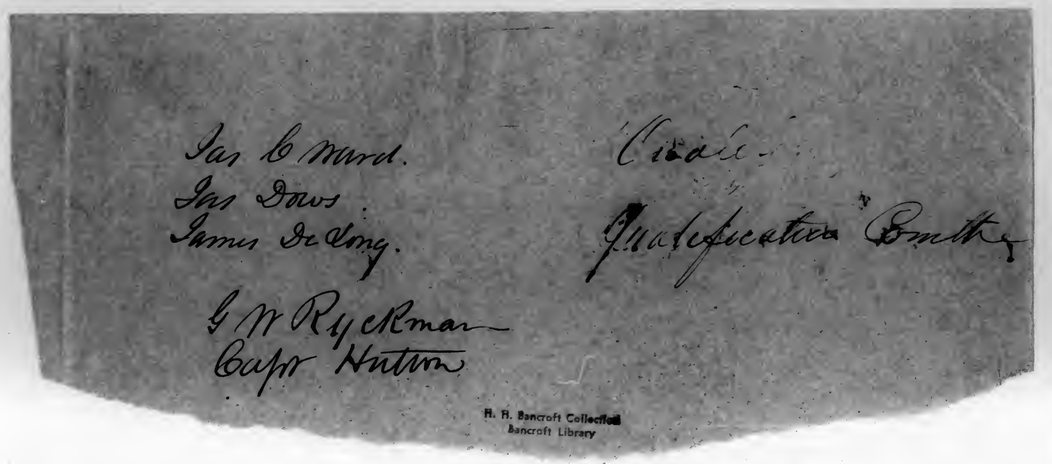
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Qualification Committee

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Mr Curtiz

Moved that every member who has not handed in his list of Jail fund contributions be ordered to hand pass in his list, and if no more has been Cash at the same time collected

carried

J Bluxome Jr

Secretary

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San Francisco Sept 17. 1851

C Delasaret Esq

Sir

You were last evening elected a member of Executive Committee of Committee of Vigilance and are requested to meet at the Committee room at 12 o'c at noon,

And are re-quested to state (in writing) whether you will serve or not.

By Order of Genl Committee
Wade Bluxome Jr
Asst Secretary

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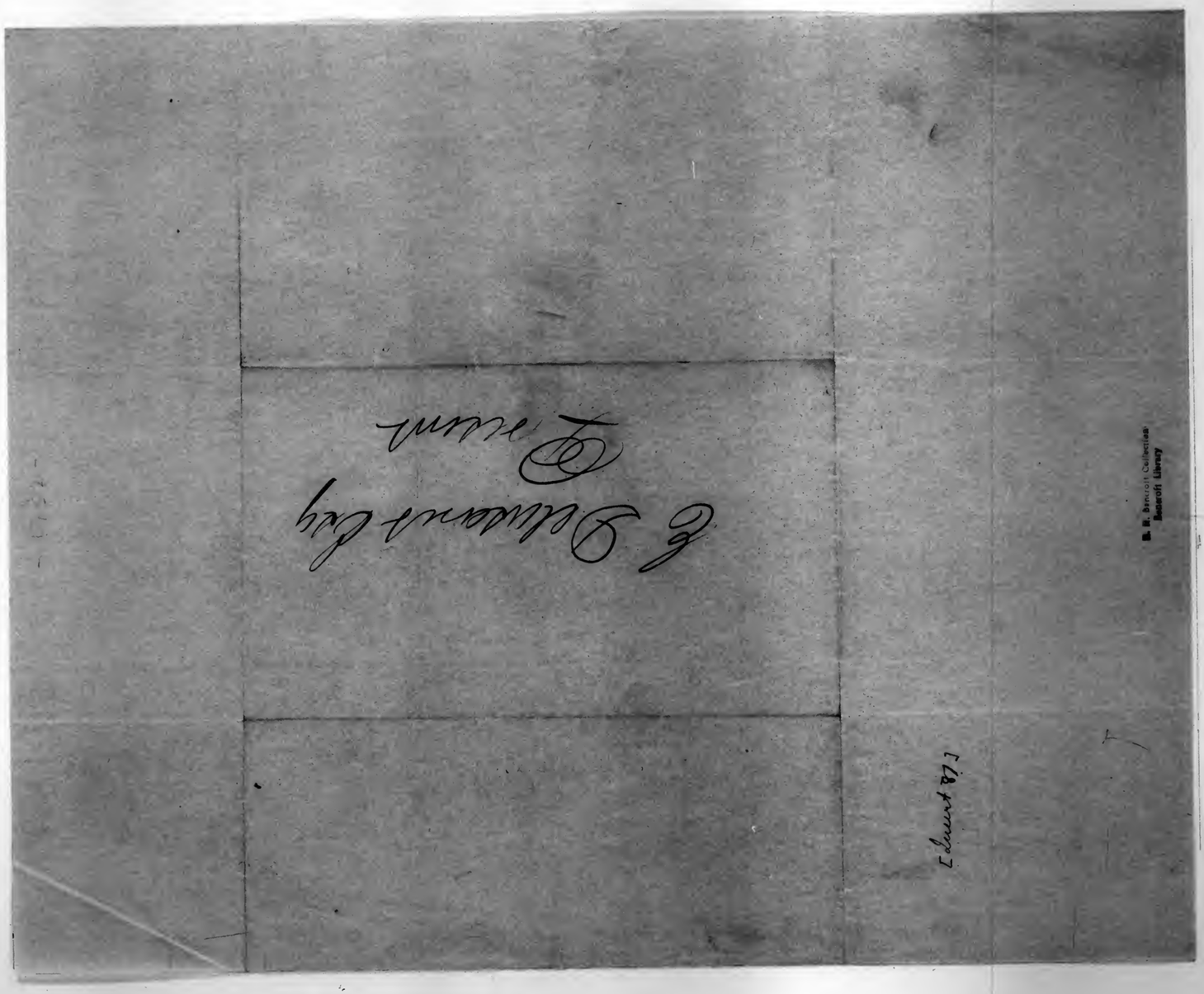
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Isaac Bluxom Esq
Secretary &c.

Sir,

Your communication of this day informing me of my election to the Executive Committee, has been received. I accept the trust and remain

Respectfully
Yours
Jas. B. Ray

Sept 1, 1851

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1775

To the Executive Commit
of the Vigilance Comm
San Francisco Sept 1775

Gentn

Mons

Mons De Leon notifying me of my election
as a member of the new executive Commt
is at hand for this mark of confidence
on the part of the Vigilance Comm I
return my acknowledgments & accept
with pleasure the appointment —

Respy I am Gn Obt St

John B. Cooper

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A. P. Blossom

Dear Sir your note and vote accepting the appointment of one of the Members of Ex Com.te and shall endeavour to do what may be required of me in the performance of the Object

Yours Truly
San Francisco
Sept 17th 1854

J. M. Swift.

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A Blanxon Ln
Rocky Big Coast
U. C. Bancroft Collection
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Isaac Bluxome Jr Esq

My dear Sir

Your favor of this date has just been handed me.

Through you, I would beg to convey my thanks to the Committee of Vigilance for the honor they have conferred in selecting me as a member of the Executive Committee of that body — Flattering as is this mark of your esteem, I must respectfully must decline the position which has been assigned me —

With respect

Yours &c

Very truly yours

J Hall Stephens

17th September 1856

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San Francisco Sept 17/67

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Dear Sir

Your note informing me of my election as member of the Executive Committee is rec'd

Please tender my acceptance to the nominating committee

Yours Resp'y

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Austin Sept 17. 1861.

Lieut Col Comdg Co of Sam Rs

Being apprised that I am appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Vigilance Committee under a new organization of that body which was formed last evening I have the honor herewith to send the appointment, and in returning thanks for this expression of confidence I remain as the gentlemen composing the Committee

Very Respectfully Yr
Obt Servt
Arthur Pendleton

Notice. Those members of the "Vegilance Committee" that have made collections for the "Jail Fund" are hereby requested to hand ~~hand~~ over the same to E Dekkum Esq Treasurer, without delay and ~~all~~ members are also requested to hand their subscription lists to the Secretary that a list of the donors before 25 inst ~~may be published~~. at which time a list of donors will be published.

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Notice

The Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilence will hold a Special Meeting at their Rooms over Middleton & Smileys, Corner of Sansom & Sacramento Streets on Wednesday Evening the 24th inst. for the transaction of important business.

By order of the President

Secretary

[Sept. 17] - dup. of footnote 7.646]

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The undersigned begs leave
to say he accepts the appointm
as a Member of the Executive comm

W. J. Whit

San Francisco 18th Sept 1851

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San Francisco 19 Sept 1852

Secretary Vigilance Committee

Sir

In reply to your note of 17th inst
I beg to state that I accept the appointment
as a member of the Executive Committee

I am, dear Sir
Yours &c
Alex Weidmer

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To the Vigilance Committee
of San Francisco

Gentlemen There is
a man on his way home by the
name of Geo. Dewitt. who has stolen
Eight Hundred Dolls. on Bans Creek
He is in size about 5 ft 10 inches high
about 30 years old Black hair heavy
beard Slightly Gray Eyes when he
left Dark Brown Hair Red Shirt and
has a little Lame in both his hands
been handling fine Gold Dust This
is a very indefinite description but
you may identify him coming aboard
the Steamer stopping he Smoy. be caught
and brought to Justice. Information
to Stockton by Parties

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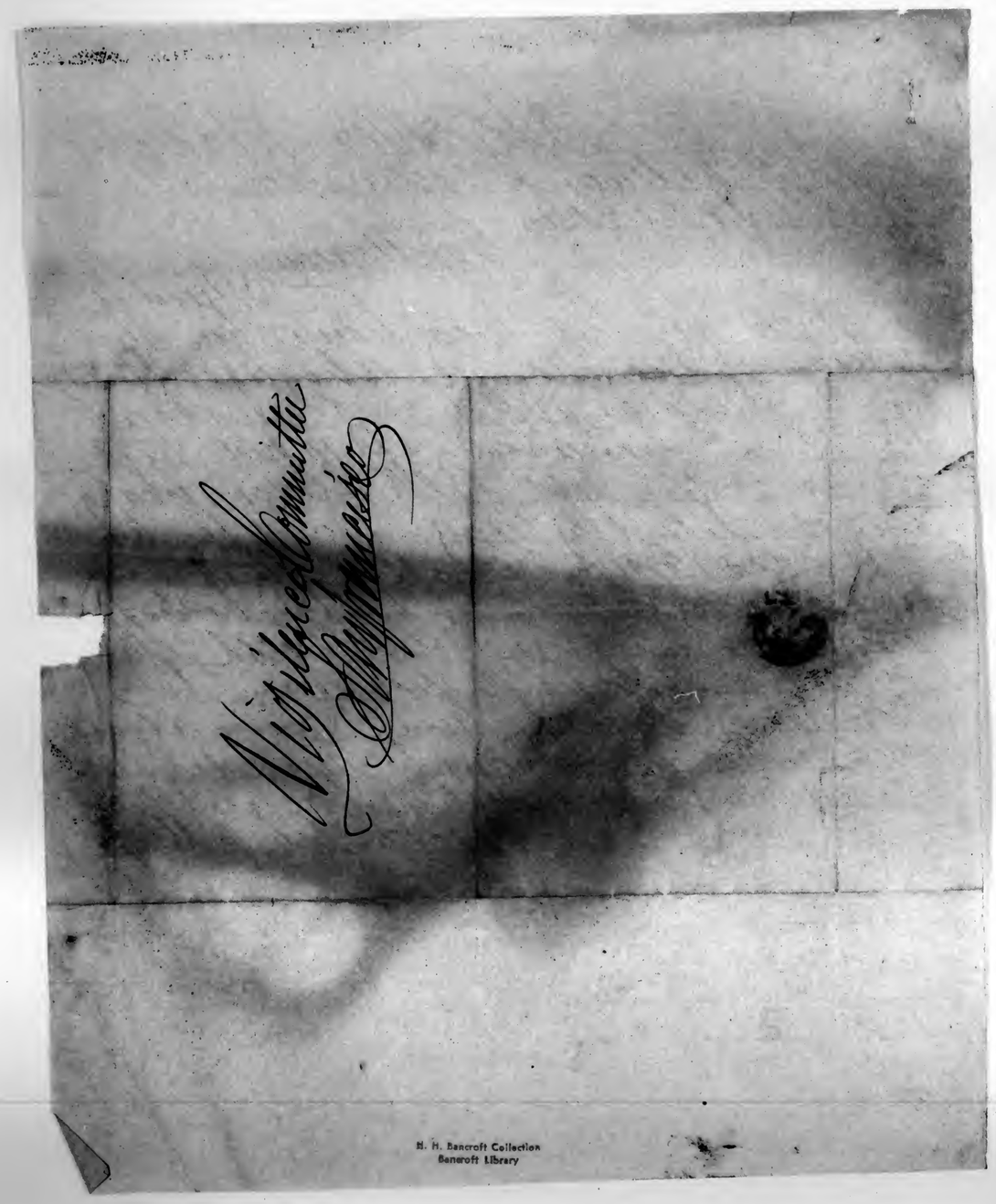

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Notice – There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday evening the 24th Inst. at ½ past 7 o'clock – As business of importance will come before the meeting it is hoped all members will attend punctually –

Tuesday
September 23d 1851.

[Omit – dup.]

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To The Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

Gentlemen

It is with regret that I am compelled to hand in my resignation as a member of your boards. I am now making preparations to depart for the Atlantic States and shall probably leave on the 1st of next Month. Therefore, however much I should like to remain and take part in your future actions necessity compels me to resign

With every hope for your welfare and a full and firm reliance on your discretion

I remain

Your Obt. Servt

E. Gorham

San Francisco
Sept 21 1856

As a member of Ex Com
after the 1st of next month
accepted

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To the Committee (Executive)

Gentlemen Your Committee appointed to draft Bye Laws for the future action of your Body Report that owing to the shortness of the period and the duties devolving on them or a portion of them in the removal and disposal of the Committee property the necessary arrangement of the New Rooms and their own private duties have prevented them from meeting and discharging the trust confided to them They therefore pray that they be discharged, or have leave to sit again

San Francisco Sept 24/51

G. W. Peckham

"By Mr Chas Case"
That Com have further time

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To the Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilence of San Francisco

Gentlemen

Your Committee report that the Lumber contained in the Old Executive Chamber and Prisoner's room was privately disposed of by Messrs Blackburn & Thompson at our instance and request, account Sales of which has not yet been rendered

S Payran

E. Jacobs

"Accepted

E. Gorham

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To the Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilence of San Francisco

Gentlemen

Your Committee report, that the annexed Schedule contains a list of all property thought necessary to reserve, for the use and benefit of the Vigilence Committee, and that the same are in possession of and duly arranged in the Rooms selected by us, and pray to be released

San Francisco Sept 24/51

J Payson
H.A. Cobb
E. Gihon

accepted

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Inventory of effects reserved by the Executive Committee

15 Benches
Rostrum
Lot of Lumber
Files & Padlocks
Chairs. Ruffles & Padlocks
Salver & Looking Glass
Pro chair, 2 Arm do & 30 common do
3 Tables & 1 Smith Do
10 Lamps complete
30 Towels, Matches, &c
Water Cask, faucet, Basin 2 Pitchers. 5 Tumblers
1 Tin pan
1 Clock. Banner. Burglar Tools & Pistols &c
All Executive Furniture, Inkstands &c &c

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To the Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilence of San Francisco

Gentlemen

Your Committee appointed by you to dispose of the effects belonging to said Committee report, that the annexed Schedule contains all the Goods and Chattels that was thought necessary to dispose of, that they sent said Goods to Mess Cobb & Co to be sold at Public Sale, the whole not having been disposed of, no account has yet been rendered, therefore your Committee report progress, with leave to proceed

accepted

J. Flynn
W. A. Cobb
E. Jordan

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Inventory of Effects consigned Messrs Cobb & Co for sale

32 Mattresses
41 pr Blankets
64 Pillows
2 Tables
6 Small Tubs & 2 Large Tubs
20 Side Lamps complete
12 Candle Sticks
1 Demijohn & 1 Jug
½ bbl Hard Bread . ½ Tub Butter - 1 Tin Bucket cont's Lard
2 Empty Oil Casks
1 Trunk & Contents
19 Window Curtains
1 Pitcher & Basin
2 Tin "
1 Wooden Bucketo
1 Small Looking Glass
1 Coffee Urn & Lamp
1 " Pot
2 Tin Oil Cans
1 " Pan

1 Lot Crockery ware
6 Cups. 10 Saucers, 4 Dishes. 12 Mugs. 10 Plates
12 Spoons
6 Broken Chairs
35 Benches

~~Lumber Sold by Bills~~

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To the Executive Committee of Vigilance Committee
of San Francisco

Gentlemen

Your Committee respectfully report, that agreeably to orders they proceeded to view and select Rooms suitable for the future Meetings of the Committee that they viewed those of Messrs Bostwick California Street Staples Building, and those of Middleton & Smiley of the three, they selected those of Middleton & Smiley on the ground of being Central and Convenient, and much cheaper in price, and Leased the same at fifty dollars per Month and employed Messrs Duff & Ryan Carpenters to remove Partition, arrange Rostrum, Newspaper Desk Water Cask &c — also employed Messrs Baker & Mespere to Paper the Rooms, they asking in return a few dollars as much to repair as to Paper

They also purchased of Messrs Gantt & Co Candelabra's for said Rooms: at the price of Eight Dollars per Set, your Committee also retained the Matting on floors belonging to Messrs Middleton & Smiley who agreed to charge the mere cost

J. S. Eagan was employed to do some Painting, the Bills for which items have not yet been presented, We therefore pray, if acceptable to you to confirm our acts, and discharge us

Very Respectfully
Your Obt

San Francisco Sept 24/57

"accepted"

adopted

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We further present that the services of Mr Oakley late Sergeant at Arms, and Porter Genge were retained to assist in making and carrying the necessary arrangements of your Committee, for which they are entitled to pay, they have been attentively engaged in the discharge of their duty, and are now subject to your Order

Some Persons unknown to your Committee have made donations towards decorating the Rooms, in whose names the late Sergeant at Arms should report, in Order that the thanks of the Committee be tendered them

Our Untiring Secretary L. Blaxome Jr has given much time and attention to the Re-arrangement of our Committee Rooms, to whom the 1st Committee feel much indebted and recommend that the thanks of the Executive Committee be tendered them

The thanks of the Committee are also due to our colleague Mr Cobb for the handsome Candelabra presented by him to Committee

I Accept all

J Tayson

E. J Shain

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Our Worthy Secretary S. B. Bluxome Jr has given much time and attention to the re arrangement of our Committee Rooms, to whom the Sub Committee feel much indebted and recommend that the thanks of the Executive Committee be tendered him

S. Bluxome
H. A. Cobb
E. J. Shaw

[Sept 24 dup.]

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Having in Hand almost
enough funds to pay
at once all debts due
by this commune
and wishing for the
honour of this commune
to be allowed to
pay them all at
once.
Mr. Delescluze proposes
propose to advance
one thousand dollars —
for two months without
Interest. in order to give
time to cash all dues
Lyons - but also provided
said sum will be
by the commune

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Accepted
except in regard to council fee in
case of Argenti & Rinaldi

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Money received
since last meeting $. 1061.50.

Eugene Delger
Treasurer

1st meeting -

San Fco 24 Sept

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Collected by Geo L Dewey
and Paid to Eby Delapent as per Receipt
appended
$277.00

As follows—

Contributions J W Britton	5 00
F C Lyon	10.00
M M Blake	5.00
Wm Hanes	5.00
Capt Shultz	2.50
Steps & Dickson	10.00
Jno Cowell	10.00
Pickett & Co	5.00
Washburn & Mont	5.00
Arrington & Co	5.00
Cagill &	5.00
Burr	5.00
Ferris & Holman	5.00
Bingham & Bro	15.00
D E H & Hamm	20.00
Wm Meyers	10.00
Jos Schulla	10.00
George Wyckoff	10.00
Jerry Blume	10.00
	157.50
Collections from the lists	110.50
	$277.00

to which add 7¼ Cent
Co to Collector of 7¼% and
the total of my Collections will appear $284.75
Geo L Dewey

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I understand that Persons have expressed
opinions or members of the Vigilance
Committee Receiving Donations from Citizens of
San Francisco I beg leave to State that
in no instance have I asked in the name of
the Committee of Vigilance, but simply on My
own responsibility and of such as I could
ask, with the freedom of acquaintance & friendship
and I have therefore given the names of those
whom I Recd from the Amt —

Respectfy Sam L Dewey

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San Francisco
Sept 24 1857

Sirs,

I return to you the amounts collected on my list, those whose names are marked not paid I have not seen for some time, they being Inspectors on board ships but shall in a few days, being unable in consequence of a severe fall to walk about I shall not be able for week to see them,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Peter Dayton
(508)

Messrs E. DeLessert, Leguerondo

[Invt 89½ b. gal 5]

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Messrs
E. Delessert & Leguinio
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San Francisco

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Stockton Sept 24th

To The Vigilance Committee of
San Francisco

Gentlemen

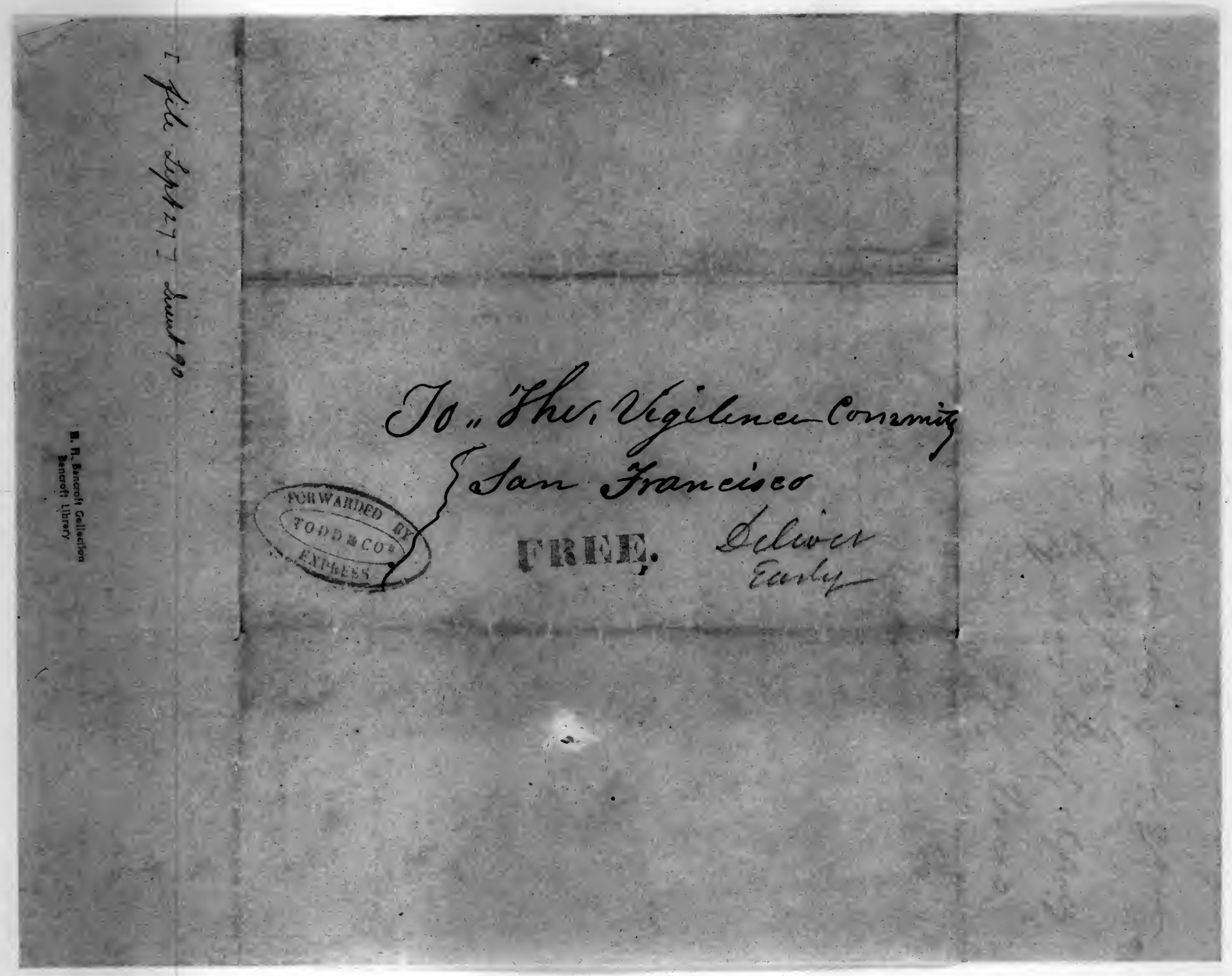
permit me to tender
you my thanks for your untiring
effort in the capture and Just-
execution of the three fellons
Stewart Whitaker & — as no
doubt it was the only cause of saving
my life, for no one knows when
the knife of the midnight Robber
and assassin may be plunged in
him in the dark. any assistance
I can be to your Honourable body
Command me and I am ever
ready to obey. I am always ready to
assist Justice that She may not be
cheated of her rights. I have this
day ascertained that those three
culprits on their Examinations
before you acknowledge they had
all sworn to assassinate me for
my killing of one of their comrades
Jack Smith. Gentlemen receive my

regards and kind wishes for your
continuance and prosperity

Yours Respectfully

J.H. Jones

Read & placed on file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San Francisco
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Early
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To the Hon. Comdr. of the Com.
of Vigilance

The undersigned begs for a
furlough or leave of absence as Bugler
until called him to Panama on the 27th
October.

With great respect
Your
Obt Servt
Simon Healis
2nd

Sept 24: 1851.

Granted
as asked
to the order

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Collector's Office
Custom House, San Francisco
25th September 1857

F. Argenti Esq.
Dear Sir:

I beg to forward to you an extract from a letter from John L. Hodge Esq. U.S. Consul at Marseilles relative to the departure from France, and arrival here, of a class of Passengers very detrimental to the interests of this Country

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Servant
S. Butler King

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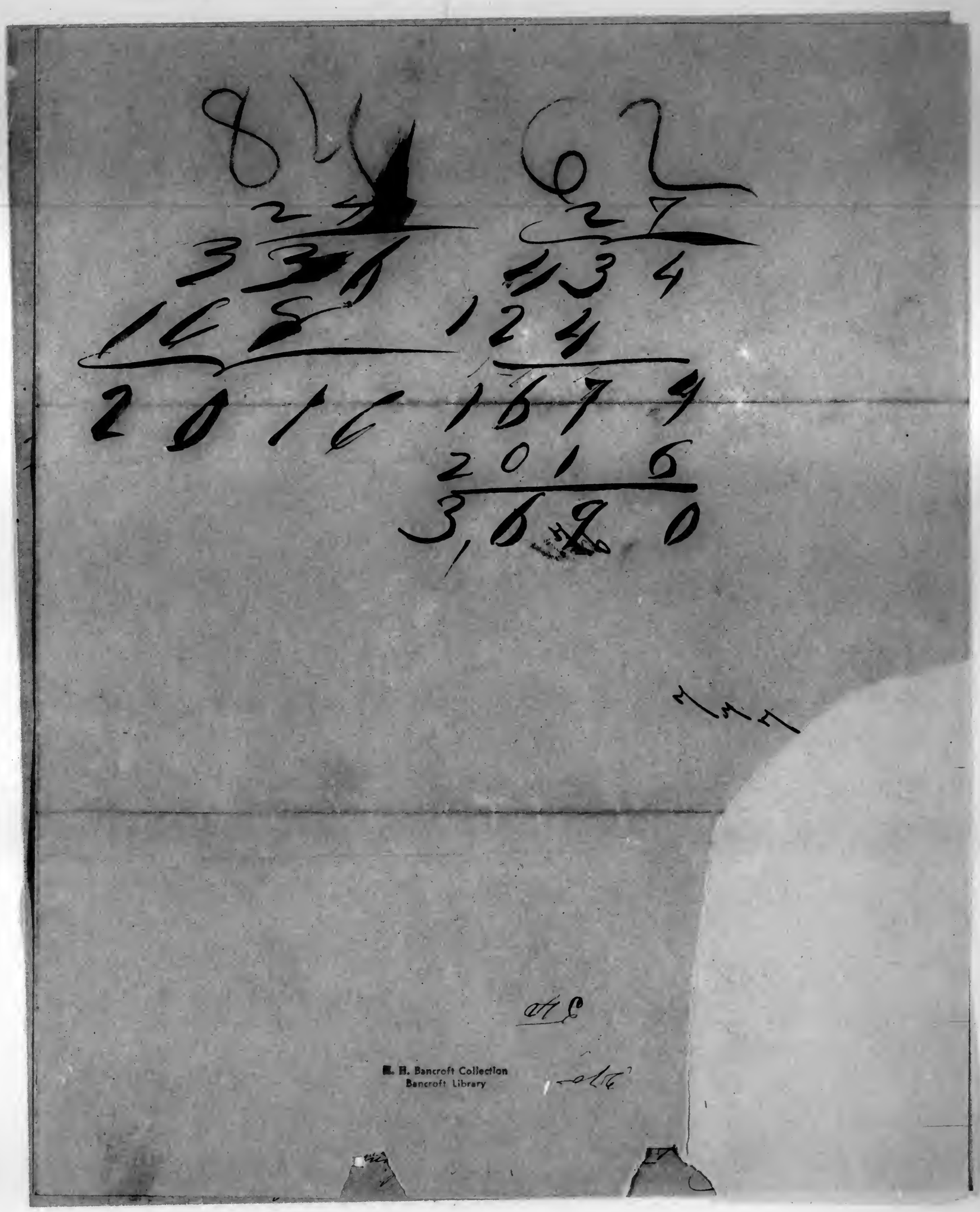
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Extract from a letter from Mr L. Hodge Esq.
U.S. Consul at Marseilles under date of 28 April 1857

"In regard to passengers a great many are of the very worst class of desperadoes of Europe. I have reason to believe some sent at the expense of the Government. I should recommend your city authorities to impose a heavy tax on all passengers from Europe & to suffer none to land who have not regular passports from their respective Governments with the visé of the U. S. Consul: it may be given gratis. If you permit all to land coming from Europe your country will be filled by a worse than Italian Banditti. A French merchant who sent a ship to your port told me he had rebbised "a very great profit on the cargo"; & mentioned to me yesterday - "I have just received letters from San Francisco, a great many Malefactors had arrived - in 3 vessels from this Country upwards of 500 passengers some of them great desperadoes &c."

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all of which is respectfully submitted

F. Argenti Claimant

Frdk. A. Woodworth

Geo. K. Ward

G. W. Ryckman

San Francisco
26th Sept. 1851

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Minutes of Ex Com Sept 27. 1851
Mr Stephen Payran in the Chair
18 Members present
The Com on Bye Laws report ✓
Com on Lawyers report ✓
Com on Frenchmen report ✓
On Motion Mr S C Woodworth
That the report of Special Committee appointed
to waite upon the French Consul & Mr King
Collector of the Port be published / "Carried"
Report of Com on rooms ✓
On Motion of S C Woodworths
That the Secretary make a copy of the Bye
Laws and have them posted in the rooms
"Carried"
On Motion Mr Gill Garwood
That Mr Selim C Woodworth be elected
as first Vice President of the Ex Com
Carried
On Motion J C Ward
That Mr E W Ryckman be elected to
the Office of 2d Vice President of the
Ex Com "Carried"
On Motion Capt Stutton
That the date of Office of the Mem-
bers of the Ex Com commence on the 17
of September - "Carried"
On Motion Mr Geo R Ward
That Mr Oakley be confirmed in the Office
of Sergeant at Arms.
On Motion of S Woodworth.
That & in future the hour for the Meeting
of the Ex Com be at 8 O'clock "Carried"

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Qualification Committee

Capt Garwood
Capt Hutton
Mr Darling
Mr Dewey

elected

Capt Garwood
Chs L. Cabe
G. N. Ayshman
Capt Hutton
F. Woodworth

To the Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

Your committee, to whom
was assigned the duty of
framing Bye Laws for
the regulation of your body
report the following, which
they respectfully submit

J. Mayo Chr
E. W. Pykman
Geo. R. Ward

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By Laws for the regulation of the Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilance

First The officers shall consist of a President, 1st & 2d Vice Presidents Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms who shall be elected for the period of six months

Second It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings to issue all orders emanating from the committee, and to call special meetings when he shall deem the same necessary.

Third It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings, signed by President & countersigned by Secretary ~~issued by the President by and under the direction of the President~~ to attest all orders and under the direction of the President to take charge of the books & papers of the Committee of Vigilance. It shall also be his duty to collect the dues & fines to pay the same over to the treasurer and to report the sums collected at each stated meeting.

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First

adopted

Secretary

Amendment adopted

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a Journal of the proceedings of each regular meeting of the Executive Committee - which Journal shall be read before ~~the commencement~~ proceeding to business, and amendments or approve as may be deemed expedient.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Committee of Vigilance and to disburse the same by order of the Executive Committee and to render his account at the expiration of each month or oftener if required, by a vote of the Committee.

Adopted

It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to take charge of the rooms and property of the Committee, to keep the same in order to take charge of all prisoners, to serve notices and to do and perform such other services as shall be required by the Committee

Adopted as Amended

Third " That, there shall be a Finance Committee of five, elected for six months, to whom all accounts shall be referred as well as all matters and fiscal matters, and their report thereon shall be made to the Executive Committee for final action.

Adopted

Fourth " That there shall be a Qualification Committee of five elected for six months

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adopted

Fifth adopted

Sixth adopted

Seventh adopted

Eighth adopted

wdade duty it shall be to receive applications for membership to the Committee of Vigilance; and to report recommend the same to the Executive Committee for election, and also to recommend Candidates for to fill vacancies that may occur in the Executive Committee.

That the Executive Committee shall hold stated meetings on the evening of Wednesday ~~and Saturday~~ of each week

That a Quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of Nine members

That it shall be the duty of the President to call a Special meeting upon the written request of any five members, ~~to~~ to state in the notice for what purpose the meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted by the meeting

The seat of any member of the Executive Committee shall be declared vacant, who shall absent himself from three consecutive stated meetings, unless the Committee shall have been previously informed of his intended

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adopted

Tenth. Unauthorized absences from the City & other unavoidable to attend. unless a reasonable excuse be given.

adopted

All members coming in after roll-call shall report themselves to the Secretary or be deemed to have been absent.

adopted

Eleventh. All reports of Committees, and resolutions offered, shall be in writing.

adopted

Twelfth. No member shall be allowed to speak, more than twice or longer than five minutes, upon any question, except by permission

Twelfth. No change shall be made in these laws, unless by a vote of two thirds of the members present at the Executive Committee, and by one week previous notice having been given in writing.

adopted

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To The Executive Committee
of the Vigilance Committee

Your Committee appointed to engage Legal Counsel in behalf of Mr Atkinson Called on Mr C.G. Austin who Stated that he intended to defend Mr Atkinson until his Case shall be disposed of finally. reserving all question of Compensation at present & reserving all pecuniary considerations in the discretion of the Committee. He also expressed a wish to Conduct the Case alone, deeming additional Counsel Superfluous in the present Stage of the Trial

Respy
J.W. Cartwright
Fredk. A. Woodworth

San Francisco
Sept 27/51

Accepted & Services of Counsel accepted

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To the Executive Committee of the Committee of Vigilance.

The Committee appointed by your ~~honorable~~ body to confer with the Collector of the Port, & the Consul of France, in regard to the appr=hended introduction into this ~~State~~ of foreign convicts, under the sanction and patronage of the French government, beg leave, respectfully to

Report:- That in fulfilment of the duties devolved upon them by your instructions, they waited upon the Hon. T. Butler King, ~~and~~ made known to him the wishes of your body, and desired to be placed in possession of whatever information he ~~[redacted]~~ ired in regard to the subject in question. Your Committee take great pleasure in stating that their wishes were at once cheerfully complied with as will be seen by the communications ap=pended to this report. They would also state that the Collector expressed to them his sincere and ardent approval of the measures and the actions of the "Committee of Vigilance," and assured them that he would be most happy at all times to co-operate with them, and render them every aid and assistance in his power. —

Your Committee also waited upon Mons: Dillon, the Consul of France, and submitted to him the ~~information~~ communications received from the Collector, and respectfully re=questing him at the same time to make known to your Committee any facts or informa=tion he might possess in relation to the matter. The Consul assured your Committee that no apprehension need be entertained that the Government of France would sanction the ship=ment to this country of any of its convicted

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ever
felons; that it had, been ~~always~~ prejn to their
policy to do so, and that under the existing
Constitution of the Republic, it would not be in
the power of the Government to take any such
action without the authority of some special law
for the purpose, and that no such law had
ever been enacted. — The Consul further states
that in all cases where vessels arrive from any port
in France with passengers, such passengers always
come duly accredited by an agent of the Govern-
ment at the place of embarkation, whose duty it
is to strictly examine the credentials and passports
of every passenger so embarking. — That he is fur-
nished with an official copy of the Register, con-
taining the name, birthplace, description and occupa-
tion of every such passenger, who and upon the arrive
of the vessel in this port he personally examines
such pass-port and compares the same with the
register referred to. — He further states that if it
be deemed a matter of expediency he will make
the suggestion to his Government, that all emigrants
to California should be required to obtain the endorsement of their
passports by the American Consul, at the port of em-
barkation, and he thinks such recommendation will
be at once complied with. — He also called the
attention of your committee to the orderly character
and general good deportment of the present great
population of California, and expressed his renewed
assurances that his Government had never sanctioned
the shipment to this state of any portion of their
convicted felons. He further expressed ~~expressed~~
to your committee his willingness at all times
to submit such documentary evidence to inspection,

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as may come in his possession, touching the character and description of passengers arriving from France at the port of San Francisco. ——

That your Committee might obtain all the information possible in regard to a subject of so much importance to our community they likewise waited upon Messrs Marzion & Co of this city, agents for the vessels which are to transport from France to this country some 5000 French emigrants in the course of the coming year. —— Mons. Matthey the representative of the house, Ex-=plained to your committee the nature and char-=acter of this extensive plan of emigration, and expressed his sincere belief that the class of passengers it comprehended would be a most valuable acquisition to our population, inasmuch as it would be chiefly composed of Mechanics, labourers and agriculturists, who while bettering their own condition in life, would add wealth to the country by assisting to develope its re-=sources. —— Mons. Matthey informed your Committee that he had been waited upon by the French Consul in regard to this matter, and that he had since written a letter, which he submitted to them, addressed to his correspondents in France, in which he alludes to the reports in circula-=tion here, and urges upon them the necessity and importance of ascertaining the character and standing of every emigrant passenger, and forwarding the same in anticipation of their arrival. He further advises his correspondents of the existence of a powerful association styled the "Committee of Vigilance" who have combined together for the purpose of ridding this community of all disreputable characters, and who he assures them have the deter-=minations and the power to carry out their views; as an instance of which he alludes to the fact of several Criminals having been executed by them in the open day; while the authorities were powerless to interfere. ——

Accepted and
Com discharged

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To the Executive Committee

Gentlemen, About 10 days ago a report was current that one of our members (John J. McKracken) had been murdered at Contra Costa. On the 21st several of our members viz Captain Blake Maj Graham Ben Reynolds & one or two others crossed the Bay to ascertain the facts of the case. Two or three returned that morning & the others will return on Tuesday. The information obtained is very meagre but all appear to be satisfied that McK had been murdered and his body disposed of in some manner to conceal it. McK was traced to a Spanish drinking house & no clue whatever could be obtained of his having left there — he had about $150 on his person at the time of his disappearance —

The above facts are given that the Committee may ~~take such action~~ consider whether they will take any and if any what action on the subject

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Daniel J. Thomas Jr Pro.

placed on file

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Isaac Bluxom Jr Esq
Secretary

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To the Executive Committee of the
Committee of Vigilance

Your Committee on removal
do respectfully report, that in consequence
of the handsome presentation of Candelebra
made by our friend Mr Cobb, we found
that we had more fixtures for light
than was necessary, and therefore called
on Mess Garratt & Co from whom we
had purchased two setts of Candelebra
and forcibly requested that they would
take back one sett, which request
they acceded to, and one sett was
returned, and the sum of Eighteen
dollars (Price to be paid) deducted from
the bill

Thomas

accepted
vote of thanks to Mr Cobb

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To the Executive Committee
of Committee of Vigilance

Gent

Herewith we beg to tender you a detailed a/c of the goods and prices at which sold - by Miss Cobb &c belonging to this Committee.

And herewith also you have a receipt of the Treasurer for nett proceeds two hundred forty seven 63/100 dolls. And further that Miss Blackburn & Thompson have paid over to the Treasurer the nett proceeds of sale of lumber.

And beg to be discharged -

Stephen Payran
" Chairman

Capt Durham, absent.

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[Inst 90's Sept 27]

A. J. Connell in acct with the Committe of Vigilance

Dr

To Dues Collected 205

" Subscriptions Cash & bills 1049 $1254"

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By Delinents Rcpt 205"

" " " " 1000

" Receipts Bills 49 $1254"

(EE) Sanfrancisco Sept 27th 1851.

A J Connell Collector

"Referred to finance Comm"

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Report of
Collector

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San. Francisco September 30th 1857

Executive Chamber of the Committee of Vigilance

At a Special Meeting of a Quorum of said Executive Committee held at 12 O'Clock M. of this day, Present The President, Secretary and the following Members

Stephen Payran Prout
A. M. Nagle
Selim E. Woodworth
J. A. Woodworth
Geo. R. Ward
R. M. Jessup
J. J. L. Smiley
G. W. Ryckman
J. W. Cartwright
James M. Swift
F. Bassett
W. H. White
Isaac Bluxome Jr.

Secretary.

Mr Selim E. Woodworth in the Chair —

On Motion of S. Payran

That a meeting of the Genl Com be called together to morrow evening at 8 O'Clock

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San Francisco Sept 29th 1851

To the Officers & Members of the
Executive Committee of Vigilance
Gentlemen,

As I feel it imperatively my duty to repair to the Atlantic side as soon as possible, and as I have made my arrangement to leave by the Steamer New Orleans on Wednesday Evening, I would respectfully ask from you an unlimited leave of absence.

In parting with you, gentlemen, allow me to assure you that my warmest sympathies and kindest wishes are with you; and that I shall ever remember the kindly relations which have existed between us since I had the honor of becoming associated with you.

Wishing you all success in your laudable exertions to do good, all I will add is - Be Just and Fear Not.

Ever your friend
Geo. W. Whitt

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San Francisco Sept 30th 1857.

Stephen Payran Esqr
Chm of the Executive Committee
of the Vigilance Committee.

Sir.

By the decision of the Justices of the Superior
Court of this city, the venue in the case of
Peter Metcalf Vs Filip Argenti. & Thos Atkinson
has been changed to the County of Santa Clara
the trial will Probably take place at
San José in the course of the ensuing
Month. It is proper for me to say to the Com.
of Vigilance through you that this order of the
Court will entail heavy expenses on the
Defendants in Procuring the attendance of such
of their witnesses as are willing to appear in
person at the trial, or in taking the deposition
of those who can not attend, or in taking certified
copies of the testimony given at the former trials
for witness residing in this County can be
compelled to attend at San José

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Thos Hayhurst

also to add, that it will give me Pleasure
to attend this Case to it's Close, and to render
all possible aid to relieve the Defendants
from the burthen sought to be imposed
on them, but as under the present State of
the case I shall be required to learn all
other business for an indefinite length of
time I cannot in justice to myself further
prosecute the defence without funds for
necessary expenses, and a certain and adequate
remuneration for my own services.

With great respect I remain

Your Obt Servt

E. Stanton

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Minutes of Ex Com Oct 1. 1851

Mr Payran in the chair

Mr Selim Woodworth was called to the chair

Mr Payran read two communications from Mr C D Austin who declined to go on the suit of A Rinsen

On Motion Mr Sutton
It was referred to a Special Com to obtain Council for Mr A Rinsen and that Com shall have power to act provided the council do not charge over 500 $
Com. J Woodworth Cartwright & Sutton
And that this Com report to morrow evening

On Motion
It was resolved that a Special Com be called the 2d of Oct

On Motion
It was resolved that the President of the Com write to the President of Santa Clara Com

A select Com waited upon the Ex Com and stated they were ready to receive report from Ex Com

On motion J J L Smiley
Resolved That we recommend to the general Com That they give us the power to make arrest

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On motion of Mr F. A. Woodworth

Resolved. That the Executive Committee have power to arrest criminals and hand them over to the authorities, with discretion to detain any such prisoners as may be charged with the crime of incendianism, and refer their cases to the action of the general Committee. —

Amended by Dr Liam

& any other heinious crime

Adopted

[Encl 9½ Dist. 1]

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Whereas an article has appeared in the Evening Picayune of this day Stating that "the Vigilance Committee had Ceased active operation & in Consequence of the General Condemnation of the Commercial Papers in the Atlantic States," therefore

Resolved, that the Committee cause to be published in the various papers of this city, that they ~~are~~ hold themselves ready for action, should the Community be ~~so~~ again situated as at the time of the organization of said Committee & that no Comments of any newspaper can drive them from a Conscientious discharge of their duty to their fellow Citizens

adopted? presented by No 18

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Oct 2—07

~~Finance~~ Committee

On Motion Mr Delaney
That.

On Motion of J C Woodman
That the whole matter be referred ~~back~~
to Special Committee with power to act

Capt Hutton withdrew from Special Com on
lawyers and Capt Nagle was appointed
to fill the vacancy

On Motion ~~Mr Argento~~ Mr J C Woodman
That Mr Argento be added to the Special
Com on Lawyers

" "

Report of Finance Com

On Motion of Ex R Ward
That the Sergeant at Arms receive 150 $
from the 17th of Sept—

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To the Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

The Committee of Finance of
the Committee of Vigilance
have great pleasure in sub-
mitting herewith a report of
the treasurer which includes
the payment (with a
few exceptions) of all the claims
upon the Committee of Vigilance
up to the adjournment on the
16 Sept last, which report shows
a balance on hand in favor
of the Committee of $236.29.

A few claims remain
unsettled and will be handed
over to the Finance Committee
appointed under the By-Laws
of this adopted 30 ult for fur-
ther information.

All of which is most res-
pectfully submitted

San Francisco Oct 2 1851.

Jno Maynard
Chairman

Eug. Kelly & Co
Treasurers

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The Committee to whom was referred the subject of selecting Counsel to defend Atkinson in the case of McNally &c Agents beg leave to make the following Report

That your Committee called upon Col Weller and stated the wishes of the Committee to retain him as Counsel and desire to know upon what terms he could be employed to defend the Suit untill its Termination. He stated that he would with pleasure undertake the Suit inasmuch that proceedings in the case might not occupy much of his time & require his absence from this City for an indefinite time he would charge Eight Hundred Dollars & present three hundred dollars as a Contribution to the funds of the Vigilance Committee

Your Committee did not close with Col Weller but prefer to submit this matter to your hands

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

E. J. Sutton
Chairman

San Francisco
Oct. 2d 1851

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Minutes of Ex Com Oct 8. 1851

Mr G W Ryckman in the Chair

A Petition was presented by Mr
S Payram
On Motion of Mr Payram

Resolved

On Motion of S C Woodworth
Resolved That the discussion now before the
Ex Com be laid upon the table, and that
the Com appointed to waite upon Lafyn
still hold their seats.

That the Secy be requested to Trans-
-mit a copy of the Constitution & Bye
laws to sent to the Com at Santa Clara
& San Jose

On Motion S C W
That the Sec at A be allowed to attend
the the Suit at San Jose & Metcalf.

That a standing ~~xxxx~~ advertisement be
placed in the papers stating the time
of meeting of Ex Com

That the Secy advise the absent members
that their seats will be declared vacant
to appear & show cause why their seats

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I have enquired into the character of the petitioner, Andrew Goodwin, from his neighbours, who all give him a good character for sobriety and honesty - And I believe the statement as set forth in his petition are true

Sutter as Captain

San Francisco
Oct 8th 1841

A copy of petition to be sent

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By request of the President of this Committee
I make the following report—
That Capt W D M Howard & Mr J D Kinsman
have never been present at the meetings of this
body. And that Messrs Sam Brannan
W L Coleman, L Bassault, J Parrott Robb
~~Jobbs~~, Jas Post, Wm T Thompson have been
present at the first meeting only.

J Bluxome Jr
Secretary

Will be despatched between this and
Monday Morning — D L Oakley
Sergeant at Arms
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San Francisco Oct 8. 1851

To the
Executive Committee
of Committee of Vigilance

Gent

I beg leave to resign my seat as Secretary of your body as I cannot afford to spend so much of my time as I am compelled to as Secretary.

Respectfully, yours
Obt Servt
I Bluxome Jr

Accepted

Resolved— On Motion Mr Barwood that the Secy receive 100 $ pr Month for his services

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To the
Executive Committee
Present

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Regulator Vigilance Committee

San Francisco Oct 8th 1851

To Jesse Seligman Dr

1-6in Colts Revolver $30.00

The above pistol was loaned by Mr Seligman to one of the parties who went at night out the Mission Road to arrest Jim Kelly — & think it Dr a legetimate charge against the Committee.

Daniel J Thomas Jr

Vigilance Committee

San Francisco Oct 8th 1851

To Wm Graham Dr

1-5in Colts Revolver $20.00

The above pistol was lost during the attact on the Rifle for Whittaker & McKenzie and is a just charge against the Committee — it having been wrested from the Subscriber during the melee and has never been found.

John B Coulter

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October 10. 1851

N A Stevens. On the night of the eighth of Oct my store was entered from the rear door and my desk robbed of 1370.$ mostly in Moffats 50$ pieces. an attempt was made to cut the lock out of the desk in which the money was placed. Afterward the searched one of the mens pockets and found the Key to the lock & opined the desk and took the money.

Burlin & Brown. On Friday night last at about ¼ past 3 in the morning my wife and self awoke by two m[illegible] more in conversation - foreigners [illegible]gee, how long they had been th[illegible] not tell, one was damning the oth[illegible]rying the back door and asked [illegible]ean you have you forgotten how [illegible]! before he answered he told him not to speak so loud, and answered that he would try it again and with that he moved off in the rear of my house where foreigners lived, as they moved off my dog commenced barking and they said no more.

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Burlin Brown. On Friday night last at about ¼ past 3 in the morning my wife and self awoke by two men or more in conversation - foreigners by their tongue. how long they had been there we could not tell, one was damning the other for not trying the back door and asked him - damn ye have you forgotten how to rob? Before he answered he told him not to spak so loud, and answered that he would try it again and with that he moved off in the rear of my house where foreigners lived, as they moved off my dog commenced barking and they said no more.

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To the Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance
of San Francisco

Gentlemen

Owing to the commencement
to my business, and the Congressional Session
of our Committee, being at an end combined
with other causes, induced me to respectfully
ask of you body to accept my resignation
as President of your board, and Member of the
Executive Committee, I also pray you to grant
me leave of absence as Member of the general
Committee for six Months, with remittance
of Dues and fines

Permit me to say that I look back
with pleasure on the good that you have
effected, and earnestly hope that the present
peace safety and happiness of our Community
may long continue

With Sentiments
of high Esteem
I remain my Duty Yours
Obedt Servt
William Tyler

Accepted
& time granted
Referd to
Com of two
Mr F Woodworth
Col Jas B Ayres

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[Plan of Reorganization]

Resolved That hereafter the General Committee shall meet on the 1st Mondays of March & September in each year and also whenever they shall be called together by two taps of the bell or by a published notice signed by the President and Secretary of the Executive Committee

Resolved

That no person shall be admitted to the rooms or meetings of the Committee if he is 20 days in arrear for dues

Resolved

That at each stating meeting of the Gen. Com. twenty two members shall be elected for the Executive Committee who shall hold office for one year. ~~And more than 15 of the retiring members shall be re-elected~~. All elections shall be by ballot and the Exec. Com shall appoint 3 tellers to conduct the election. The Polls shall be open two hours.

The present Ex. Com. shall hold their seats for the respective times for which they have been elected

Resolved

That the Ex. Com shall fill all vacancies occurring in its body and shall appoint its own officers, none of whom except the Secretary & Sergeant at Arms shall receive any compensation. The Secty shall not receive more than $100 nor the Sergeant at Arms more than $150 per month

Resolved

That the Exec. Com. shall have power

1st To inquire into, and take evidence regarding, all kinds of crime & all malfeasance in office ~~and all matters~~ ~~pertaining to the Courts of justice~~

2nd To order & make arrests

3rd To make assessments

4th To make all bye-laws and orders necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this act.

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5th To appoint a Sergeant at Arms, Chief of Police and Marshall if they see proper so to do, also to define the duties of their respective stations

Resolved

That the Exc. Com shall take all testimony in writing & read a synopsis there of at the first meeting of the general Com; they shall not destroy mutilate or in any manner make away with any of the Books Papers or Archives of the General Com or of their own body, but shall place the same in charge of their Secretary to be by him safely & securely kept-; they shall not expend for all purposes exceeding $500 per month; they shall not have power to close the doors of the Committee against any person ~~be~~ entitled to admission to the meetings of the Gen. Com, except ~~be~~ during the time the Ex. Com. is in actual session for business

Resolved

That at each Stated meeting ~~meeting~~ of the General Com. the Exc. Com. shall cause to be read a detailed statement of the receipts & expenditures of the preceding 6 mos. ~~Com~~

Resolved

That so much of the Constitution or report of the Committee of 5 passed on the 14th ~~Sept~~ inst as is altered or supplied herein be and the same is hereby repealed

c D. J. Thomas, Jr. I Encl 9p. 1/2 Oct. 28

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San Francisco
October 29th 1851

Stephen Paran Esq
Pres't of the Executive
& the Vigilance Committee

Sir

I received, through the Secy of your Honorable body, notice of my election, at your last meeting, as one of your members -

Although highly appreciating the honor you have done me, I find it will be impossible for me to serve, me of my partners being about to absent himself from the city, and the attention -
connected with the Executive -

Should any occasion call me at
your active service I shall always

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to be found at my seat.

With great respect

Yours

Gerrit Smith

Designation

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San Transis'co Nov.r 1.st 1851

To The Vigilance Committee of San Transis'co

For the sake of Justice and the good order of society in this Commonwealth I wish to make known to you the facts of a robbery and attempted Murder at Carson's Creek Calaveras County on the 18.th day of September last. —

One of the guilty parties is now in this city and it may be for the good of the community for your respectable body to know his criminal character. His name is Joseph Tufts at present stopping at the Rassetta House. —

My Name is J. B. Manny from New York City and I am known to some of your body to be a peaceable citizen

On the 4.th of September last I was at Carson's Creek engaged in quartz mining and had a man engaged to work for me at 60 $ a month and board whom I had brought from the Valley of San-Jose. His name was William Gamble. This man had worked for me about the half of one month he then with evil design against me went before Joseph Tufts a pretended Justice of the peace and I believe the two together formed a plan to extort swindle and frighten me out of as much money as they possibly could.

Gamble made a complaint that I owed him one hundred dollars and Tufts issued a forthwith warrant and attached my property without taking any security from Complainant for the attachment which I demanded. This Gamble and Tufts kept watch of me day and night that I might not sell or remove any of my goods. Tufts came frequently in the dead hours of the night before the trial demanding the money or the goods to be given up to him

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On the trial the Plaintiff called no testimony but relied upon himself alone to swear the money into his own pocket. I called two witnesses and after Plaintiff had sworn I disproved the most of his testimony and swore off his complaint. On his oath he said he did not know how many days he had worked and swore much entirely false and contrary to all reason. He swore that I had agreed to pay him four Dollar pr day even while I was bringing him in my wagon at my own expense from San-Jose. The trial was on Saturday the 13th of September and Tufts was to render Judgment at ½ past 8 in the evening but at that time he was together with about a dozen others engaged in drinking carousing and dancing at his office and I went home and to sleek without hearing what it was. At a quarter past 2 on sunday morning the Constable came to my Rent house with a Colts revolver and demanded judgement to the amount of 72 Dollars and ~~40~~ Dollars Cost. He waked me out of my sleek in the dark night and tried to make me pay the Money: I prevailed on him to go away untill morning when he returned served ~~me~~ read some execution or something I know not what for he would give me no copy of it and talked of arresting me for taking my horse away to feed and so on. —
~~He~~ told him that I would comply with the law in all respects on Monday. I procured a lawyer on monday who went with me to Tufts and he got him to give his bill of costs. He immediately struck off 16 Dollars which he said he had charged for Gamble (the plaintiffs lawyer). He still charged 10½ Dollars for my two witnesses which I had subpeoned and paid for at the time.

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One of these witnesses afterwards asked him for the money and he refused to pay him. I paid 27,50/00 Dollars costs—gave security for the judgment and appealed the case to the County Court: To get the bond signed I deposited the money with Mr. E. Gonin a merchant that was satisfactory security. Tufts was so enraged when I had complied with the law for appealing the case that he struck after me 4 times with a cane and swore he would shoot me. He did not send the papers up to court at all. On tuesday and Wednesday nights I saw Gamble and others watching around my house and I went up on the hill and slept at a friends tent or house. On Thursday morning the 18th I was preparing to go away from that place when Wm Gamble Francis Parton and John Goram came to my house and told me if I did not pay Gamble the money he had sued for they would take my life. They were armed with a revolver a large long pistol and a double barrelled pistol. They said I had the money in my pocket and if I did not pay it my life should pay it. As they did not seize me then I went to my friends house on the hill and left my purse and watch. He loaded a gun for me and told me if I took that they would be afraid to molest me. I went back to my tent house and commenced harnessing my horse. The same three men again returned with about 9 others mostly irishmen and some from Sydney. They repeated the same threats and came all around me. I was alone and had laid the gun down to harness my horse. They sprung upon me suddenly and seized hold of the gun. I struggled to retain the gun and kept my hold for some minutes. They pointed several pistols at my head and they called to

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another to Shoot me through the head. I bent my head down expecting every moment would be my last but this circumstance providentially saved my life. They were all so close around me that if they fired at me they would also kill one of their own number. I relinquished the gun and while they were Secreting the gun I got a little way from them but they soon overtook me and commenced trying to kill me. One large tall man seised me by the throat and struck on the neck behind in order to break my neck. One gave me a heavy blow on the temple which stunned me very much. Another struck me in the face. Another struck me on back of the head with some heavy Iron, I think it was an Allen's revolver. So many struck my head at once that I did not feel a large handful of hair which they pulled out at the same time. Francis Parton was one who was very anxious to have me killed for he would gain nearly a hundred dollars by it. He had bought about 60 dollars worth of goods of me and swindled me out of the pay and then sold some of them to Gamble who could not pay Parton unless he robbed me. While some struck me others put their hands into my pockets and took what money I had left there about 8 Dollars and all else of any value. From struggling to get clear and their repeated blows I became completely exhausted and told them I would give them all I possessed if they would not take my life. I first gave them my property but they said they wanted the money. They dragged me almost lifeless up to the Store where the money was deposited as security. Joseph Tufts was present at the Store of Mr. Gonin and did not raise his voice against it. They told Mr. Gonin that I said they could take the money and he gave it to them. They then suffered me to go and I left them while they were getting liquor with the money.

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San Francisco March 6th 1851

To the Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

Gentlemen

Herewith you have a Communication Received from Marysville, which I submit to you for such action as the case may demand

As a precautionary measure I think it would be well to give Notice to Mrs Goodwin the Aunt and Foster Mother of the Child to take care of it — and propose Capt Garwood to give that Notice

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

J Hayman

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Executive Committee
of the Committee of Legislature
Present

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Marysville October 30th 1851.

Mr Parenz Chief of the Vigilance Committee of
San Francisco —

Dr. Sir —

A few days since I returned from Downieville and found that you had been to my house & taken away a child, who my friends & parents placed in my hands about one year ago. Since that time the Child has cost me a good deal of money, and I should be compensated for the outlay by any one who took the Child from my possession ——— I ought to receive at least $200. ——— I would prefer to receive back the Child as I am going to move onto a Ranch in the Country and she would be much Company to us ——— I can not come to San Francisco, but if you write me concerning this matter — tell me when the Child is & what the Expenses of maintaining her the last year and oblige Yours truly & respectfully

Ernest Noble

On motion
Capt Garrison
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San Francisco November 10th 1851

To Messrs J. B. Hume
& T. Woodworth Esquires

Gentlemen

Being informed of your appointment as a Committee to inquire of me in behalf of the Committee of Vigilance my reasons for offering my resignation as Chairman of your body and Member of the Executive Committee &c, I will cheerfully acquiesce with your instructions and as briefly as possible lay the the causes before you for such future action as you may deem proper.

One of the causes referred to is, that our usefulness as a Committee of Vigilance is at an end, by reason of the many innovations that have been allowed to creep in since our reorganization, to wit creating Offices with Salaries attached, increasing indebtedness with out regard to the consequences, or the prospect of paying, the action taken by the Committee in regard to certain matters, prostrating the Wisdom of our body and exposing it to unjust and offensive remarks abroad.

At the time of our formation when we rallied together to aid our City officials, and preserve life and property against the combined action of a corrupt Judiciary and Rogues, we set forth the only just and true course, thereby carrying out the truest maxim, That the People only, can redress grievances" under that we proceeded, and in a short time, with great perseverance, great labor and expense, we secured to ourselves, peace and safety, and do hold forth to our representatives the necessity of their after obeying the will of their constituents, or failing in so doing, they

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should be held amenable to the power creating them, Having in a great measure accomplished our ends, it was thought advisable to curtail our powers, sink our debts, and leave for the present all matters in the hands of our constituted Authorities and test their truth and honesty, merely keeping an Eye of Vigilance on their actions, Hitherto no sooner, have we reorganized, than we proceed to create a Sergeant at Arms with a Salary of $150, a Secretary with a Salary of $100 these two items with other Monthly expenses to wit, Rent $50 pr Mo. Stationary &c $50 pr Month making in the aggregate $350 pr Month, to run at the same time we have old and New debts to pay amounting to some two or three Hundred dollars without a dollar in the Treasury to meet them, it might be well could we end here, we have before us prospectively much greater difficulty to encounter, a portion of which already stares us in the face, I allude to the case of Metcalf vs Argenti, the first action of the Committee touching that matter was wrong and has entailed on us great difficulties, for the future, that case presents the following items

Judge Burnett holds a claim of	$500
Austin Esquire do	500
Counsel at San Jose	500
W Cook	500
Costs paid	125
Costs to accrue in last case	500

we have no reason to believe otherwise than that the Members of the Committee of Vigilance, will eventually have to pay these debts, as well as the

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Monthly expenses to such amounts now to upwards of $3500, the current Lonching that case has set against us, and instead of our taking measures to estop it we continued to do acts calculated to encrease the evil and destroy our vigilance, from time to time Members will be singled out suits brought and if in the same ratio we vote for the same measures, as adopted in the previous cases, we shall create a debt of at least $50000 to say nothing of the annoyance and vexation attending litigation, this matter is also another cause of my resignation

From the time of our creation up to the present time, I have not caused the Committee to be put to any expense attending matters in which I have engaged, but immediately sought to save and to deliver us from danger in regard to our Finances, and you may rest assured Gentlemen that in the case of Metcalf vs Argenti should I be implicated, the Committee shall not be subjected to any costs on my account, but I do complain bitterly that with so much Wisdom in our Assembly we should betray such want of foresight we are by our course allowing a combination to form against us, which is calculated to do us much Harm,

Since I sought Duty on the hands of Honor or Preferment I return you Gentlemen my warmest thanks, for having thought me worthy in the struggles to be made your Chairman, incapable as I may have been to discharge the trust committed to me, if I have erred I do assure you my Errors

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nee not of the heart, I did not desire to be placed in the new Executive at the dissolution, or merging of the old Executive into the New, I really was surprised at my re election especially when I had been informed that I was one of the causes for the dissolution on the ground that I exercised too absolute a power, indeed when Lieut Maury rose and proposed me as President of the new Executive, and I was elected, I could not find utterance to express myself, for the honorary distinction conferred on me, I had determined to resign at a convenient season the present Offer of my resignation is the third or fourth attempt, you may have observed that I have seldom taken the Chair I felt determined to put down the petty, selfish and jealous feeling that seemed to exist, I felt that shorn and stripped of all power, strength and authority, the Chair alone without the man was fully competent to discharge the duty, notwithstanding the acceptance of my resignation I then stand ready to comply with the Solemn pledge made under the Constitution, whenever an exigency may arise, Holding it to be our bounden duty to stand by each other under all circumstances,

The last and only other reason I shall offer you is that of a proper interpretation or understanding of your offices of the Constitution and Bye Laws of the Committee, the cause of which has allowed criminals to escape, or rests in ignorance of the truth wherby our vigilance has been at fault,

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Our Committee of vigilance as it now stands may be aptly compared to a Barque without Compass or Wheel, Crew Mutinous or unwilling to do duty or pay obedience, with a Lee shore and breakers in view, as an Officer of such a Barque with such impending danger in view I think it well to resign my Command into the hands of another, so that the crew may select some one whom they will obey and save the Ship ere it be too late, and I earnestly hope that by thus relinquishing my position some one more skilful may bring you safely through, and anchor in a safe Haven

I feel Gentlemen that the thanks of your Committee is partly due to our worthy Treasurer Eugene D Rapport Esquire throughout this career of Office he has always stood forth and warned us of our position in a financial Point of view, and so sanguine was he at one time of our ability to pay that he offered to loan us on our several promises to pay a sum in the amount, we thankfully but declined acceptance, now with an almost empty Treasury with an enlarged indebtedness, and one likely to increase in the future, it is well that the offer was not accepted may he continue to discharge said duties

Having in a desultory manner set forth reasons why I have offered my resignation to wit, innovations in general, and not intended to have been allowed by the Reorganization of our Committee

Secondly, that the Office of President is a matter of mere honor, and therefore might be abolished, and an Officer pro

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tempore moved annie better, or a more useful purpose

Thirdly that the present course of the Committee is calculated to involve the Members in debt without the means of payment & and eventually involve our Honor, That the measures adopted in the case of Metcalf is Agents betrays a great want of prudence, as well as fear and is calculated to raise a Combination against the Vigilance Committee whereby some must suffer -

Fourthly, That the Constitution and Bye Laws have become inoperative & not understood by Subordinate Officers, whereby the power and Opinion of a Superior Officer and Officers amount to nothing, rendering the Office of Chairman a Nullity,

In conclusion Gentlemen permit to say that I entertain the kindest feelings of regard for you and shall ever remember the circumstances that brought us together and the happy ties arising therefrom, may the good produced ever remain, but should necessity ever demand at our hands the carrying out the Solemn pledges made by us, I will be with you,

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I humbly trust that you will for my position with some one who shall be agreeable to all, that you will alter and amend your Bye Laws, cut down all Officers of Pay - take action in the case of M. & A. in such manner as to prevent further cost and make such Arrangements with Mess Burnett & Austin as that those Gentlemen may have no cause of affront, and relinquish the claim, that you may reconsider the vote in the Matter of M. Cook and let each Member when sued enter his own Appearance, and the Counsel employed may enter a plea. One case alone will determine the issue, and settle the whole matter in Controversy, that you may bring all these matters to a happy issue, ever keeping a vigilant eye on the State and Condition of our City and State, believe me

Truly Yours
Obt Servt
J Hayes

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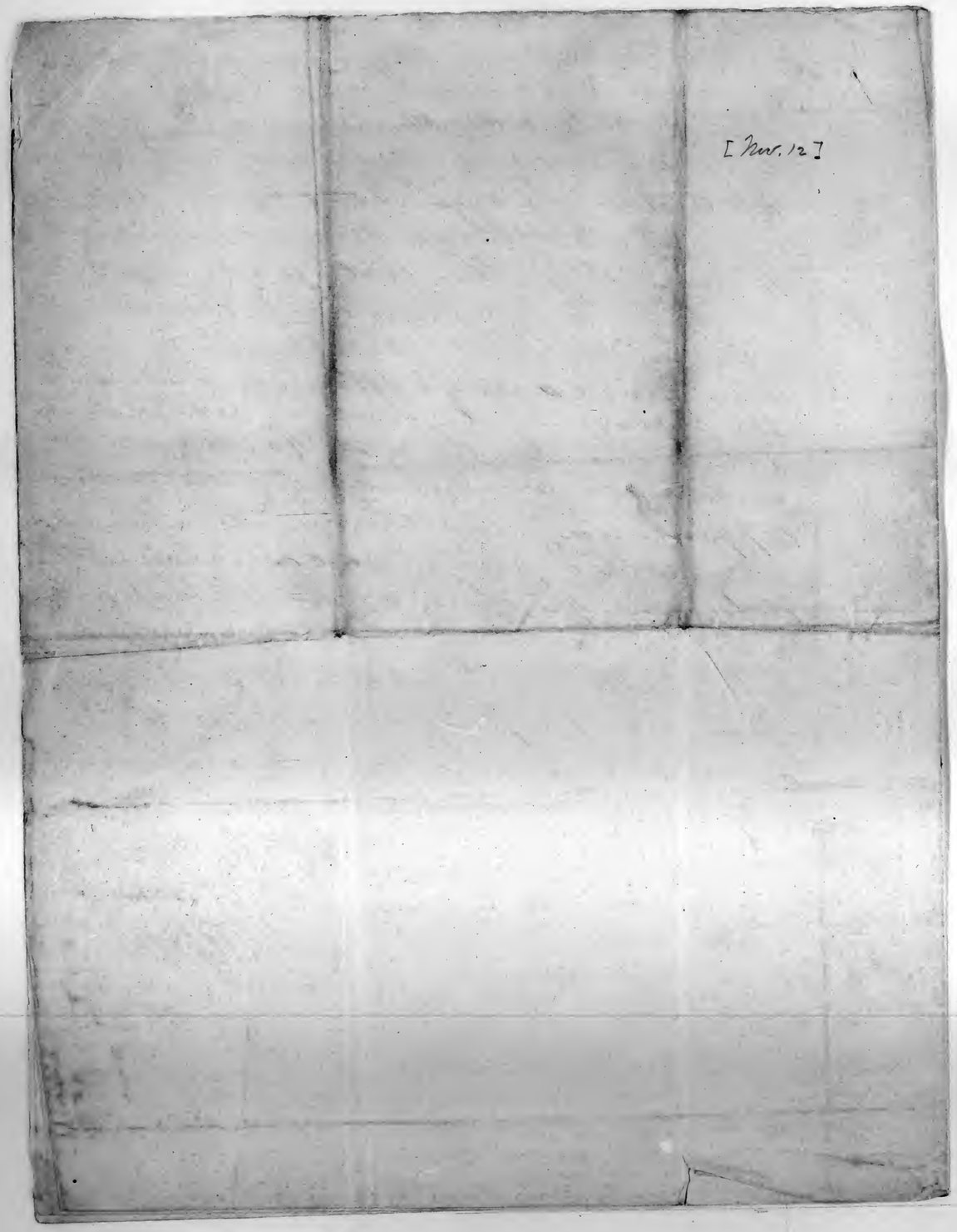
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Nov 11-57

James Dows - comm of Commercial & Montgomery sts.
Dr A. B. Stout
G. M. Garwood
T. J. L. Smiley
J. W. Canterright
James M. Swift
L Benjamin Jr

R M Gilchrist
G W Ryckman

On Motion of Capt Garwood
Resolved That the man Antonio be handed over to the civil authorities with the names of the witnesses and where they reside

On Motion Mr Argenti
Resolved That a receipt be taken for the Prisoner

Minutes of Special Meeting of Bd Com
Nov 11. 1857

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James Allen being duly sworn says:- I was
living about [illegible] Long Wharf this evening, & when
coming [illegible] Kanie, I saw a large
[illegible] enter the house.- The Knife
[illegible] Bowie Knife is the Knife
[illegible] placed this identical
[illegible] the Vigilance Com
[illegible] mation facts of
my own knowledge, other than seeing the
[illegible] and the wounds
[illegible] at the request of a
number of persons.- There was no
[illegible] in that vicinity that I know
[illegible].- The prisoner told me he was
[illegible] for calling him "a son of
a bitch"

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Exhibit 93 Book 11.7

Case of Antonio Gonzales

Pablo de la Maza being duly sworn says I was born in Spain, at San Ander I was born in 1825. have bin in New Orleans 14 years, have bin here one year last September. I Rep the Mississippi house on Long Wharf. Antonio Gonzales is head cook in my house. I was at a table at the time Antonio stabbed Mac I saw ~~Mac~~ Chan go over the table, I heard Chan & Mac call Antonio a son of a biten, Antonio said dont call me a son of a biten, Antonio then took a piece of wood, I told Antonio to throw down the wood, that the men were drunk and did not Know what they said, they then Kept quiet about 2 seconds. they had had their supper and most all of the men had left the table, ~~Mac~~ & Chan then called Antonio a son of a bitch again, and threw a Knife at Antonio, Antonio then took a piece of wood again, Mac then went round the table towards Antonio- When Antonio saw Mac & Chan get up from the table he took his Knife. they came together and Mac took hold of Antonio, and Antonio stabbed him, Mac has one wound in the right breast, and a cut on one of his hands Mac Clean was drunk at the time. Antonio has been in my employment about 3 months, he is not liked in the house. Last Sunday Chan said to me I am

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going to loose the dog in the yard.
My boarders have been complaining for
the last 10 days about this man Antonio
I have Known McLean about since last
June. I have never Know McLean to have
been drunk but twice, he has a good temper
About 8 days since MacLean & Antonio had
some words together

Pablo de la Mara

San Francisco
Nov 11. 1867

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Case of Antonio Gonzales

Joseph Madill sworn says. I was born in Troy State of New York. Aged 25 years next July. am a bar Ruper in the Mississippi house on King wharf. The man Antonio is had cook in our house, is a Portugese by birth as I believe. About half past 6 o'clock or thereabouts this evening there were two men One commonly called Mac, the other Chase The first thing I saw was a man jump over the table it was Mac, the man who was sabbed I saw Antonio stab Mac and he had the Knife raised to stab him, a second time when I rushed in and took the Knife from him This is the Knife now before me. Last sunday the man named Chase went into the back yard and ~~in which~~ Chase was in the act of letting a dog loose, he, Antonio attempted to stab Chase for letting the dog loose. Antonio speaks little or no English, I saw him stab Mac once, he may have stabbed him more than once, I called upon a Police Officer after the stabbing and requested him to take charge of Antonio he had a star on his breast. The Police Officer said yes - "I will be there in a moment" he went up the wharf and I did not see him again. Mac jumped over the table towards Antonio. Mac and Antonio have not been on friendly terms for some time.

Joseph Madill

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Alexander Campbell – Sworn – Was born in Scotland am aged 32 about. Have been in California about 2½ years Have been employed on Pacific Mail Steamers off & on for over two years I knew a man called Antonio Mata a man named Mr Lane kept a large lodging house. After he robbed him he died a few minutes when the crowd rushed in. [redacted] in the Mississippi House in Long Wharf. When the crowd came in Antonio walked into the Rotunda I was in the bar-room. I heard the exclamation of you Dam[redacted] Pitch made by the man called Mr Lane the one that was stabbed. I think I could identify the man that stabbed him. It was about dark. The stab was in the right breast. I saw the wound. Did not know either of the parties until this evening. When Mr Lane was stabbed he exclaimed Oh my God I am stabbed.

San Francisco November 11th 1877

Alex[illegible] Campbell
Have been in [redacted] United States over 17 years = Am a citizen of the U.S.a

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being duly sworn says—I
Alexander Campbell born in Scotland— ~~I~~
aged 32 years about— have been in California 2½
years— have been a hand on board the Pacific
Mail Steamer "H" and on her mean two years.
I saw a man called Antonio stab McClain with a large knife
—after he stabbed him he stood a few seconds, when
the crowd rushed into the bar-room of the Montezuma house
and Antonio walked into the Kitchen.— I was in the
bar-room.— I heard the exclamation of "Jim son of
a bitch," it was made by the man called McClain, the one
that was stabbed.— I think I could identify the
man that stabbed.— It was about dark— was
stabbed in the right breast— I saw the wounds.
Have not known either of the parties till this
evening.— When McClain was stabbed, he exclaim-
ed— "My God, I am stabbed!"—

× This exclamation was made previous to his being stabbed

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Antonio Campbell Mc Lean

(#) being duly sworn says - I

#1 Alexander Campbell, born in Scotland - aged 32 years about - have been in California 2 1/2 years - have been a hand on board the Pacific Mail Steamers off and on for near two years. I saw a man called Antonio stab McClain with a large knife - after he stabbed him he stood a few seconds, when the crowd rushed into the bar room of the ~~Missifirppe~~ Mississippi (2) house and Antonio walked into the Kitchen - I was in the bar room - I heard the exclamation of "you son of a bitch," it was made by the man called McClain, the one that was stabbed. - I think I could identify the man that stabbed.- It was about dark - was stabbed in the right breast - I saw the wounds. Have not known either of the parties till this evening. - When McClain was stabbed, he exclaimed - " My God, I am stabbed." -

(X) This exclamation was made previous to his being stabbed

Omit this
Another copy

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Law Office of Antonio Gonzales
Brownsville, Texas 1857

I have visited the wounded man. He has received a stab in the lower edge of the great Pectoral muscle of the right side of the chest. which has not penetrated into the lungs. It is about half an inch in length. and is not dangerous to life.

A D Stout M.D.

San Francisco
Nov 4. 1857

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[Nov 12 dup]

On Motion of Col Hull
Resolved That no original papers shall go out of this Com room

On Motion of Mr Argenti
That the 4 members being sued be empowered to authorize Mr Cook to appear for the 2 absent members now being sued by Metcalf and that this Committee be responsible for the acts of Special Com

On Motion Mr Hull
That the resignation of Mr Payran be accepted and communication placed on file

On Motion Mr Hull
That the Sergt at arms be sent for and inquiry be made from him how the communication from Mr Many concerning Mr Tufts came into this room

On Motion Mr Warsworth
That at the next regular meeting of this Com.

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The Committee of qualification beg leave to offer the names of

1 A. S. Aldrey 12 mo
2 Frank Fanton 12 mo
3 Wm C. Bromley 12 mo
4 Jas. F. Curtis 6 mo

in place of

1 Joseph Post
2 L. D. Kinney
3 Geo. H. Herrard 12 mo
Rejected and
4 Geo S. Oakes declared

Fredk. A Woodworth
G. W. Ryckman
Thos. McFarland.

accepted
Nov 12. 1857
W. M

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Resolved That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to our late Chairman Stephen Payran Esq for his unremitting attention during the whole period of his connection with this Committee, and for the gentlemanly, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has at all times presided over the deliberations of this body. — and that a copy of the same be furnished him.

Carried

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Resolved That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to our late Chairman Stephen Payran Esq for his unremitting attention and untiring vigilance during the whole period of his connection with this Committee, and for the gentlemanly, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has at all times presided over the deliberations of this body. and that a copy of the same be furnished him.

[Annotated:] Carried

Griswold Woodworth, T. B. King. James Huie, F. Argenti.

San Francisco 13th Novr 1851.

To the President
and Members of the Executive
Committee of Vigilance -
Gentlemen,

It being my intention to leave this city on a visit to the Atlantic States by Steamer of 15th present, I beg to tender my resignation as a member of your honorable body

Respectfully
Gentlemen Your obdt Servt
J. M. Buckley

Resignation accepted
as a member of Ex Com

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The Committee appointed for the purpose of procuring and engaging Counsel to defend a suit brought by one Peter McCalpe, against certain members of the "Committee of Vigilance" by leave respectfully, to Report. —

That agreable to your instructions they waited upon Elisha Cook Esq and advised him of the willingness of your body to place the matter in question entirely in his hands on the terms by him proposed. That gentleman assented his proposition and your Committee made a final arrangement with him to defend the cause to its termination, agreeing to pay him for his services therein the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars at the final settlement of the suit and to reimburse him for any contingent outlay in Cash, as such expenses may accrue. — Your Committee have been advised by the Counsel so engaged that it is the intention of the opposing counsel to delay the issue of [redacted] by applying for an order to postpone the trial of the same until Sivico can be made upon the absent parties mentioned in the writ, Messrs. Brinley & Schmuck. — Your committee feeling it of the utmost importance that the case should come to trial with the least possible delay would therefore recommend that the Counsel engaged by them in your behalf should be authorised to appear and answer for the absent parties above named, and to waive service of process. —

Appended hereto is a receipt for Fifty Dollars

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which your Committee have paid to Counsel on a/c of disbursements before referred to. —

All of which is respectfully submitted

Frdk. A. Woodworth
James Victory
Isaac Bluxome Jr
} Committee

San Francisco
12th Nov. 1851

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Nov. 12 1855

The committee appointed by the President of the Executive Committee, of the Committee of Vigilance, for the purpose of inquireing into the report, that the "California" and "Monumental" Engine Companies of this City, had refused the Committee the use of their Bells when desired, Beg leave to report

Your committee called on the Foreman of the above mentioned Companies, who denied ever having refused the use of their Bells to the Committee, and now tendered the use of the same to the Committee of Vigilance, whenever the Committee desired them, but requested the Committee would call on any one of their members previous to their Bells being rung, who would give the necessary order. As in the instance the "Monumental" Bell had been rung by an outsider, without any order from the Committee of Vigilance, or the Company. Respectfully Submitted.

San Francisco
November 12th 1855

George M. Gilmore.
Jas. L. Wadsworth
Special Committee

Accepted
Com discharged

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To
The Executive Committee
Pacific Railroad

Minutes of Ex Com Nov 16. 1857

Mr G W Ryckman in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting dispensed —

Handy Arrested by Thomas Taylor & Deputy Case

Evidence in case of Handy

On motion of J Argenti

That the Banner of Committee of vigilance now in charge of the Executive Committee be placed in charge of Mr Charles Griswold for safe Keeping.

Present G W Ryckman Mr Delaunt, Argenti Griswold G R Ward Chas L Case J Blaxome Smiley

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James Town Nov. 16th 1851

To the Vigalance Com. of Mariposa

Sirs, I send a
Description of a Greek, by the name of Simeacho
who has committed one of the foulest
murders and Boldest Robbery on Record. He is
about five foot six in in height. Dark Complexion with the thumb of the left hand
Cut off short. Age betwen 30 and 40 years.
When he left he had on brown & light blue Flannel
Over coat. Black Hat. Pants & Boots
Any expenses for the arrest of the Greek
will be paid cheerfully by the citizens of
James Town. A Letter Directed to D. Clarke
of the Above Named place will meet with
prompt Attention

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To the Vigilance Committee
of San Francisco
in Haste

Minutes of Ex. Com Oct 1. 1851

Mr Payran in the chair

Mr Selim Woodworth was called to the chair

Mr Payran read two communications from Mr C D Austin who declined to go on the suit of Atkinson

On Motion Mr Sutton
It was referred to a Special Com to obtain Council for Mr Atkinson and that Com shall have power to act provided the council do not charge over 500 $
Com. J Woodworth Cartwright & Sutton
And that this Com report to morrow evening

On Motion
It was resolved that a Special Com be called the 2d of Oct

On Motion
It was resolved that the President of the Com write to the President of Santa Clara Com

A select Com waited upon the Ex Com and stated they were ready to receive report from Ex Com

On Motion J J L Smiley
Resolved That we recommend to the general Com That they give us the power to make arrest

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On motion of Mr F. A. Woodworth

Resolved. That the Executive Committee have power to arrest criminals and hand them over to the authorities, with discretion to detain any such prisoners as may be charged with the crime of incendianism, and refer their cases to the action of the general Committee. —

Amended by Dr Gwin

& any other heinious Crime

Adopted

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Whereas an article has appeared in the Evening Picayune of this day Stating that "the Vigilance Committee had ceased active operation & in Consequence of the General Condemnation of the Commercial Papers in the Atlantic States." therefore

Resolved, that the Committee Cause to be published in the various papers of this city, that they ~~are~~ hold themselves ready for action, should the Community be ~~so~~ again situated as at the time of the organization of said Committee & that no Comments of any newspaper Can drive them from a Conscientious discharge of their duty to their fellow Citizens

adopted. Presented by No 18

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Oct 2—57

Finance Committee

On Motion Mr Delaney
That.

On Motion of J C Woodman
That the whole matter be referred back
to Special Committee with power to act

Capt Hutton withdrew from Special Com on
lawyers and Capt Nagle was appointed
to fill the vacancy

On Motion ~~Mr Argento~~ Mr J C Woodman
That Mr Argento be added to the Special
Com on Lawyers

Report of Finance Com

On Motion of Lt R Ward
That the Sergeant at Arms receive 150$
from the 17th of Sept—

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To the Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance

The Committee of Finance of
the Committee of Vigilance
have great pleasure in sub-
mitting herewith a report of
the treasurer which includes
the payment (with with a
few exceptions) of all the claims
upon the Committee of Vigilance
up to the adjournment on the
16th Sept last; which report shows
a balance in hand in favor
of the Committee of $ 236.29.

A few claims remaining
unsettled and will be handed
over to the Finance Committee
appointed under the By Laws
of the society to attend to same-
when presented.

All of which is most res-
pectfully submitted

San Francisco Oct 2 1851.

Geo R Ward
L Maynard
Eug Kelly Jr
Committee

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The Committee to whom was referred
the subject of selecting Counsel to
defend Atkinson in the Case of
Mc Kaly &c Agents beg leave
to make the following Report

That your Committee called
upon Col Weller and stated the
wishes of the Committee to retain
him as Counsel and desire to know
upon what terms he could be employ=
=ed to defend the Suit untill its termi=
=nation. He stated that he would
with pleasure undertake the Suit
& inasmuch that proceedings in the
case might occupy much of his time &
require his absence from this City for
any indefinite time he would charge
Eight Hundred Dollars & present
three hundred dollars as a Contribution
to the funds of the Vigilance Committe

Your Committee did not close
with Col Weller but prefer to
submit this matter to your hands

All of which is Respectfully
Submitted

E. J. Sutton
Chairman

San Francisco
Oct. 2nd 1851

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Wymans Ravine Nov 17/51

Mr Charles Wood

Dr Sir. Our vicinity has been greatly excited for a week past in consequence of Five of the most brutal murders. the bodies of which have been found. and the absence of Four others, which are supposed to have shared the same fate. Circumstances since the murder have caused suspicion strongly to attach to Bill Moulder. whome doubtless you recollect. He was in posession of a claim. which three days before the murder he valued at $5.00. and the next day after sold at a great sacrifice and left immediately. On the day he left, an attempt was being made to organize a Vigelance committee. He is known to have been holding communication. for two days previous to the murder with suspicious looking individuals. He has been in the habit of spending considerable sums of money. which he is known not to have brought here, or to have made since. There is no proof that he was present when the deed was done. but is strongly suspected of being cognisant of the whole matter. he is supposed to be one of the gang

over

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I have addressed this note to you to get you to lay this letter before the Vigilance Committee of Sacramento. not knowing the names of any of that Comitte. I shall omit a description as you can give the Committee that as well as I can — Moulder is from New Holland and left here with the avowed intention of returning to Sidney. The reason he gave for leaving was that the climate did not agree with his health. He left without being aware that any suspicion attached to him, in fact it was the sacrifice of his claim and his evident anxiety to get away, that led suspicion to him, since which many circumstances have been recollected, which has induced the people to believe that he is one of the gang As he has gone to your city, the Committee here has thought it advisable to call the attention of your committee to him —

Yours in haste

H Payne

Pres Vig Committe

Wymans Ravine

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He goes By the Name of Wm Morgan or
" Moulder

Middle Size Man, Mustache
he wore when I last Se him.
he has a Lisp In his Speech English
Brogue

On Motion Capt Garwood
That letter be placed on file

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Nov—19 1850

Ask Mr Goodrich if he observed two men Standing a few feet from him whilst conversing with Brittingham near where the old Custom House stood, Lead him to believe that some members overheard him and he will tell all he knows =

Henry has been here, and supposes, that Goodrich is here relative to some Stolen Hogs, ask Goodrich about them

Wilson at the Mission Stated to me that all he knows of Henry is that he heard him say, that if Brittingham did not pay him eighty Dollars he would have his hearts Blood—

Wilson bears a very good character at the Mission & gives a very good one of Brittingham.

D. L Oakley
U. S. A.

Nov 19th 1850

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Copy

Executive Committee Chambers
San Francisco Nov 20. [?]

Stephen Payran Esq

Dr Sir

Your communication to the Executive Committee of Committee of Vigilance, asking for the acceptance of your resignation as a member of this Committee, and Leave of absence from General Committee with remittance of dues & fines was read last evening.

The Committee accept your resignation as a member of this body, but decide that they have no power to grant leave of absence from or remittance of dues & fines from General Committee, unless the applicant is about to leave the State.

The following resolution was offered & passed.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to our late Chairman Stephen Payran Esq for his unremitting attention and untiring vigilance during the whole period of his connection with this Committee and for the Gentlemanly and impartial manner in which he has at all times presided over the deliberations of this body.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Obt Servt. J. Bluxome Jr, Secy.

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Mahlon Sexton Esq
Present.

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☞ *The Shipper will please make out the Manifest of the Goods shipped without delay.*

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GREGORY'S

CALIFORNIA

PACKAGE, PARCEL & MESSAGE EXPRESS.

New-York, 10th Oct 1851

Received of L. Rosenthal Esq in apparent good order, to be transported in this EXPRESS LINE, the undersigned articles, marked as per margin, which I promise to deliver in like good order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to L. Sylvestre at San Francisco.

It is agreed, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that this Express Line is not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the Seas, Steam or River navigation, leakage, fire, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of the principal, the agents, or servants of the line; and in no event to be liable beyond the route as herein receipted. It is also fully understood, that shippers by this Line assume the risk of damage by wet, from any cause, while passing from New-York to San Francisco, and that they warrant their packages to be in a water-proof condition. Valued under $100, unless otherwise herein stated. Articles receipted for, to be delivered in a reasonable time after reaching San Francisco.

FREIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO, Thirteen 50/100 Dollars, Paid

MARKS.	Weight. lbs.	PACKAGES.
L. Sylvestre San Francisco		One Tin Case

For JOSEPH W. GREGORY.
Thompson Hitchcock
Jn William Cliff Agents.

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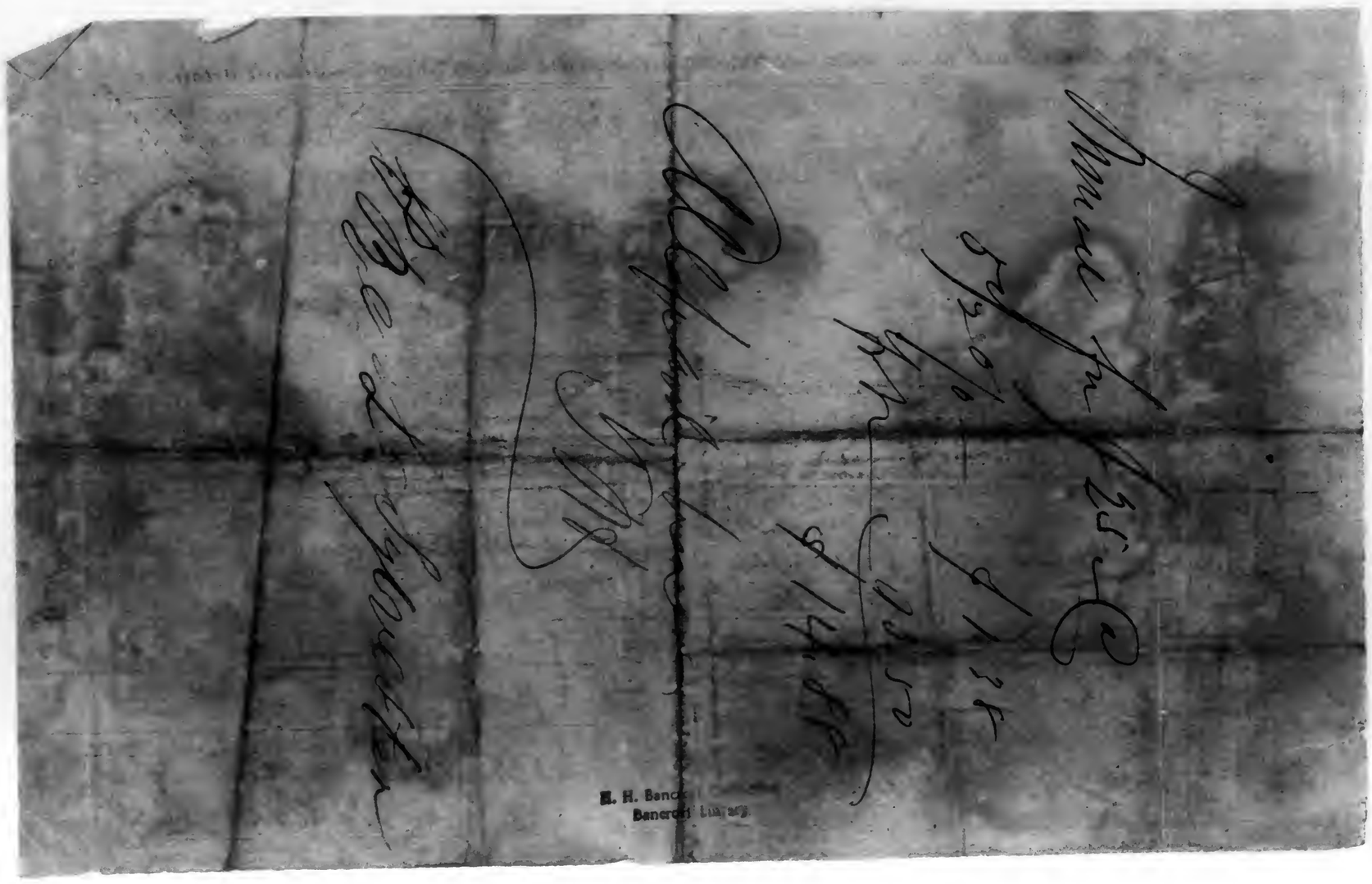
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Oct 10 - 1867
[Mr 25]

Mr Lot M Gregory states that he has received a quantity of bogus gold from New York directed to Mr E Sylvester unsigned by in Sacramento St between Montgomery & Kearny Sts on the right going up. Mr Crozier said to me after informing him I stated that I had such an article in my office

Mr C ~~that~~ then appeared a difficulty about it in proving that it was his (D), but that it might have been sent to him for his own use at a time, Mr C did not tell me to arrest the party when My attention was called to it by my agents in New York. he called in

On the Ship's manifest it is called brass solder.
On the Reciept of Gregory the reciept reads
Received of ~~E Rosenthal~~ Mrs Sylvester, One tin Case H

Mr G states that he has in his possession with the box of the same material waiting for some one to call for it.

On motion of Mr G R Ward
That a Com be appointed for the purpose of waiting upon Mr Gregory and ascertain the person who calls for the box now in his possession and when the person calls to arrest him and send for the Commissioners or a sufficient number to Keep him safe
Against De Lacour & Delong

On motion of Mr G R Ward
Resolved that the Chairman be added to the Committee passed

Print Mr. 25

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Minutes of Executive Committee Nov 26. 1857

Mr G W Ryckman in the Chair

Minutes of two preceding Meetings read & appd

Mr J Woodworth one of the Committee on proms stated that he had not seen any of the rest of the Com and therefore cannot make any report.

Communication from Wymans Ravine
On Motion J R Nash & J Woodworth
That the Secy send a copy of the
letter to the Mayor

Qualificatin Com
Report the name of De Witt C Brown in
place of S Payran James Murray in
place of Wm Ruoling.

On motion adjourned

L H Bierne Jr
Secy

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Resolved That the Secretary be instructed to notify the members of the Committee on Collection, of their appointment, & enclosing them a copy of the Resolution of this ~~Committee~~ fully in regard thereto. — Also furnishing each member of said Committee with a suitable heading for a Subscription Paper, explaining the objects for which the Collections are made, and assigning the particular district in which they operate. ——

[Dec 10 Lawrence 105]

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The Committee appointed to divide the City in districts and appoint members to collect money from the inhabitants to defray the expenses of the Committee of Vigilance report the following

East and West

Pacific St	from Kearny St	east.	~~J Hadsfault~~. Mark Ripley
Jackson "	"	"	R M Jessup
Washington "	"	"	Samp Dows
Clay St	"	"	Jas B Hill. J F Hutton
Long Wharf	"	"	Jas F Curtis Jas Murray
Commercial St	Montgomery	"	C Delessert
Sacramento St	" to Kearny	"	James M Swift
California St	Kearny St	"	Wm H Thompson. ~~Chas Ingraham~~ Telegraman
Pine St	"	"	A F Leuchtenmacher "

North & South

Kearny St from	Clay St	North	J C C Wardsworth
"	"	South	Nelly
Montgomery St	"	North	P Tyler. C R Bond. C Delessert
"	"	South	Jas Delong & C Delessert
Sansom St	"	North	W F Coffman. M A Darling
"	"	South	~~Chas H Low~~ Geo R Ward
Battery	"	North	Wm H White
"	"	South	G M Garwood
Front St	"	"	W C Bromley
City North of	Broadway		A Miller

All of which is respectfully submitted.

James Davis

Isaac O Wayne Jr

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[Dec 10 Lieut 1067]

Capt. William Ellis of Brk. Callao lying near Long Wharf
was arrested this morning, Dec. 17, at one o'clock by six Irishmen, and two wa-
termen, all of whom represented themselves as members of the
Vigilance Committee of this city.— Believing them as such, he
went with them to their boat.— They took him to the Mission
Creek— there handcuffed him— took him under the threat of hanging
if he refused some three or four miles into the country, and
then exhibited a rope with which they threatened to hang
him unless he paid them $220. Had no money with him,
but in order to save his life had to promise to pay that
amount.— Among one of the party very well, is named
McManus— the same man that escaped from the
Colonies.— Another of the party called his name Rafsell,
a brick layer— They told him that Jack Hays was also
one of the party, but does not believe it was Hays.— Another
man of the party represented himself as belonging
to the revenue department.— Both the watchmen rep-
resented themselves as in the employ of the Vigilance
Committee.— Ellis once received in part payment for
assisting in the attempted escape of Smith O'Brian $220, and
this being the same amount demanded is probably the reason
why he demanded that particular amount. Neither
of the six men ever paid any thing toward the $220.—

F. Woodworth
Cartwright
Ward,
Burgan
Teschemacher

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but to my surprise they refused to allow him to go. Mr Coombs asked them when they going to take me, they replied that if he would enquire at the Sheriffs office in the morning they would find out we then pulled up to Mission Creek and went alongside of a Schooner at the head of the creek, they asked among themselves if the Major was there with horses, I landed, & they held a consultation ~~with each other~~ ~~Major Mc~~ -nus stepped up to me and told me that I was his or their prisoner, and if I moved one inch it would be instant death to me, Mr McManus gave the order to march forward we went by a long sandy road I should think at least three or four miles where there was a brick Kiln, they held another consul-tation, McManus took me to a hut close by, and took me inside and ordered me to remain there, a fire was lighted and they gave me some spirits to drink and something to eat, but I eat nothing I remained in the hut about one hour and afterwards I was tried by McManus and his men, Mr McManus had a rope which he said he was going to hang me with, I was asked several questions respecting Mr Smith O'Brien I gave them every [illegible] -ting the affair, [illegible] from the hut for a [illegible] returned in about [illegible]

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aquitted me of the charge of betraying
Smith O'Brien, and of running away
with the Cutter Victoria. The jury
called me out to the outside of the hut
and told me that I would have to re-
-pay 220$ for one half and the outfit
of the Victoria. The men told me
that I could go home again, Mr McMa-
-nus still persisted in desiring to shoot
me but the others Kept him off. I had
no arms about me ~~One of the men~~
who appeared to be my friend I asked
to lend me a pistol, and if I had done
wrong I would fight Mr McManus there, his friends
would not allow it, and said they were
perfectly satisfied with my statement
and would see me home safe. The Cut-
-ter, Victoria was lost at the Sandwich Islands a-
-bout 10 months since. Wm Ellis
San Francisco Dec 18. 1851

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Thomas Russel being duly sworn deposes & says, I know Capt Ellis he was, in New Zeland, always born a first rate character (I have known him about 6 years), until about 7 years since, I was then residing in New Zeland, he commanded the Schooner Hannah, and was brought in prst and charged with Piracy, I was empanneled on the jury but being favor-ably inclined towards Capt Ellis I was ~~excused from sitting on the Jury~~ but was tried and sentenced to 7 years to one of the Penal Colonies. At the time I made up my mind that he was not guilty of the offence and resolved ~~made up my mind~~ with others to take him from the Gaol by force. A strong guard being at the gaol we did not attempt it.

I was one of the party who went on board the ~~Ship~~ Barque Calleo, I called to ~~him~~ Capt Ellis and told him to come up, he told me to come in the morning, I got opposite the Cabin door so that he should not make his escape with a pistol in one hand and a Knife in the other, he made no resistance presently a boat came alongside I told him to drop himself and come with us, he did so, he got into the boat we pulled away round the coast some where and into the [illegible] there we met a number of men ~~there~~ to us. they took ~~some~~ something to eat, and Capt Ellis had a fair trial thus explained

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himself very well, and satisfied some
of the men, but did not satisfy me
altogether. I have never heard any
one say any thing bad of Capt Ellis.
I did not say that we were members
of the Vigilance Committee, nor did I hear
any one say so
San Francisco Dec 18. 1851 Thos Ryan

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Capt John Coombs being duly sworn de-
-poses says. I was on board the Bark
Callao when a party came on board &
wanted Capt Ellis. I heard some one
state that ~~they were members of the~~
~~Vigilance Committee~~, the Vigilance
Committee wanted ~~them~~.

John Coombs

Alexander Richards being duly sworn
deposes says. Mr Coombs remarked
while this party came on board. I saw
this was the Vigilance Committee came
to visit them. There was no distinct
avowel from any of the party that
they were members of the Vigilance
Committee.

Alex Richards

John Balnear, About the middle of the
night a party of men came on board
the Bark Callao. and one of the party stated that they
were ~~are~~ officers of ~~the Committee~~ of Vig
~~ilance~~

J Ballen

Capt William Webster

San Francisco Dec 18. 1851

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Thomas Melville

I was present when the party came on board the Bark Cal-leo. I did not hear any one say that they were members of the Committee of Vigilance.

Thos Nilney

San Francisco Dec 18. 1857

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Presidents Executive Committee
Committee of Vigilance

Sir

The undersigned prays for leave of absence for the term of two months, as he is about leaving the State for that period.

Respectfully
Alex. Kirchner

San Francisco
27 Dec 1857

Granted.
Dec 31

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Ansd Jany 5. 1852 Affr Secy

Mokelumne Hill Dec. 28. 1851.

Gentlemen.

A gambler by the name of James Campbell was tried on Friday last by a Jury of the people of this place for killing most wantonly a Chilean by the name of Estaban Valdes, a verdict was rendered of "Wilful Murder without provocation", but when returned a small aggemblage only was present & he was released by the influence of the gamblers & he fled below. Yesterday a Vigilance Committee was organized here, & they have offered a reward of $300 for the delivery of Campbell at the Rooms of the Committee in this place, which sum will be paid on his delivery.

It requires any assistance in the way of furnishing evidence or otherwise will be rendered by addressing our body.

Campbell was formerly a member of ~~Howard~~ Stevenson's volunteers, & the "San Francisco Hounds"

Height 5 feet 9 in. Hair dark brown, eyes dark gray. Complection Fair — Visage long; aged about 25 years.

Any effort on your part to secure the arrest & delivery of Campbell will be gratefully reciprocated.

Respectfully yours,
per order of the Executive Committee
J. E. B. Weeks.
Secretary.

The Vigilance Committee of San Francisco.

Received & placed on file and duly ans'd this. Dec 31

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Minutes of Ex Com Dec 31. 1857

Mr G W Ryckman in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & appr

Com on Certificate report that by the next meeting the Cer will be ready -

Letter from A. Kirchner
" " Meacham Hill

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Permit ? Quit

Minutes of Ex Com Dec 31. 1851

Mr G W Ryckman in the chair

Minutes of former meeting read and approved

Com on Certificate report that by the next meeting the Cer will be ready -

Letter from a Kirchner

" " Macosiann (?) Hill — Mercolame Hill

Spelling example. (notice)

Read & placed on file
March 2. 85

Executive Committee Rooms
Mokelumne Hill, Jany 9. 1852.

Mr. Isaac Blatsome Jr.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 5th inst, was duly received, and I am instructed to convey to your body the thanks of our Committee for its early and prompt attention to the subject matter of our communication. We will take pleasure in communicating to you any information in our power relative to criminals and rendering any assistance for their arrest.

To your polite offer of forwarding us a copy of your constitution and bye laws, I will say, that our Committee will be gratified to receive the same as early as it may suit your convenience to transmit them.

Yours respectfully.

J. E. P. Weeks.
Secretary.

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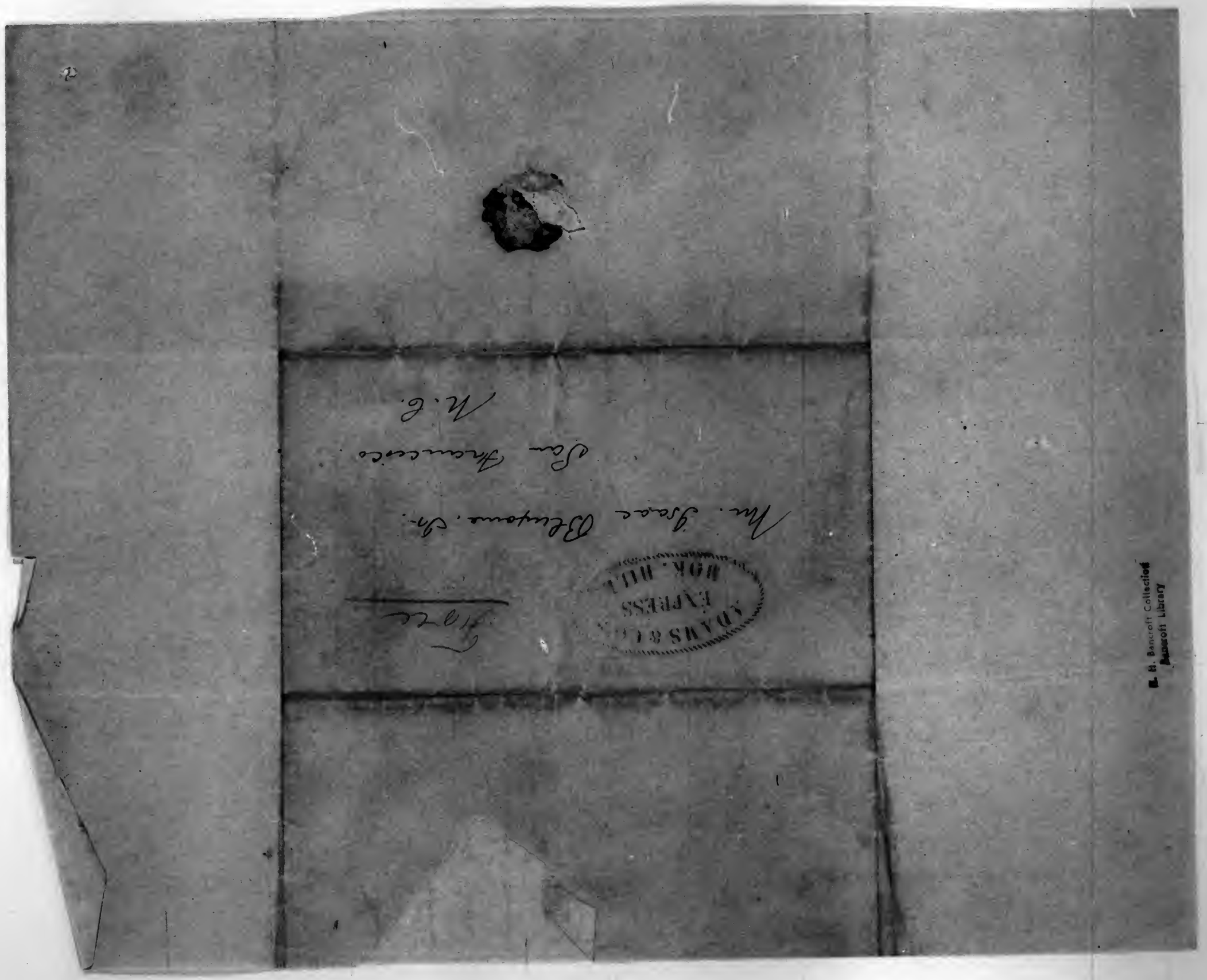
Mr. Isaac Atwood. &c.
Box. Accesso.
M. E.
1825
ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS BOX. BOS.
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Minutes of Ex Com Jany 14. 1857 [2]

Mr Selim E Woodworth in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & approved

Letter of Edward Oates Esq in answer to Com of Big read placed on file

Letter of B Reynolds laid on table

On Motion of I C & Wardsworth
That the name of the Treasurer be signed to the Certificate of Membership of Com of Big

On Motion of I C & Wardsworths
That the Treasurers name be placed on the left hand side of Certificate of Membership -

On Motion of F Woodworth
That the Secy be authorized to obtain a box in the Post Office —

On Motion of F Woodworth
That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of M Griffith of Steamer Fire Fly for Coal

I C & Wardsworth
That the Secy write to each of the Gent who have a Subscription list & report at the next meeting on Wednesday and that they will exert themself to make the Amt as large as possible

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On Motion of Woodruff
That as soon as the Officers of the
Com can have the Certificate ready
they shall publish in the papers

~~On Motion Adopted~~ ~~Ordered~~ ~~Argenti~~
~~Stand~~
The Secy have permission to lay before
the

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Resolved That a meeting of the General
Committee be called & that at this meeting the
proposition of adjournment Sine die be submitted

resolution presented by J. A. La Rondie

January 14
1852

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Diary 14-185

To
The President of the Engineer
Committee
San Francisco
Cal.

Sir
Owing to official duties of the
U.S. I am Compelled to visit
Washington D.C. I am with
obligation by giving me a Certificate
and leave of absence to visit the
Atlantic States
Respectfully
Samuel Tyler

San Francisco Jan 14th/57

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Sir

Your Communication dated 16th inst
is received, and leave of Absence granted
you, a reasons therein set forth.

You will upon your return from
the Atlantic states, report at an early
day at the Commandants Quarters, agreeable
to the Rule and Regulations.

In letting you have leave of absence
for the said period of days
permit me to assure you that
your absence will be felt and your
duty and steady return will expose to
the Judgment of your

Lieut. Commanding

Revenue Cutter Service
San Francisco

Lieut gal Tyler

To

The Hon

President

Vigilance Committee

Sir

Your Communication dated 14th inst is received, and leave of absence granted for reasons therein set forth.

You will upon your return from the Atlantic States, report at an early day at the Committee Rooms, agreeable to the Rule and Regulations

In taking leave of you though for the brief period of a few months permit me to assure you that your absence will be felt and your safe and speedy return will ever be the prayer of your &c

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May 14 - 1851 (pencil)

1852?

To

The President of the vigilance Committee

San Francisco Cal

Sir

owing to the official duties of the W. S. I am compelled to visit Washington D. C. you will oblige by giving me a certificate and leave of absence to visit the A, States Yrobt Svt with

Kind regards

Samuel Tyler

San Francisco ~~Cal~~ Jan? 14th ~~11~~/51

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1852 - M. F. M.

Minutes of Ex Committee Jany 21. 1851
Mr G W Ryckman in the Chair
Minutes of former meting read & approved

letter recd from Mr Argenti
dues remitted and leave of absence granted

Leave of absence granted to Chas L Case
On Motion Geo R Ward
That Mr Berford & Connor be accepted
as members of Vigilance Committee.
Carried -

Ord Mr Geo R Ward volunteerd to make collections on Sansom St from Clay St South
in the place of Chas L Case - who has gone
to N York
On Motion Geo R Ward
That Certificates of membership be sent to
Capt Wm A Howard & C Wakeman now
at the Sandwich Islands, On parchment

W B Perry Pd 10 f

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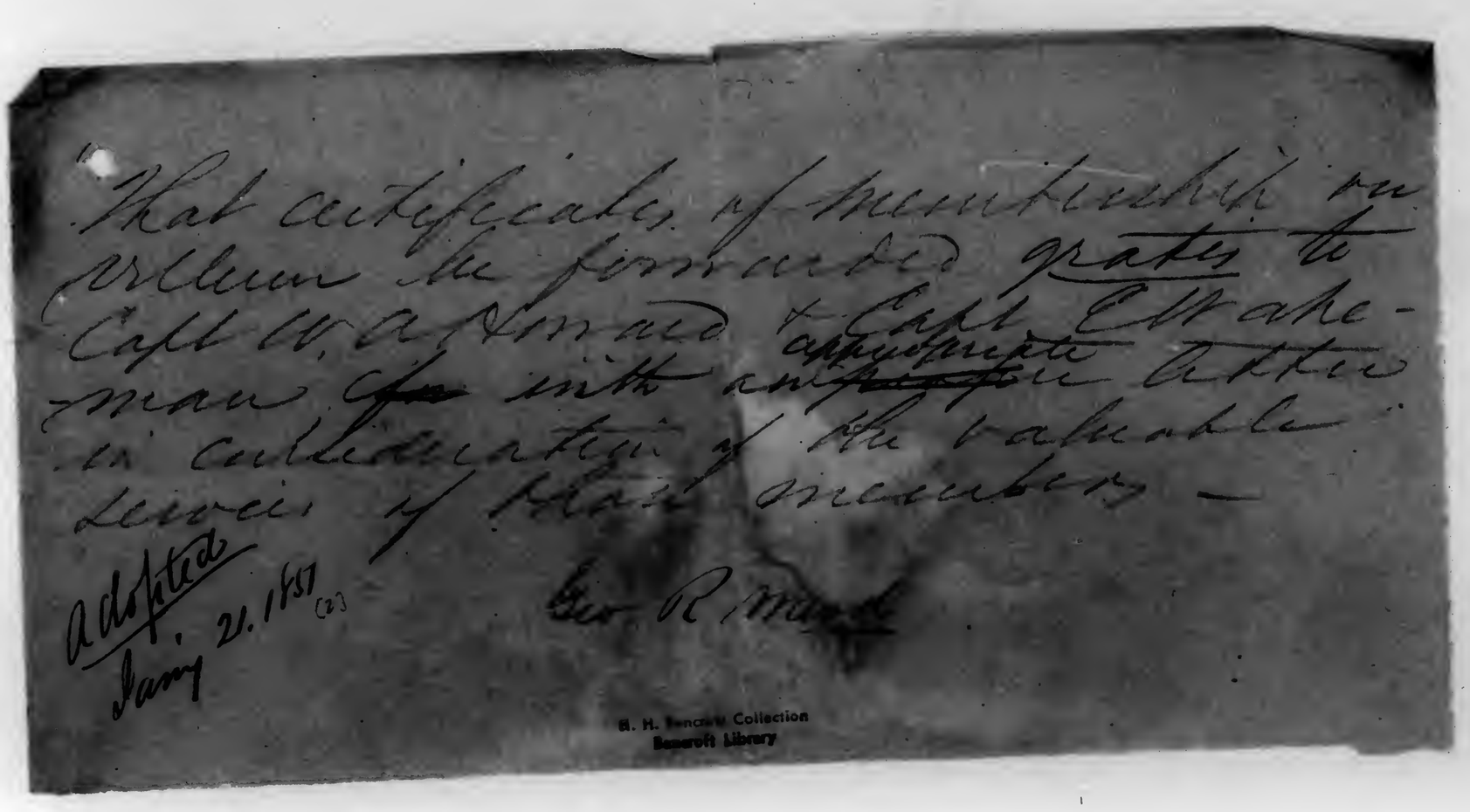
"That certificates of membership be
issued the forwarded rates to
Capt W. A. Thomas & Capt Ellis Ake-
man ~~of~~ with appropriate letters
in acknowledgment of the valuable
services of their members —
Adopted
Jany 21. 1851 (2)
Geo R Mayo
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Frisco
Jany 21. 1852

To the President of
The Vigilance Committee

Dear Sir

This will be handed to you by my friend Mr Delafont who will explain to you that I have been obliged to start this morning for Newyork in such haste as to be unable to take a personal leave of you. I beg to assure you that I still remain with you heart & soul. I shall return here within 3 or 4 months when I hope to find you all in good health & our City flourishing.

Meantime I remain

Sincerely yours.

J. Argenti

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Ex Com Jany 28. 1851
Present Woodworth in the chair
Minutes of former meeting read & approved

Absent members

G R Ward one of Com of collection reports that he with Mr Smiley had collected & paid over to the treasurer 200$ and that there was 100$ more to be collected.
report accepted and Com have privilege to collect from citizens in any part of the city
The Com give thanks to said Com.

Ther D Woodworth Com on correspondence report that they have prepared letters &c

Mr Seligman was appointed to make collections in place of Chas Grisvold on California St

On Motion of Wm A White
That Mr Elias Woodworth & Geo R Ward be appointed a com to wait upon Mr Hays the Sheriff of the County.
On motion Mr Ryckman was added to the Com
On Motion of Mr Smiley
That as soon as the communication from the French consul is rec'd ~~&c~~ concerning criminals that the same be published.

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Minutes of Executive Committee July 4. 1852
Mr G W Ryckman int the Chair
Minutes of former meting read & approved

Mr G R Ward & D Woodworth
Committee on French Convicts

Com on Jail fund

On Motion of G R Ward
That the Secy be requested to answer the letter of Mr Wm G Blake and state to the Gent that Mr Cartwright had no authority to obtain money on

On Motion of D R C Brown
That ~~the~~ from and after this date the office of Sergt at Arms be ~~declared vacant~~ abolished
Carried

On Motion of D Woodworth
That unlimited leave of absence be granted to Mr John I Bisgett and that the Secy inform him of the fact

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Minutes of Ex Com
Feby 4. 1862

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University of California
Berkeley

On Motion of G R Bard

Feby 4 1852

Resd that a communication
be addressed to
signed by the President & Secy
& under the Seal of the Com-
mittee, most explicitly denying
that Jno Cartwright had any
authority to contract debts on
the Com of Ry. and that Mr.
Jno Cartwright be called upon
for explanation.
Feby 4, 1852.

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COMMITTEE OF VIGILANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Copy

Executive Chambers
San Francisco February 4. 1852

Mr D L Barkley

Sir

I am directed by the Executive Committee of Vigilance Committee to notify you that from and after the date of this letter the Office of Sergeant at Arms is abolished.

I remain
Your Obt Servt
Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary.

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To the Honorable President of the Executive
Vigilant Committee

Sir

The undersigned being obliged to remove with his family at a farm distant from this City Beg to present his Resignation of his membership of the Honorable Vigilant Committee. If I had remained in this town I would felt honored to remain as Member of said Committe

Yours most ob.t Sr.
John J. Voget
N.o 196.

San Francisco 6.th February 1852.

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To the Honorable President

of the Vigilant Committee

of San Francisco

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San Francisco
Feb 4. 1852

The Executive Committee
of the Committee of Vigilance
of San Francisco

To B. Revere Dr.

For Amt. of two notes given by
Dr Cartwright as Columbia Jun
Funds loaned Dr Cartwright in
while acting as Agent of Committee
at Columbia Nov. 27th 1851

Note Dated Nov 27 1851. for $ 30.00
" " Dec 2 " " 108.50
$ 138 50

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San Francisco
Dec 4 1852

Coach Line
Clyte Stewart & Co
Mokelumne Valley

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st inst is rec'd - There are no letters in this office for C. B. Andrews.

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Executive Committee Chambers
San Francisco February 5th 1852

Wm. T. Coleman

Sir

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Vigilance a letter from you [illegible] your resignation to be accepted, for reasons set forth, was read. I am directed by the Committee to say to you that no resignation can be accepted, but they give you unlimited leave of absence, and remission of dues and fines.

I am also authorized to thank you, for the Committee, for your untiring vigilance, and promptness when called upon for duty.

I remain
Your Obt Servt
Isaac Bluxome Jr
Secretary.

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Feb 11 52

Mond 6th 1786 - Mat the Secretary addrs
the Mat a Letter stating that the Creditors
had no Legal Authority from the Creation
to Contract Debts in the Name of the Legislature
Committee Consequently the bill is referred to
Mr Ridgely Mr Paca Mr Blake

[dup.]

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Minutes of Gr Com Feby 11. 1852
Mr G W Ryckman in chair
Minutes of former meeting read & approved

On Motion of J W Cartwright
That the Secy be directed to write to Mr
Reed and state that Mr Cartwright had
no right to

On Motion of G W Ryckman
That the Secy report at the next
meeting the names of Gent who have
been absent for 6 successive meetings

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Feb - 11 - 52

C. E. Woodworth Esqr.
President of the Committee of Vigilance
of the City of San Francisco.

Sir,

I propose to leave here on the 15th inst. to visit the Atlantic States, with an intention to return to this State with my family, and therefore beg leave of absence for Eight months.

Respectfully yours &c
Wm Hamersley

San Francisco
February 11th 1852

Leave of absence granted
with remission of dues & fines
Feby 11. 1852.

P.B.J.
Secy

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San Francisco Feby 13. 1852

Gentlemen

I beg leave to report to you that by the Authority of the Committee of Finance of the Vigilance Committe of San Francisco, I drew upon the Banking house of Messrs Dellessert & Co for the sum of $4694.29/100 which I suspended for the completion of the County Sail and filed a Lein in the Recorders office of this County, in the following sums and for these purpose viz paid James Donahue for Rock $2750-

Blackburn & Thompson for	Cement	200-
Williams & Meiggs for	Lumber	377-
P. D. Healy	" Cement	451.75
S. P. Divine	Mason	63.
J. P. Smith	Carpenter	254.
J. O'Conner	do	130.50
W. A. Neale	Mason	134.
W. Bundle	do	67.
Smith	do	212.
Merritt & Walton	Carters	38.
		$4677.28-

To Geo R Ward Esqr
S. C Woodworth "
G. W. Ryckman "

Very Respectfully
John L Stays
by B F Harley

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Jail Fund Report.
Sheriff Hayes.

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Executive Committee Chambers
San Francisco July 15. 1882

Capt J M Garwood

Sir

I am directed by the Executive Committee of Committee of Vigilance to inform you that they have granted, leave of absence, to you for the term of eight months from the date of this letter.

I am also requested to thank you in behalf of the Committee, for the many valuable services rendered by you to the Committee

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Minutes of Executive Committee Feby 25. 1852
Mr Selim E Woodworth in the Chair

Report of Special Com on Jail funds
Mr Woodworth one of Com reported as follows

The following Gent were appointed as trustees for the Jail fund
Jas Dows Jas M Swift, S E Woodworth

Bill for rent of room presented and ordered paid

Bill of Evening Picayune presented and ordered paid, and discontinue the paper

On Motion of J Bluxome Jr
That a letter of condolence and a certificate of membership be sent to the friends of Capt Charles Thompson

Mr. White & Mr Howarth requested leave of absence for as he is about to leave for the Atlantic States. until the term for which they were elected members of the Executive Comm

On Motion of J J C Smiley
That the Qualification Com report the names of Gent at the next meeting as members of Executive Comm

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On Motion of Mr I C & Wardsworth
That the Treasurer be ordered to pay
the bills of the Committee as they were
contracted so far as approved by the
Comm

On Motion of Mr Wardsworth
That the bill of Wood Cook & Olds for
defending Mrs Mullus et als be approved
and paid by the Treasurer

[Feb 25, 1853 dup.

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Executive Committee Chambers
Mokelumne Hill Feby 29th 1852

Mr. J. Bluxome Jr
Secy of Vig. Com.e of San Francisco.

Sir:-

In your Letter of 5th Ult. to our former Secretary Mr. E.P. Weeks, you kindly made the offer of forwarding a Copy of Your "Constitution & bye-laws" to the Vigilance Committee of this place, at their desire.

Mr. Weeks said he had accepted your offer; however, thus far Nothing has come to hand; consequently, we would, most respectfully, renew the desire of obtaining a Copy of "the Constitution & bye-laws" of Your respectable association

By order of the Executive Committee.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Servt
Wm. L. Zuber
Secretary.

[printed March 3]

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