

California San Diego Sept 24th 1849

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the Pacific Ocean at the Port of San Diego a Mexican
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~~six weeks or more yet I am going to take~~

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I will get a vessel in ten days from and
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hundred miles I have under ^{gone} a great deal
since I saw last with fatigue of traveling
and hard times ~~but~~ a great quantity of poor
fellows laid there bones in the wilderness
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perhaps will starve ~~to~~ death But I am one
that have been blessed so far and if I have
luck ~~to~~ from this on I will be a head
of thousands that ^{were} a part of ^{at the start} me we hear very good
News from the mines yet things are high
in this place a man can get five dollars a day
and it will cost him all most that ~~to~~ live
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The Quarter Master of this place I will
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we learn at this this place that those that
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not say with any certainty when
I shall be able to start home it is a ~~long~~
long distance from here there ~~is~~ I am
on one side of the continent and you are
all most on the other I have come along
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nothing it is not a pleasure trip I can
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