

Spec. Francisco January 31st 1864

Names of People
supposed to be connected
with Smiley in his Political
Expedition

Jacob Rosenfeld
Henry Addor
P Hallub
Wm Langeman
J Tobias
Luis Cahn
J Livingstone
Michael Reis
S J Bragg

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J

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Not very little real evidence

Rev. Francisco January 31st 1864

J. A. W. Harper Esq'
D^r Sir

Matters have changed but little since I last wrote you
viz January 24th. - Mr Smiley
remains a prisoner in the hands of
the Marshall of the Admiralty
Court. The warrant for his arrest is
returnable on Thursday next. When
we probably will find out what his
line of defence will be. I have
two of the best Lawyers I can get.
viz Mess^{rs} Barber & Macallister. -
Smiley has employed 5 including
2 ex judges. He appears to have
relied upon showing that the
jurisdiction American Courts
have no jurisdiction. but in
this he will probably fail. We
have very little real evidence

against him especially as we
cannot get hold of any of the stolen
property. And we have reason to
suppose that all that has not gone.
South has been melted and its
identity destroyed. In the mean
time I am constrained to draw
upon you for \$ 1,500.

I Am Sir

(Signed) Your Obeyt Servt
Francis W. Lodge

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List of Values
In Smith's Expedition

J. J. Smillie
James L. Fowler, ~~here~~
W. G. Bloomfield, (alias) Colley
Sidney Cook, (alias) S. German, ~~here~~
J. D. Johnson.
James Fowler ~~here~~
~~John~~ Redman ✓ Joseph H
Sam. W. Neil here
J. - Yates Mexico
James Albert
Cha^s. Peterson ✓ here
J. P. Goodrich
Geo. King
Frank Post
Ja^s. Foster ✓
Cha^s. Kimball here
George Smith

Memo of Gold Shipped from
Marysville by Francis Koch

57501 Bars to London

60615 Coin to San Francisco

29193 Bars to New York

27000 Coin to San Francisco

40000 Bars to New York

54750 Bars to New York

38620 do do

42.000 Bars to London

12400 Coin to Boston

Bloomfield 11000

1 Diner 11000

2 Diners 8000

Men from 2000 to 4000

Redmond 4555 & 5555

San Francisco Feb 15th
1864

J. A. W. Harper Esq?

Dear Sir

I have been throughout
the last week at the District
Court of Alameda, listen-
ing to arguments for, & against
the jurisdiction of the
Court. The question was
decided on Saturday,
by the Judge pronoun-
cing in my favor on all
the questions.

I am therefore now pro-
ceed, against Shultz
in the Civil Action, & intend
to do so. I believe I will
be able to get judgment
against him. But where
am I there? I cannot
find any tangible
property and he will

In all probability turn round
& laugh at me. In the mean
time "Smiley" is exerting
himself successfully in getting
all the witnesses out of the way
& has nearly succeeded. Never-
theless there are a few left.

I have offered a large rewar-
d, for the recovery of any
part of the treasure, but
hitherto no great hopes of success
seeing any of it.

I get no assistance from
any one. The New York &
Boston underwriters keep
aloof, and cause me to make
the best fight I can single-handed.

They are ready enough to
take advantage of anything
I do, but they decline taking
any part in the task.

In fact they are acting this year
in the same manner as they
did last year. I had to take
all the risk, & then it turned
out a profitable speculation.
They shared in it, & so they
are willing to do now.

By the last mail I enclose
now upon you for £300.
being part of my letter of credit
on Hellman & Co. This is the
draft that I advised you of
in my previous letter as being
for £1500.

I am in a pretty
considerable fix just now
& cannot see my way very
clearly to get out.

I remain. Sir
(Signed) Your obedt Servt
Francis W. Lodge

P.S. Some of the Paris Bill
find their Way to London.
Paris, Hamburg &c

Can the Telephones do Any
thing on Speculation.
by Making Inquiries at
Mints or otherwise?

List of Treasure recovered by the
Irishman wrecking expedition Novth, 20th
1863

Box #1 H.P. containing Gold Bars \$750 345.00
\$759.135.15
Gold & Silver Coin 3515 . 86
Total \$3996.89

1863. 11. 22 Box C 1 Bar Gold & Silver 9270 { 1598.99 Gold
1730.14 131.15 Silver
3024.55 9239 { 2853.26 Gold
2599.29 139 2599.29 Gold
1820.05 691 1820.05 Gold
2678.31 741 2676.31 Gold
Sparsholt 1085.21 (159) 693 { 820.05 Gold
set this day from 8 feet { 265.16 Silver
1920.46 2049 1697.97 Gold
155 222.49 Silver
15 31 Sovereigns
16 6 1/2 cts
1 Mexican Peso
\$15047.01

3 No Mark Gold Coin American 1815.10

4 1 Gold Bar 9535 - 6972.71
9536 2334.25
566 1053.00
9460 593.29
Gold Coin 45
Silver Coin 95
\$11,005.00

Piece of Paper marked J. & Parker & Son

5 De Witt Clinton Co NY
Gold Bar 33046 6852.54
33010 2135.10
\$10,007.72 Gold Coin 1100

6 FAS no 452
said to contain \$10,600 X

San Francisco Feb 28

J. A. W. Harper Esq^r 1864

Dear Sir,

I write you last but ~~to~~
Enclosed two copies of the half-
bill I have published. I remain
Baboleone. The mail road
between this and New York is
often at this season snowed up
~~& the mail road between & com-~~
munication very precarious.

If you have written me since I
left New York, your letters have
not yet reached me. The Case
Lodge versus Steely does not
progress much, in fact since I
got the Court to decide that it
had jurisdiction only one
witness has been examined &
his evidence only proves that
he saw seventeen boxes of

Treasure recovered by Smiley's party, but of marks or contents he declared himself entirely ignorant.

I cannot find out of the how it has been all either sent into other parts of the world or defaced so as to defy identification.

I forwarded to you yesterday the following telegram.

To Harper Association
Lloyd's Care of President
Board of Underwriters New
York. Considerable "Golden
Gate" Treasure arrived at
New York and Southampton
in January & February, make
carefull inquiries. You
will doubtless understand the
The fact is I have reason to
believe that early in —

January Smiley had on the
Panama Islands a consider-
able quantity of the treasure
recovered. Part of which was
carried to New York by Land-
fall Steamer & other part
shipped the East India
mail for Southampton its
destination being probably
the continent

that which went to New York
was in charge of a man
named Fowler, but that
part which went to Southampton
would in all probability be
shipped under formal fu-
llowing names & be basing
to order. I thought you
would pick some London
selective on the track who
would undertake the job
on speculation.

I would

think it would reach South
America late in January or
early in February. Should
you have anything to
create a suspicion you
will not fail to let me know
by Telegraph. Every thing
any part of the treasure is
all important to me.

The American Inter-
ests have not yet got a
list of their Gold Bars, but
as soon as they have I
will send you the Copy.

(if not) I am Sir
Your obedt & Lst
Francis Lodge

P.S. Letters addressed to
me should be care of —
Falkner Hall & Co

Telegrams should be addressed
to Mr Tappan. The cost of

these latter is \$7½ for 10
words & 75 Cents for each
additional word.

(Copy)

March 2nd 1864
San Francisco
To the British Consul Callao
Sir

I wrote you last mail
wed. Enclosed a printed list of
the Bar's belonging to me. They
are all the French & English Treasure
in the Ship T.E. all that insured
in London and Paris. I now
enclose the same list with a
manuscript list of the Bars belo-
nging to American Interests and the
Winders are willing to pay the same
amount of reward that I have
offered to anyone who enables
them to recover their property.
I also enclose a photograph
of the man Cook, (alias) —

(con)

Gertman, who is supposed
to have gone to Callao with a
considerable part of the -
Stolen Treasure.

There is a man named
Johnstone, with many aliases
who is about having him &
we suspect he is intimately
connected with Cook. In fact
he was the Diarist that assisted
Cook himself being the other
Diarist. Should you be
able to get possession of any
of the treasure, & my evidence
is necessary to establish
ownership. I will at your
~~request~~ requisition or
by your advice come to —
Callao. You can get a
Press in care of the Brit-
ish Consul at this port
I enclose you

Your Obedt Servt
(Signed) Francis W. Lodge
Special Agent for
the Salvage Association
at Lloyd's London

P.S. In respect of my last
communication not having
reached you, the ship herein
alluded to is the Steam Ship
"Golden Gate" wrecked
on the Mexican Coast
in July 1862, the treasure
divided in Dec^r 1863 part
of which I suppose has
carried to Callao early in
1864 by Cook (alias, Horner)

San Francisco
United States of America

To the
Commander-in-Chief
of the Navy Department
Ship of War Coast
Sir Aeneas* San Francisco
United States of America
March 2nd 1864.

The enclosed is a
list of French and British
Treasure Pirated from the wreck
of the Steamer Ship "Golden Fleece"
wrecked in the neighbourhood
of "Mazatlan" July 29th 1862
and Stolen from said wreck
in Dec 1863 by one Smiley &
Others acting under him

Smiley is deeply
rooted in the
country of the
United States,
but refuses to give any
account of the treasure
he recovered

With many apologies
for writing in English
I am Sir

(Signed) John Stedt Jr
San Francisco
Special Agent of
Navy & English Ambassador

March 10th 1864
San Francisco.

My dear Robert -

The Smiley case progresses
very slowly. In fact it is not likely
to terminate within ^{any} definite time.
It stands thus. - I filed action
for my money. And Smiley
is arrested but given his bail.
He therefore remains ^{continually}
in charge of the Marshall who
on a consideration allows him
to go at large. I have however
sustained a criminal action
against him and the only
charge of his now that remains
is the same.

I enclose some pieces left
out of the San Francisco Steamer
"Vestal" get them copied
by Smith or at Weatherby's and
let them be sent to Harper.

There is a vague rumour
here that some of the stolen
treasure has been shipped in the
early part of this year on a
Scandinavian man of war & conse-
quently to some house in
Liverpool. Should there be
any ~~of~~ truth in this rumour
it must have been shipped
in some other port than
Mazatlan probably Pascua
Callao or Valparaiso. or even
~~it might be~~ Aspinwall at
any rate cause enquiry to be
made immediately as to what
treasure has arrived on board of
Irish lately and what vessels of
that description are expected in
England. My impression
is that some of the treasure got
to Southampton in January
last or early in February and

has probably consigned to the
continent. I telegraphed Harper
to inquire about this some
time ago. It is to be borne in
mind that some of it is in origi-
nal boxes, so they were burnt
as soon as recovered.

I may be able to furnish
Swinton and present him
with fullings by His Excellency
but the probability of getting
the treasure is small indeed

(Signed) Your affec brother
Swinton

Sue Dacciso
March 13rd 1864

J. A. W. Harper Esq^r

Dear Sir,

I have been obliged to take a
criminal action against Shirley
& his party for the bad actions
had hilted or reflect upon them

on Thursday last they were
arrested - that is as many of
them as could be found - on
Friday the case went before the
Grand Jury, & they postponed
deciding upon it till Tuesday
next. And in the interim
Shirley's Friends will endeavor
to impress him with the respectable
individuals forming that
August body. My impression
is that they cannot fully find a
meat hill. In the mean time &
and since the arrests on the

Criminal Charge - Shirley has
made some exceptions to the Civil
Preliminary which I herewith enclose.

I will say all I know to get possession
of some of some of the property, & to
banish the Pirates, but the feeling
of this community is certainly with
the Long Haul & Day Scheme
will be tried & prevent the alienation
of any other part of the
State property.

There is a report here that some
of the treasure has shipped to
Cuba, in a British Ship of war
from Panama, or Callao. If such
is the case it cannot get home to
Europe. And your Authorities may
be able to trace it.

A considerable part went to New
York, arriving there in
January last. & some went to
Southampton, part of which

I as probably Shipped at Mawya-
hillo, in December 30th 1863 by one
Brother, & Consigned to order.
This parcel was only about \$4,500

I think it worth while to
make carefull inquiry concerning
all Gold, arriving at Southampton
in January & February 1864
I would think any of it could
have reached there earlier than
the 25th Jan^y 1864

(Signed)

I am Sir
Your obedt Servt
Davis W. Lodge

I am Davis March 13th
1864

Dear Sir

I have two Actions
against Seelye, for Stealing
the "Golden Gate" Treasure
one Civil, the other Criminal
I am likely to fail in both
Actions. Not for want of proof
but because there is no one to
help me. The Defendant
wishes that the American
Indemnity's are willing to
let him keep what he has got
and the greedy Villagers
distract him.

I am Sir, your
obedt Servt
Davis W. Lodge
Port of American Interest
(Signed)
Fowler formerly a Boston
Pilot's Son. Arrived in New

New York about 16th of January 1864
with considerable treasure pur-
chased from wreck of Golden Gate.

Fowler the Father arrived
New York by Roberts line of
Steamers late in Feb^r or early
in March 1864 with some of the
Stolen Treasure.

Davis Koch shipped at
Mazatlan \$20,000 of it consigned
to S. F. Meyer New York
Marcel Brothers shipped
\$6,110, consigned to Red
Protest & Co. Can you put
your Detectors on the Rack?

Sam Davis or March 15
Dear Sir 1864

A considerable quantity
of the Treasure plundered from
the wreck of the "Golden Gate"

was stolen by one Fowler
formerly a Boston Pilot
Part of it reached "New York"
in charge of his Son, late in
January last other part
with Fowler himself early in May.
I have no doubt but that these
Pirates, are now in the neighbour-
hood of Boston, & in
possession of their ill-gotten
gains

Cannot you delineate
and turn up

(MSnd) Sam Davis
Your old friend
Davis Jr Lodge

W. A. C. D. S.
President of the
China Mutual Insurance
Co Boston

San Francisco
March 20th 1864

J. A. Jr. Harper Esq.

Dear Sir

I have a pretty busy time of it here, the two actions against Smiley going on at the same time. Several witnesses have already been examined before the Grand Jury, in the Civil Suit without much result. And nothing more has been done in the Criminal Action, excepting that the Grand Jury have found true bills against Smiley, and his party. So that thus far Smiley has rather the best of it. He made a strong stand against the jurisdiction of the Courts & by God, and exalted himself to the point to get the Grand Jury to throw out the bills of Indictment. In both

these matters he has failed somewhat, and his best hope is that no known grand jury can be got together that will be unanimous in finding him guilty. I bear great fears myself upon this point & think it probable that no verdict will be found. - for I don't think any twelve men can be found who will find a verdict of not guilty.

In the mean time I cannot trace any of the treasure. It is certain that a considerable quantity came here and has been remitted. A considerable quantity has reached Mexico & the remainder has since been shipped to Callao, New York, & England. In its original shape. Some of this latter probably went via Panama & Adenwall & thence either by the West India Mail Boat to South Africa

or by the Liverpool crew
delivered to Liverpool. Any that
but by either of these routes would
in all likelihood be shipped at
Aspinwall. Subsequent to last
Xmas - and subsequently arrive
in England late in January.

A report has been made me, but not
from a reliable source - that a large
quantity - say \$180000. was
shipped somewhere on this coast
on a British man of war and
consigned to a house or houses in
Liverpool. I like the report for
that it is worth, and it is worth
a good deal to my informant
if it is true. It is this. Stanley
engaged a schooner to carry
the treasure to this man of war
which is described to be a side
wheel steamer & that it was
runned on board, & bills of

Laden signed & delivered part of
it to King brother's house at
Liverpool & other part to a certain
Fridson's house also at Liverpool.
Now this is a very unlikely game but
it is worth inquiring about.

You can easily find out through the
Admiralty, that ships of war arrive
in England with treasure from the
Pacific. Of course it does not follow
that it arrives home in the vessel it has
shipped on - as the Queen ships
transfer their treasure freight from
one to another, as suits their convenience.
Now this story is very vague
so I won't get the value of the schooner
the value of the man of war, or
even the place where she received
it on board. but as I have
already said I think it worth
while inquiring about.

My business here is of necessity

very costly, and it is possible I
may fall short of money. Therefore
I think it would be prudent that you
send me by return, another
letter of credit like unto the
one I brought with me and
relied upon my judgment
and economy for using it
or taking care of it, as may be
necessary. I am abundantly
full of funds at present, but
I should be compelled to wait
for want of money to pay my
disbursements - or to borrow money
at 1% per cent. per month.

I am

I am Sir

Your obedt^t Servt

Franis W. Lodge

A.S. Please send your reply
to this in duplicate.

San Fran^c March 22nd
1804

Blake Capt

Dear Sir

I rec'd^r in Decrpt of your favor of the
27th ult^r and note its contents.

Since the blockade of Mazatlan
by the French, we are daily deprived
of news from that quarter.

Inclan and his party have up
to this time been behaved quite
as bad if not worse than Guad.

For Guad has only plunged
all he received - whereas Inclan
has not only kept all he received
but has not accounted for any
part of \$10,000 that was paid him
& left him in his expedition.

Inclan tells us that he brought
about \$11,000 with him to San
Francisco, and that he left the
balance of the \$60,000 received
by his party, with his

Sou. I am. he also says that
he has sent & safe, & intended
him to send the treasure to
Iau. Roanies. but Iau has
not done so - and Dr. have some
wubts. as to whther he'd ar inten-
-ded to do so or not - consequently
Dr are as much in the dark with
regard to the Ireland's proceedings, as
Dr are with Juileys

I have a likel' hition against
Juileys, to get him to income
posseunt of the treasure his
party decorded. There is also
a Criminal Action against him
& his accomplices for Stealigón

and on this charge the Grand
Jury here have found true
Bill's against Juileys, & looking
Inaccid & Redmant, & against
the rest of Juileys crew. This
Criminal action will be tried

Early in may, and the Chancery
that the Jury will not agree

Dr know that Juileys & his party
secorded a large amount of
treasure, but he don't know
what has become of it. We believe
that he paid away about one half
& his assister's Top outfitter of his
fleets, Bro's of his Vessels, Dr's
Wickets to officials, & others too
numerous to mention.

Dr know nothing about what has
become of the actual thing recovered
and this is the important part.

In fact Dr want to find out (if poss-
ible) what became of the treasure
relically recovered - we are
led to believe that some of it was
sold to Mr Koch, & that other part
was shipped to New York, & disparted
and the remainder to this Port.
Any information you can

for which you will be properly
appreciated. and as the French
Interest is very great I make no
doubt but that the French auth-
orities will assist you as much
as lies in their power, and
I know by experience that France
assists all people wrecked upon
their Coast more than any other
nation in the world. & I make
no doubt but that they will assist
as far as is reasonable any
persons whose property is in
jeopardy on the coast of Mexico

I am Sir
Yours very truly
John C. Frémont
General of the
American Army

(Copy) Mr. Garrison
& A. W. Harper Esq April 14th 1864

Dear Sir
The situation of affairs has not altered
much since I last wrote you. The
Phil. Natl. Natl. Slaves & their friends
Abolitionists nominally in charge of the
Marshall of the United States Marshal
but, but in reality is as free to
so where he pleases as any other citizen.
He has made several oppositions to
the Libel I filed against him
but these have all been all overruled
by the Court. & he is ordered to
answer to the Libel on Monday
next. The criminal action will
not be tried till the second Tuesday
in June next. In the mean time
I cannot find any of the Slave
treasure, in fact Smiley took every
possible precaution to prevent such
a result as thus. The negroes are