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Abstract: Archibald H. Gillespie (1812-1873) was a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps detached as a special messenger (November 1845) and sent to California to deliver dispatches from President Polk to John C. Fremont concerning the possible annexation of California by the United States in the event of war with Mexico. He served thereafter in various capacities until his resignation from the Marine Corps in 1854. The collection consists of correspondence, documents, and personal papers of Archibald H. Gillespie. It also includes materials related to Gillespie's mission to John Charles Fremont, the Bear Flag revolt, California's 1st constitution, the Gold Rush in San Francisco, Robert Field Stockton's attempt to establish a civil government in California, and a narrative by Gillespie about the battle of San Pasqual. Receipts, bills of sale, and accounts in the collection indicate commercial activities in the territory and state of California from 1848-56.

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Biography
Gillespie was born in 1812; as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps he was detached as a special messenger (November 1845) and sent to California to deliver dispatches from President Polk to John C. Fremont concerning the possible annexation of California by the United States in the event of war with Mexico; he served thereafter in various capacities until his resignation from the Marine Corps in 1854; died in San Francisco in 1873.

Section 1: A Brief History

THE AMERICAN CONQUEST OF CALIFORNIA

Being the private and public papers of Archibald Hamilton Gillespie, special messenger from the President of the United States to Fremont, Captain and Brevet Major of the California Battalion of Mounted Riflemen, and Commandant of the Southern Department of the territory of California during the conquest.

A magnificent collection of almost five hundred documents concerned with the Conquest of California and its aftermath, and over five hundred papers concerned with Gillespie's private life. Neither Bancroft nor Hittell had access to these documents nor have they been used by any historian. Included are many of the original basic documents of the period, but of the foremost interest are several hitherto unknown papers which should serve to establish definitely certain important dates as well as to clarify and illuminate some of the more obscure and controversial questions with which historians have concerned themselves.

No life of Archibald Gillespie, one of the most important figures in the Conquest of California, has ever been written. This collection contains almost all the necessary material, covering the most important years of his career, for the writing of such a life....

In November 1845 Lt. Archibald Hamilton Gillespie was detached for special service by the Secretary of the Navy, George Bancroft, and was instructed to proceed through Mexico, in the guise of an invalid merchant, to California, where he was to transmit to Fremont the wishes of the government in regard to California.

Arriving in Monterey in April 1846, he discovered that Fremont had already started up the valley of the Sacramento. After conferring with Larkin, Gillespie hastened after him and overtook him near Klamath Lake in Oregon where he delivered his
On the following morning the party proceeded toward California, with Gillespie going on to Yerba Buena where he picked up stores and supplies from Captain Montgomery. He then rejoined Fremont at the American Fork.

He was active in connection with the Bear Flag movement and raised the American Flag at Fort Sutter.

Taking commission under Stockton, Gillespie was placed at Los Angeles as Commandant of the Southern Department where he was attacked by an overwhelming force under Flores and Pico. He then sent Juan Flaco to Monterey to ask aid of Stockton, but before help could come he was forced to evacuate the city and move on to San Pedro where he was joined, shortly after, by Captain Mervine whom Stockton had sent to reinforce him. Together they made an attempt to retake the city, but as it was unsuccessful, they retired to San Diego.

A little later, Gillespie, with a small party, advanced to join Kearny and the combined forces fought a battle at San Pasqual in which he was wounded. He also fought in the battle of San Gabriel.

After the treaty was signed at Cauenga, Gillespie closed up the affairs of the California Battalion and returned east with Stockton.

For the next five years he was engaged in settling California Claims. During this period he also testified at Fremont's court material and sent the Russell party back to California.

In 1855 he returned to California, became a Notary Public, wrote some vitriolic letters to the newspapers during the Fremont for President campaign, and finally drifted into an obscurity which ended with his death in San Francisco in 1873.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of correspondence, documents, and personal papers of Archibald H. Gillespie. Includes materials related to Gillespie's mission to John Charles Fremont, the Bear Flag revolt, California's 1st constitution, the Gold Rush in San Francisco, and Robert Field Stockton's attempt to establish a civil government in California. Also includes a narrative by Gillespie about the battle of San Pasqual. Receipts, bills of sale, and accounts in the collection indicate commercial activities in the territory and state of California from 1848-56.

Some items of special interest are Items 315, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 336-340 and 344-347. These sixteen letters, written from San Francisco during the Gold Rush, are of such highly informative and entertaining character that they could very well be used as material for a separate volume. They are rich in details of well known personalities as well as vivid descriptions of the exciting events in which Charles V. Gillespie participated and upon which he commented.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Conquest of California and aftermath (Box 1 RESTRICTED and Boxes 3-6)
2. Personal papers of Archibald H. Gillespie, 1847-60 (Box 2).

**How to use this finding aid:**

**SECTION 1:** A brief history (found in Biography)

**SECTION 2:** A brief description of each item contained in the Gillespie Papers, items 1-464.

**SECTION 3:** Summary of contents in Box 2

**SECTION 4:** Index to Gillespie Papers

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BOX 2 - Contains original papers, The personal papers of Archibald H. Gillespie

**Date:** 1847-1860.

BOX 3 - Contains microfilm copies (copyflo) of Items 1-125

BOX 4 - Contains microfilm copies (copyflo) of Items 126-300

BOX 5 - Contains microfilm copies (copyflo) of Items 301-464*

BOX 6 - Contains large format microfilm copies (copyflo) of almost all the items in Box 1*

**Note**

*Items 456-464 are undated documents relating to the Conquest of California.

**Indexing Terms**

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Note
see Kearny-Stockton dispute.

Stockton - Proclamation declaring California an American territory

Note
Item 22.

Note
Referred to in: Item 37.
Stockton - Proclamation announcing the division of territory into 3 military departments.

Note
Item 40.

Stockton - Proclamations attempting to establish a civil government in California.

Note
Item 27, Item 35, Item 37, Item 39, Item 80, Item 81, Item 82 & Item 83.
Stokes, Edward

Note
Letter From: Item 129.

Note
Swords, Major Thomas

Note
Referred to in: Item 201.
Temple, John (d. 1866, age 68)

Note
Letter To: Item 173.

Note
Letters From: Item 82, Item 150, Item 219 & Item 240.
Thompson, W.W.

Note
Letter From: Item 162.
Tuckerman, J. Francis
Note
Letter From: Item 250.
Turner, Captain Henry S.

Note
Referred to in: Item 170 & Item 256.
Vallejo, Salvador (1814-1876)

Note
Referred to in: Item 18A, Item 328 & Item 422.
Valois, Lewis A.

Note
Letter From: Item 229.
Vareles, Cerbulo

Note
Referred to in: Item 98.
Vignes, Jean Louis (d. 1862, age 79 or 82)

Note
Letters From: Item 57, Item 202, Item 211 & Item 212.
Volunteers that served in Gillespie's Battalion - Records of

Note
Item 165, Item 169A, Item 182, Item 184, Item 188 & Item 222.
Ward, Frank

Note
Referred to in: Item 346.
Warner, Jonathan Trumbull (1807-1895)

Note
Letters From: Item 92 & Item 156.
Warner, Juan José

Note
see Warner, Jonathan Trumbull.
Warner, T.F.

Note
Letters To: Item 290 & Item 293.

Note
Letter From: Item 299.
Watris, George E.

Note
Referred to in: Item 442.
Weller, John B. (1812-1875)

Note
Letter From: Item 450.
Whitley, Thomas

Note
Letter From: Item 130.
Whitney, Charles A.

Note
Letter From: Item 260.
Williams, Isaac (d. 1856, age 57)
Refereed to in: Item 227.
Williams, James (d. 1858, age 45)

*Note*
Letter To: Item 441.

Williams, Squire (probably John S., d. 1849)

*Note*
Referred to in: Item 440 & Item 441.
Wilson, E.

*Note*
Referred to in: Item 442.
Wilson, Captain John K.

*Note*
Letters From: Item 172 & Item 177.

*Note*
Referred to in: Item 181.
Wilson, Lieutenant Benito (Benjamin Davis Wilson, d. 1878, age 67)

*Note*
Referred to in: Item 51.
Witmans, H.A.

*Note*
Letters From: Item 289 & Item 296.
Wolfskill, William (d. 1866, age 68)

*Note*
Letter From: Item 80.
Wood, B.

*Note*
Letter From: Item 281.
Zeilin, Jacob (1806-1880)

*Note*
Letter From: Item 19A.

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**Conquest of California and Aftermath**

*Scope and Content Note*

SECTION 2: A brief description of each item contained in the Gillespie Papers, items 1-464.

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**Box [3] 1845**

**Box 3**

**Item: 1**


*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

Ordering Gillespie to report to the Secretary of the Navy, (George Bancroft), for duty.

*Note*

The earliest document in the history of the conquest of California. Bancroft gave Gillespie, at this time, instructions in regard to his famous mission.
Conquest of California and Aftermath

1845

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Box 3  
Item: 2  
  Physical Description: 1p.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Stating that mercantile letters of introduction had been obtained for him and that he was to take passage for Vera Cruz about November 5. Gillespie traveled through Mexico in the guise of an invalid merchant.

Box 3  
Item: 3 & Item 4  
November 1 - Washington: George Bancroft to Gillespie. Order signed.  
  Physical Description: 1p.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Ordering him to New York on special service.  
  Note  
  Item 4 is a Certified copy of Item 3.

Box 3  
Item: 5  
  Physical Description: 1p.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  Stating that drafts to the extent of $1200 will be honored by them if drawn within 2 years from date.

Box 3  
Item: 6  
December 11 - Vera Cruz: Benjamin Harrison to Gillespie. Receipt signed.  
  Physical Description: 1p.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  For Wages.  
  Note  
  Harrison was Gillespie's Negro servant Ben who remained with him all through the conquest and returned to Washington with him in 1847.

Box 3  
Item: 7  
December 29 - Mexico City: Jorge Rebhan to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.  
  Physical Description: 1p.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  For patent leather boots.

Box [3 & 4]  
1846

Box 3  
Item: 8  
January 20 - Mexico City(?): Printed receipt to Gillespie, 2pp. form filled in.  
  Scope and Content Note  
  For a place in the stagecoach to Guadalajara on January 21st.
Box 3  

Item: 9

February 21 - Mazatlan: Gillespie to John Parrott. Promissory note signed.

   Physical Description: 1p.
   Note
Parrott was U.S. Consul at Mazatlan. Later he came to San Francisco and made a fortune as banker and capitalist.

Box 3  

Item: 10


   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For tea, cigars, etc.

Box 3  

Item: 11


   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Itemized bill for equipment and supplies.
   Note
The supplies were for Fremont's party which Gillespie preceded on the return from Oregon. Taking these supplies and some from Captain Montgomery, (see Item 12 below), Gillespie proceeded, in the Portsmouth's launch, to the mouth of the American River where he was joined by Fremont on the 13th.

Box 3  

Item: 12

June 8 - Sau Solito, U.S. Ship Portsmouth: John B. Montgomery to Gillespie.

   Autograph letter signed.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Stating that he can furnish the materials required by Captain Fremont also 4000 caps and priming powder.
   Note
Captain Montgomery was commandant of the Northern Department during the Conquest. His ship was at San Francisco during the Bear Flag revolt and he raised the American Flag at Yerba Buena in July. Montgomery Street in San Francisco was named for him and Portsmouth Square for his ship.

Box 3  

Item: 13

July 21 - Monterey: Gillespie. Certified account in Gillespie's autograph.

   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Showing money due Talbot H. Green for equipment supplied U.S. Troops.
   Note
Green came to California with the Bartleson party. He was Larkin's clerk and carried on Larkin's business on a commission basis.
Box 3  
**Item: 14**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Copy, entirely in Gillespie's hand, of Richard Owen's commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the California Battalion.

Note
Owens was prominently connected with the Fremont controversies. Owens River and Lake were named for him.

Box 3  
**Item: 15**


Scope and Content Note
Appointing Gillespie Captain and Adjutant in the California Battalion and ordering him to report to Major Fremont for duty.

Box 3  
**Item: 16**

*July 24 - Monterey: M. Little to Gillespie. Autograph receipt signed.*

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
$4 for 2 deerskins.

Note
Milton Little came to California with the Walker-Chiles party. He settled in Monterey as a trader and was 2nd Alcalde in 1840.

Box 3  
**Item: 17**

*July 26 - Monterey: Gillespie. Autograph memo.*

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Amount of clothing furnished the camp at Monterey.

Box 3  
**Item: 18**

*July 26 - Monterey: Gillespie. Autograph account signed.*

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Showing prices paid for horses purchased for operations in California.

Box 3  
**Item: 18A**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Concerning the Vallejo claim. States that in July 1846, Lieutenant Maxwell, at the command of Fremont, seized about 250 horses and mares as well as saddles, arms and equipment, belonging to Salvador Vallejo.

Note
The actual date of this document is probably 2 or 3 years later than this.
Item: 19


Physical Description: 7pp.

Scope and Content Note
The Bear Flag Movement. A detailed account from May 9, to the raising of the U.S. Flag at Fort Sutter. Describes the advance upon Sonoma, Fremont’s caution in joining the movement, the schemes of Forbes and Macnamara which were prevented by the rising of the settlers, and the arrival of Sloat’s proclamation at Sutter’s fort.

Note
An extremely important account being for the most part eye-witness.

Item: 19A

[August 5th] - San Pedro: J. Zeilin, as Stockton’s Adjutant, to Gillespie. General Order signed.

Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note
An order apparently for an advance upon Los Angeles. Castro’s forces retreated and the town was taken on the 13th.

Note
This Order marks the beginning of operations in Southern California.

Item: 20


Physical Description: 1p.

Item: 21


Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note
Stating that he cannot accept a position as an elector since he is unfamiliar with the new laws, etc.

Item: 22

August 17 - Los Angeles: R.F. Stockton, Commander in Chief and Governor of the Territory of California, To the People Of California. Original proclamation signed.

Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note
An original of this famous proclamation announcing that the country now belonged to the United States and that as soon as possible it would be governed like any other territory of the U.S., but meanwhile by military law.

Note
The only original of this proclamation noted by Bancroft is in the San Diego archives. (Hist. Cal. vol.5, p.283)
It is the 1st proclamation signed by Stockton as Governor of California.
Box 3  
**Item: 23 & Item 23A**  
**August 18 - Los Angeles:** R.F. Stockton, Commander in Chief and Governor of the Territory of California to Gillespie. Letter signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Enclosing the 1st number of a newspaper, (The Californian), printed at Monterey, his proclamation of the 17th, which he asks to have put into Spanish and published, [Item 23A] form of an oath to be administered to all military men arrested in the district, and a commission appointing Don Pedro C. Carillo collector of Customs at San Diego.

Box 3  
**Item: 24**  
**August 22 - n.p.:** Copy of an account rendered Major Fremont for supplies furnished Company A.  
Physical Description: 1p.

Box 3  
**Item: 25**  
**August 22 - San Diego:** Jose Joaquin Ortega to U.S. Quartermaster’s Department. Receipt bill signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For 19 horses and 2 mules.

Box 3  
**Item: 26**  
**August 22 - San Diego:** Gillespie to Fremont. Sight Draft, signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For $450 in favor of Ortega, apparently in settlement of the above [Item 25].  
Note  
Receipted by Maria Pico de Ortega.

Box 3  
**Item: 27**  
**August 22 - Los Angeles:** R.F. Stockton To the People of California. Original proclamation signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
States that an election will be held on September 15 for the purpose of electing Alcaldes and municipal officers for a year.  
Note  
This document, signed by Stockton as Commander in Chief and Governor of the Territory of California, is described by Bancroft in Hist. Cal. vol.5, p.284.

Box 3  
**Item: 28**  
**August 24 - San Diego:** Thomas S. Russell to U.S. Quartermaster Department(?). California Battalion. Receipt bill signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For wood and forage.  
Note  
Russell is mentioned by Dana in *Two Years before the Mast*.  

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Item: 29  

August 26 - San Diego: Miguel Pedrorena to U.S. Quartermaster's Department. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For 11 bullocks, 1 sheep and 4 horses.

Note
Pedrorena was one of the most influential and popular members of the Spanish race in California. He acted as Justice of Peace, Stockton's aide with the rank of captain in the California Battalion, and collector of customs. In 1849 he represented San Diego at the Constitutional convention.

Box 3  

Item: 30  

August 26 - San Diego: Jose Ignacio Arse (Arce) to Gillespie. Receipt for powder signed with rubrica and witnessed by Edward Gilchrist.

Box 3  

Item: 31  


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Attesting the sale of horses to Gillespie.

Note
The lower half of this document is a similar receipt made out by Stearns for Jose Duarte because he did not know how to write.

Box 3  

Item: 32  

August 27 - San Diego: Santiago E. Arguello. Autograph copy of a lawsuit held before him as judge, signed.

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Suit of some Indians against Don Jose Joaquin Ortega to make him give them ox-yokes and other articles.

Note
Ortega had taken over the Mission Santa Ysabel and had apparently promised the Indians certain articles if they would stay on the land.

Box 3  

Item: 33  

August 27 - San Diego: Gillespie to Fremont. Sight draft signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For $110 in favor of Miguel de Pedrorena.

Note
Endorsed on verso by Pedrorena, Henry D. Fitch and Henry Mellus.
Item: 34

**August 27 - San Diego: Gillespie to Fremont. Sight draft signed.**

**Physical Description:** 1p.

**Scope and Content Note**
For $1185 in favor of Henry Fitch, for horses.

**Note**
Fitch, a native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, became a Mexican citizen in 1827. In 1839-40 he was President of Election and Justice of the Peace at San Diego, and owned a ship in partnership with Stearns, McKinley and Temple. He was again Justice of the Peace in 1846-47 and afforded considerable help during the Conquest. He was one of the earliest American settlers in California. Dana mentions him in *Two Years before the Mast.*

Item: 35


**Physical Description:** 4pp.

**Scope and Content Note**
Declaring California to be a Territory of the United States. Provides for a governor, legislative council of seven members appointed by the governor, etc.

**Note**
An important and valuable document concerning the actual use of which very little is known. Bancroft, Hist. Cal. vol.5 pp.284-85 says:

> He (Stockton) determined, and announced his intention both to Fremont and to the Secretary of the Navy, to form a civil territorial government, and to appoint a governor in the person of Fremont, with other territorial authorities to rule after his departure. He even prepared a plan or constitution, which he submitted to his government but did not publish it or attempt to put it in operation.

A copy, undated and without title, as is this one, was sent to George Bancroft, Secretary of the Navy, on the 28th of August 1846 and in the accompanying letter Stockton says, I enclose to you several dispatches of which number 6 is the constitution by which you will see what sort of government I have established and how I am proceeding.

The present copy, in the hand of Stockton's usual clerk, was sent to Gillespie, evidently for use, as an endorsement in his hand states, Copy of Laws for the Government of the Territory of California.

Item: 36

**August 29 - n.p.: John Forster to United States Government. Bill.**

**Physical Description:** 1p.

**Scope and Content Note**
For horses.

**Note**
Certified by Gillespie.
Box 3

Item: 37

**August 31 - Los Angeles: R.F. Stockton to Gillespie. Letter signed.**

Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note
Enclosing Gillespie's commission as Military Commandant of the Southern Department, asking him to see that the provisions of his proclamation of the 17th are carried out at the same time being as lenient as possible in restricting the people, enclosing blank appointment for Alcalde and asking for news of the state of the country and the feelings of the people.

Note
A fine letter signed as Governor of California and Commander in Chief.

Box 3

Item: 38

**August 31 - (Los Angeles): Stockton to Gillespie. Commission signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Appointing Gillespie Military Commandant of the Southern Department.

Note
This included all the territory from Cape St. Lucas at the south to the Mission of San Ynes at the north.

Box 3

Item: 39


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Blank appointment for Alcalde. See Item 37 above.

Box 3

Item: 39A

**n.d. (August?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
A list of Judicial Districts and alcaldes in the Southern Department of the Territory of California.

Box 3

Item: 40

**September 2 - Los Angeles: R.F. Stockton. General Order, signed as Governor and Commander in Chief.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Announcing the division of the territory into 3 military departments with a commandant for each.

Box 3

Item: 41

**September 2 - n.p.: Thomas Fallon to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Showing the return of money deposited.

Note
Fallon may have come to California with Fremont. He took part in the Bear Flag Movement and later raised the U.S. flag at San Jose. He served in Company F, California Battalion in 1846-47 and was Mayor of San Jose in 1851.
Box 3

Item: 42
September 3 - Los Angeles: Gillespie to Stockton. Autograph copy of a requisition.
Scope and Content Note
For $20,000 for military expenditures.

Box 3

Item: 43
September 3 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph copy of discharge and transfer roll of 15 volunteer privates serving in the California Battalion.
Physical Description: 1p.fo.

Box 3

Item: 44
September 3 - n.p.: Gillespie. Memo.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Monies and accounts paid out to volunteers discharged from the California Battalion.
Note
Signed by 6 volunteers.

Box 3

Item: 45
September 3 - Los Angeles: Samuel Neal to Gillespie. Receipt signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For money.
Note
Neal was the man who guided Gillespie up the Sacramento Valley to overtake Fremont and was one of the two men who went on ahead to Fremont while Gillespie camped at Klamath Lake.

Box 3

Item: 46
Scope and Content Note
For axes.
Note
Henry Mellus came to California before the mast with Dana. In 1845 he formed a partnership with W.D.M. Howard. Mellus and Howard built the first brick building in San Francisco.

Box 3

Item: 47
September 4 - n.p.: Henry Mellus to U.S. Southern Department. Receipt bill signed.
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Itemized bill for subsistance and equipment.

Box 3

Item: 48
September 4 - n.p.: Henry Mellus to Gillespie. Receipt bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For supplies.
**Item: 49**

**September 4 - n.p.: Henry Mellus to U.S. Southern Department. Receipt bill.**

- Physical Description: 2pp.
- Scope and Content Note
  For equipment and supplies furnished troops.

**Item: 50**

**September 6 - Los Angeles: Henry Mellus to U.S. for Operations in California bill, certified by Gillespie.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For supplies and subsistence furnished troops.

**Item: 51**

**September 7 - Los Angeles: J.C. Fremont to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Stating that Lieutenant Wilson, with a force of 20 men, had been stationed in Cajon Pass to guard the approach from Sonora, and that he had been directed to deliver to Gillespie at Los Angeles any person attempting to pass the frontier.
  - Note
    A fine letter signed by Fremont as Military Commandant of California. The Lieutenant Wilson referred to must have been Benite Wilson who acted as Lieutenant in the California Battalion and who was in command of the foreigners in the Chino fight. He was 1st mayor of Los Angeles.

**Item: 52**

**September 8 - Los Angeles: C.W. Flugge to Gillespie. Bill.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For supplies.
  - Note
    Flugge was a member of the Bartleson party who went first to Oregon but shortly after came down to California. He had a store in Los Angeles and acted as messenger from Flores to Stockton in January 1847.

**Item: 53**

**September 9 - n.p.: Manuel F. Coronel to Edward Gilchrist. Receipt signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For money.

**Item: 54**

**September 9 - Los Angeles: Dr. Edward Gilchrist to Gillespie. Certificate signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Showing that Private William Kuhn was unfit for duty and recommending his discharge.
  - Note
    Gilchrist was surgeon on board the Cyane and with the California Battalion. He was later Alcalde at Monterey.
Box 3  
**Item: 55**  
Physical Description: 2p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Stating that on the 27th of August the prisoners who had been in the jail had escaped and that he had not recaptured them but hoped to do so.  
Note  
Arguello was Alcalde at San Diego at this time. His sympathies were on the side of the Americans and he held an honorary commission as Captain in the California Battalion. He owned the border rancho of Tia Juana.

Box 3  
**Item: 56**  
*September 10 - Camp San Gabriel: Henry King to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking to have a trunk of clothes sent to Fremont and to have his storeroom kept for him.  
Note  
King came to California with Fremont and served as commissary of the California Battalion. He was on Fremont’s 4th expedition in 1848, was frozen to death before reaching Santa Fe, and, according to some accounts, achieved the unenviable distinction of having been eaten by his companion.

Box 3  
**Item: 57**  
*September 11 - n.p.: (Luis Vignes) to General Galispe (sic). Bill.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For wine, etc.  
Note  
Vignes, a French vintner, came to California in 1826. He settled in Los Angeles and was, in a sense, the pioneer vinyardist and winemaker. He was also known as Don Luis del Aliso.

Box 3  
**Item: 58**  
*September 11 - Los Angeles: George Goodwin to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For 20 days board.

Box 3  
**Item: 59**  
*September 11 - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph memo.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Contains a list of the Mexican officers remaining in the city.
Item: 60
September 12 - (Los Angeles): Alexander Bell to Dr. Edward Gilchrist. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For a ream of writing paper supplied the Juzgado.

Note
Bell was one of the very early settlers in Los Angeles. He served as Captain in the California Battalion and had California claims amounting to $3500. He had a warehouse at San Pedro and in later years was prominent among the Vigilantes.

Item: 61

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Reporting rumors of an intended attack on the city by a party of Sonorans and asking for news and help if necessary.

Item: 62

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Referring to some accounts overlooked in a recent settlement.

Item: 63
September 12 - Los Angeles: Domingo Feliz. Oath, signed (mark).

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Promising not to bear arms and to keep the peace.

Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist as Alcalde.

Item: 64

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Promising not to bear arms and to keep the peace.

Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist as Alcalde.

Item: 65

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Promising not to bear arms and to keep the peace.

Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist as Alcalde.
Item: 66

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Promising not to bear arms and to keep the peace.
Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist as Alcalde.
Olvera was an important man, grantee of La Cienega and one of the commissioners who signed the treaty of Cahuenga.

Item: 67

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Swearing allegiance to the United States.
Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist.

Item: 68

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Swearing allegiance to the United States.
Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist.

Item: 69

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Swearing allegiance to the United States.
Note
Witnessed by Gilchrist.

Item: 70

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Declaring 2 horses, taken by Gillespie, to be the property of Juan Marron. In the lower corner is an assignment to Abel Stearns to collect for them, signed by Marron.

Item: 70A

September 15 - San Diego: Santiago Arguello to Gillespie. Sight draft, signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Drawn in favor of Stearns.
Box 3

Item: 71

September 16 - San Pedro: W.D.M. Howard to Gillespie. Receipt bill, signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
For supplies.

Note
Howard was a Partner of Mellus. He came to California as a cabin boy on board the ship California, and became one of the wealthiest and most respected merchants in San Francisco. A street in San Francisco was named for him.

Box 3

Item: 72


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Stating that private Thomas M. Hardy was unfit for duty.

Box 3

Item: 73


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Swearing fidelity and allegiance to the United States.

Box 3

Item: 74

September 17 - Los Angeles: C.W. Flugge to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
For sweet oil.

Box 3

Item: 75


Physical Description: 4pp.

Scope and Content Note
Stating that he had positive information that Don Pio Pico passed by San Vicente in Lower California with 8 or 10 men, that Lieutenant Merritt had started off by water and another party by land to intercept Pico, that Jose Ignacio Arce, Alcalde of San Vicente, had raised the American Flag in that place, and that Pio Pico had taken it down and run off with it. Also asks for reinforcements at San Diego.

Box 3

Item: 76

September 18 - San Diego: Pedro Carrillo to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note
Contains similar matter to Item 75, but he adds the information that Pico and Matias Moreno are gathering disaffected people on the frontier to make an attack upon the town.

Note
Carillo favored the American cause from the first. He served as collector at San Diego, San Pedro and Santa Barbara.
Box 3

Item: 77

**September 18 - Los Angeles: Christian Mumm to U.S. Commissary Department.**

**Receipt bill signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For buckets, tubs, and barrels.

Box 3

Item: 78

**September 19 - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph memo, signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Containing a list of names of volunteers, belonging to the California Battalion, guilty of insubordination and exciting the troops to mutiny.

Box 3

Item: 79

**September 19 - Los Angeles: John Atkinson to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
For equipment and supplies.

Note
Atkinson, familiarly known as Old Wheat, for his reputed reliability, came to California with the Chiles-Walker party. He served with Stockton in 1846-47 and was long a resident of Los Angeles.

Box 3

Item: 80

**September 19 - Los Angeles: William Wolfskill. Oath of office, signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
As Regidor, or common councillor.

Note
Sworn before Gilchrist as J.P. Wolfskill came to California as an otter trapper. In 1836 he settled in Los Angeles and from 1838 on, devoted himself almost wholly to his vineyards which were to make him rich and famous. Together with Vignes he may be regarded as a pioneer in California's greatest industry, the raising of fruit and the production of wine.

Box 3

Item: 81

**September 19 - Los Angeles: Alexander Bell. Oath of office signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
As Justice of the Peace.

Note
Sworn before Gilchrist.
Item: 82


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
As Justice of the Peace.
Note
Sworn before Gilchrist.
Temple, from the time of his arrival in California in 1827 until his death, was prominent in business affairs in Southern California. He was the builder of the Temple block in Los Angeles, and had California Claims amounting to $16,000.

Item: 83


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
As Regidor.
Note
Sworn before Gilchrist. Carpenter came to California in 1832 In 1840 he had a soap factory on the San Gabriel River.

Item: 84


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Charges of mutiny, desertion, and Sedition preferred against Levi Sigler, a private in the California Battalion.
Note
Sigler was one of the two men who advanced from Gillespie's camp on the Klamath to meet Fremont.

Item: 85


Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Charges of Desertion, mutiny and sedition preferred against Henry MacVicker, a private in the California Battalion.
Note
MacVicker's record in California was one of constant arrests, fights and disagreements. Nothing is known of him after this date but we may uncharitably suppose that he came to a fitting and probably violent end.

Item: 86

September 21 - Los Angeles: Juan Gallardo. Oath signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Oath not to bear arms against the United States.
Note
Gallardo was a Mexican shoemaker. He was alcalde of Los Angeles in 1846.
**Item: 87**  
**September 22 - Los Angeles: Alexander Bell. Receipt signed.**  
**Physical Description:** 1p.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
For $5 fine against Henry Fisher for cattle killing.

**Item: 88**  
**September 24 - Los Angeles: John (sic) Brown, (Juan Flaco), to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**  
**Physical Description:** 1p.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
For $30 for riding express north as expenses on the road.  
**Note**  
An extremely interesting and important document. When Gillespie was besieged at Los Angeles by the Californians under Flores, and Andres Pico, he decided to send a messenger north for aid. Cleland, Hist. Cal. p.212, tells the story as follows:  
The nearest assistance to which he could look was at Monterey, approximately 400 miles away, and the route over which a courier had to pass, even if he should elude the besieging force, lay through a country where every native inhabitant must be counted upon as an enemy. These difficulties, however, did not prevent one of Gillespie's men, John Brown, or Juan Flaco (Lean John, as he was commonly known) from carrying the message for aid to Commodore Stockton, who was not at Monterey as Gillespie supposed, but at San Francisco, 100 miles beyond. Leaving Los Angeles at 8 o'clock on the evening of September 24th, with a short message from Gillespie written on cigarette papers and concealed in his hair, unarmed and equipped only with spurs and reata, Brown successfully passed the enemy line. He was pursued, however, by fifteen Californians, but escaped from them by jumping his horse, already mortally wounded, over a 13-foot ravine. Two miles more and the horse died. Lean John walked 27 miles to the ranch of an American, where he secured another horse, with which he reached Santa Barbara. From here, obtaining fresh horses as he could, he rode almost continuously until he arrived at Monterey on the evening of the 29th. Up to this time, according to the report of an eyewitness of his arrival, Brown had had neither rest nor sleep since leaving Los Angeles. He slept 3 hours at Monterey then pushed on to San Francisco which he reached either late on the 30th or early the next morning.  
This is the original receipt for his expenses on the road.

**Item: 89**  
**September 29 - Los Angeles: Henry Mellus to U.S. For Operations in California. Bill, certified by Gillespie.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
For rifles and pistols.
Box 3

**Item: 90**

**September 29 - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph copy. (In Spanish). Propositions of evacuation offered by Flores and approved by Gillespie.**

- **Physical Description:** 3pp.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  Showing the original signers of the document.
- **Note**
  This is one of the most important documents in the collection as it is a unique copy, in Gillespie's hand, of the terms of evacuation at Los Angeles. Neither the original, or any other copy, have ever appeared. Bancroft, Hist. Cal. vol.5, p.315, says, The terms of the capitulation, however, if they were put in writing at all are not extant. Under the terms of this agreement Gillespie was to:
  1. Retire at once from Los Angeles to San Pedro with all forces and to sail immediately for Monterey.
  2. Leave the city with the honors of war and carrying the personal property of his force.
  3. Carry the mounted artillery which he had found in Los Angeles to San Pedro and turn it over to a Mexican officer.
  4. Turn over supplies with an inventory.
  5. Return arms taken from the houses of citizens.
  6. Exchange prisoners class for class.
  7. Respect the property of foreigners.

Some additional propositions provided that the time limit for the evacuation should be 9 o'clock on the 30th, that Gillespie's forces would not be molested on the retreat to San Pedro and that all horses not the personal property of the troops should be turned over.

There has always been an uncertainty as to whether or not Gillespie promised to deliver his artillery at San Pedro and embark at once. The above established these facts and gives for the first time the other propositions.

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Box 3

**Item: 91**

**September 30 - Los Angeles: A list of the furniture, the property of the United States, left in the city of Los Angeles.**

- **Scope and Content Note**
  This document definitely establishes the fact that the evacuation was not completed until the 30th.

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Box 3

**Item: 92**

**September 30 - San Jose: J.T. Warner to the U.S. California Battalion. Duplicate receipt bill signed.**

- **Physical Description:** 1p.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  For supplies and horse rent.
- **Note**
  J.T. Warner, also known as Juan Jose Warner was a clerk of Jedediah Smith at the time of the latter's death. He came to California with Jackson’s party and was the proprietor of Warner's ranch on which Kearny camped just before the battle of San Pasqual. In this year he was a confidential agent of Larkin for the U.S.
Item: 93
September 30 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   List of Prisoners received in exchange (with Flores).
   Note
   Gives the names of 12 men.

Item: 94
September 30 - Los Angeles: Alexander Bell to U.S. California Battalion Bill.
   Physical Description: 2pp.
   Scope and Content Note
   Itemized account for subsistence, ordinance and forage.

Item: 95
September 30 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph copy.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Charge of desertion in the face of the enemy preferred against John Saunders.

Item: 96
(September?) - n.p.: Ezekiel Merritt. Unsettled account against.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Certified and signed by John Bidwell, Quartermaster.

Item: 97
(September?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Regulations of forage and fuel.

Item: 98
(September?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   List of the names of men attempting to form a party for robbing and making an attack upon (Los Angeles).
   Note
   Mentions Moreno, Cerbulo Vareles, Pedro Romero, etc.

Item: 99
(September?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   List of men of the garrison to be depended upon.
   Note
   Gives the names of 20 men of the California Battalion, 4 of which have been crossed out.
Box 3  
**Item: 100**  
*(September?) - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph memo.*  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
List of arms taken from the houses of the citizens of Los Angeles.

Box 3  
**Item: 101**  
*(September?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
List of arms, belonging to private persons, left in the garrison by Lieutenant Grey, late alcalde.

Box 3  
**Item: 102**  
*(September?) - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Note of powder transferred to the California forces in arms.  
Note  
Mentions Figueroa and Requena.

Box 3  
**Item: 103**  
*September (?) - n.p.: Francisco Figueroa to Gillespie. Bill.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For arms, powder and shot.

Box 3  
**Item: 104**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Your courier arrived on the 1st of October with your seal-The Savannah is now underway for San Pedro-10 o’clock A.M. in haste. If all is well with you send him back here with a message. Gillespie has endorsed the verso, In answer to express by Flaco - he having been sent with the news of my being besieged at Los Angeles!  
Note  
A most important letter since it gives proof of the actual date of Flaco’s delivery of the message to Stockton, making the total time for his ride a little over 6 days. Bancroft has an interesting speculative footnote concerning the elapsed time in which he is correct, as usual. Brown himself, in later years (1850) had shortened the time by more than a day.

Box 3A  
**Item: 104A**  
*October 1 - San Diego: Ezekiel Merritt to Gillespie. Duplicate sight draft, signed.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Drawn in favor of Henry D. Fitch.
Finding Aid for the Archibald H.
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**Item: 105**

October 3 - San Pedro: Jesus Diaz to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For repairing saddle.

Box 3

**Item: 106**

October 4 - San Pedro: James Johnson to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For 3 bullocks.

Box 3

**Item: 107**

October 4 - San Pedro: James Johnson to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For carting water for troops for 3 days.

Box 3

**Item: 107A**


Physical Description: 3pp.

Scope and Content Note

Certificate in the case of the claim of David W. Alexander.

Note

This certificate, undated, was probably written 3 or 4 years later than this date. It is included in this place because it gives an account of the evacuation of Los Angeles, the retreat to San Pedro, the embarkation on board the _Vandalia_, Mervine's arrival and defeat, etc.

Box 3

**Item: 108**

October 9 - San Pedro: W.D.M. Howard to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For a barrel of wine.

Box 3

**Item: 109**

October 13 - San Diego: George Minor to Gillespie. Receipt signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For ammunition for the force at San Diego.

Note

Minor was a Lieutenant on the _Savannah_ and was in command of the garrison at San Diego. In 1847 he was assistant quartermaster in Stockton's battalion and later a witness in Washington at Fremont's court martial and for California claims.
Item: 110

Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For provisions for the troops at San Diego.  
Note  
Gibson was a sergeant in the Bear Flag movement. He was with Gillespie at Los Angeles and San Diego, wounded at San Pasqual and served under Stockton in the final campaign. He was drowned in the Feather River in 1848.

Item: 111

October 27 - San Diego: Ezekiel Merritt to Gillespie. Duplicate sight draft signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Drawn in favor of Henry D. Fitch.  
Note  
Merritt commanded the party that stole Arce's horses and was nominally in command of the Bear Flag movement at the first, his name appearing on the original proclamation of June 14. He later went south and was with Gillespie at Los Angeles and San Diego. Bancroft says that he was a coarse grained, loud mouthed, unprincipled, whiskey-drinking, quarrelsome fellow.

Item: 112

Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Requisition for clothing for the California Battalion.

Item: 113

(October?) - San Diego: Mess account at San Diego.  
Note  
There is no Item 114 in the collection.

Item: 115

October (?) - n.p.: John Domingo to United States. Bill.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For repairing a corral wall which had been torn down to get at water.

Item: 116

Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
List of provisions delivered for use of troops.

Item: 117

November 1 - San Diego: Gillespie to Stockton. Autograph copy, signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Requisition for clothing for the California Battalion.

Scope and Content Note
For money.

Note
Bidwell came to California with the Bartleson party. He came south with Fremont and made a perilous trip by sea from San Diego to San Pedro with supplies during the Flores revolt. He later became a man of great wealth and one of the most prominent agriculturalists in the state.


Scope and Content Note
Ordering Gillespie to take the field and to make every effort to meet Fremont at Los Angeles.


Scope and Content Note
In answer to a request that Mr. Duvall and 7 riflemen might be permitted to accompany him on the expedition. Stockton states that Gillespie must get permission of Lieutenant Minor, who was in charge of the garrison.

Note
Gillespie has endorsed the verso, Flores up at me because Duvall and a few men volunteered to leave the lazy Geo. Minor for a short time - Terrible.


Scope and Content Note
Referring to time of enlistment of volunteers and asking to have discontents sent on board where he could give satisfaction to every good man.

November 26 - San Diego: Miguel De Pedrorena to Gillespie. Receipt signed.

Scope and Content Note
For money for supplies.


Scope and Content Note
Report of Fitch as Magistrate on the examination of H.H. Cardwell on a charge of having attempted to violate a girl. The finding was that Cardwell's embraces were without evil intent.
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Item: 124
November 20 - San Diego: B. Simmons to U.S. Forces. Receipt bill signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For clothing used by the California Battalion.

Box 3

Item: 125
November (?) - San Diego: Memo of the men whose accounts were checked at San Diego by Purser Speiden.
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Contains a list of 53 Californians and the amounts owed them.

Box 4

Item: 126
(November?) - San Diego: Memo of the inhabitants of San Diego drawing rations.

Item: 127
(November?) - n.p.: Memo of the Prisoners, (deserters, etc.) on board the Congress.
Scope and Content Note
Showing the amount of supplies furnished.

Box 4

Item: 128
(November?) - n.p.: Memo of the Prisoners, (deserters, etc.) on board the Congress.
Scope and Content Note
Showing the amount of supplies furnished.
Note
Another account as [Item 127] above.

Box 4

Item: 129
December 5 - n.p.: Edward Stokes to U.S. Bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For horses furnished to Gillespie.
Note
This may be the Edward Stokes mentioned by Bancroft, who carried dispatches from Kearny to Stockton at San Diego.

Box 4

Item: 130
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
For supplies furnished Captain Hensley on expedition to Ensenada for the purpose of raising horses and cattle for the U.S. troops in garrison at San Diego.

Box 4

Item: 131
December 15 - San Diego: Gillespie to (Stockton?). Autograph copy of a letter.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Giving a report of those killed and wounded at the Battle of San Pasqual.
Box 4

Item: 132

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For Supplies.

Item: 133

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For Supplies.
Note
Another bill as [Item 132] above.

Item: 134

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For provisions.

Item: 135

December 18 - San Francisco: Henry Mellus to Gillespie. Bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For provisions.

Item: 136

December 21 - San Diego: Captain S.P. Hensley. Autograph memo signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Showing cattle, etc., procured on the expedition to the south.

Item: 137

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Report of Company A. A tabloid form showing the number of officers, men, arms and quantities of powder and shot on hand.
Note
Rheusaw came to California with the Swasey-Todd party. He was with Gillespie in Los Angeles and was a lieutenant in the California Battalion

Item: 138

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Report of Company B. A tabloid form showing the number of officers, men, arms and quantities of powder and shot on hand.
Note
As [Item 137] above.
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Item: 139


Physical Description: 9pp. [10pp?]

Scope and Content Note

The Battle of San Pasqual.

Note

A vivid eyewitness account, by one of its leading participants, of the bloodiest and most fiercely fought engagement in the history of the Conquest of California. In it, Gillespie describes the march from San Diego, the meeting with Kearny, the sad condition of horses and men, the long, cold ride at daybreak from Warner’s ranch to the Indian village of San Pasqual and gives a detailed account of the battle itself from the first misunderstood order to the final scene in which Gillespie, faint and bleeding from four wounds, fires the only uncaptured howitzer with his cigar match. A description of the dead and wounded follows.

An extremely important narrative, hitherto unknown, it presents many points of difference from the known versions and, together with Item 140 following, forms probably the most complete contemporary account in existence.

Box 4

Item: 140


Physical Description: 17pp.

Scope and Content Note


Note

This is the above [Item 139] expanded to 17 pages by the addition of some new material and enlarged descriptions of the old.

Box 4

Item: 141

December 26 - n.p.: J. Bidwell to Captain Hensley. Autograph receipt signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For money.

Box 4

Item: 142

December (?) - n.p.: Henry Mellus. Memo of packages put on board the Cyane for Gillespie.

Physical Description: 1p.

Box 4

Item: 143

(December ?) - San Diego: Gillespie. Autograph memo.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Listing cutlasses received from Captain Tilghman at San Diego.

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Item: 144


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Statement made to Lieutenant Colonel Fremont of the strength of Companies A & B.
Box 4  Item: 144A
(January?) - n.p.: Lieutenant Hensley. Autograph account.
   Physical Description: 2pp.
   Scope and Content Note
   Account, itemized, for expenditures of the expedition at San Diego and on the road to Los Angeles.

Box 4  Item: 145
   Physical Description: 2pp.
   Scope and Content Note
   Copy of Stockton's general order congratulating the officers and men on their gallant conduct during the battles of January 8 & 9, (San Gabriel and LaMesa), with special mention of their bravery and coolness shown in the crossing of the river.
   Note
   According to Emory, Kearny forbade the reading of this order to the troops.

Box 4  Item: 146
January 12 - n.p.: John Atkinson to U.S. Quartermaster Department Bill.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For supplies. Certified by Hensley.

Box 4  Item: 147
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Appointing Gillespie Major in the California Battalion

Box 4  Item: 148
January 18 - n.p.: Abel Stearns to Gillespie. Bill.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For supplies.

Box 4  Item: 149
January 18 - n.p.: Abel Stearns to Gillespie. Bill.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For supplies.
   Note
   Another Bill as [Item 148] above.

Box 4  Item: 150
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For equipment and supplies.
   Note
   Certified by Hiram Rheusaw and approved by Gillespie.
Box 4  
**Item: 151**

**January 21 - Honolulu: James B. McClurg & Company to Gillespie. Receipt bill.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

For supplies.

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Box 4  
**Item: 152**

**January 23 - Honolulu: E.H. Boardman to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

For supplies.

*Note*

The above 2 accounts [Item 151 and Item 152] represent supplies purchased for Gillespie in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Box 4  
**Item: 153**

**January 25 - U.S.S.Congress: Stockton to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

Complaining bitterly about the quality of the wine sent him and asking for oranges and fresh butter.

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Box 4  
**Item: 154**

**January 27 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

Showing mess expenses at San Diego, in the field and at Los Angeles.

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Box 4  
**Item: 154A**

**January 29 - n.p.: Jose A. Estudillo to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

For provisions.

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Box 4  
**Item: 155**

**February 2 - San Diego: Lieutenant Rowan to Lieutenant Brown. Receipt signed.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

For pack saddles.

*Note*

Rowan was acting major of Stockton's Battalion. He was wounded at La Mesa.

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Box 4  
**Item: 156**

**February 2 - San Diego: John Warner to U.S. Receipt bill signed.**

*Physical Description: 1p.*

*Scope and Content Note*

For a carbine.
Box 4

**Item: 157**

**February 4 - n.p.: H.D. Fitch to Gillespie. Bill signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For provisions and supplies.

Box 4

**Item: 158**

**February 4 - San Diego: Robert Patterson to U.S. Quartermaster Department. Receipt bill signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For a mare.

Box 4

**Item: 159**

**February 5 - San Diego: H.D. Fitch to U.S. For Operations In California. Receipt bill signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For writing materials.

Box 4

**Item: 160**

**February 5 - San Diego: Santiago E. Arguello to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For money on account of Robert Patterson.

Box 4

**Item: 161**

**February 6 - San Diego: J. Bidwell to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For provisions for the use of the U.S. Forces.

Box 4

**Item: 162**

**February 6 - San Diego: W.W. Thompson to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For Roman swords.

Box 4

**Item: 163**

**February 9 - San Pedro: D.W. Alexander to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For rifles and muskets for the defense of the custom house.

Box 4

**Item: 163A**

**February 14 - Los Angeles: Francisco Ocampo to Edward Gilchrist. Bill of sale, signed.**

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - For a horse.
Item: 164

February 17 - Los Angeles: J.C. Fremont, Governor of California, to Gillespie. Letter signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Recognizes Stockton as civil and military governor of California and adds, I feel as his successor as if I had no other election than to ratify all the promises and engagements entered into by him while acting as governor.
Note
Letters signed by Fremont as Governor of California are rare.

Item: 165

February 18 - Transfer abstract Number 1 of monies and supplies of clothing furnished to volunteers of the California Battalion on account of pay by Major Archibald H. Gillespie and transferred to Paymaster Reading for Settlement.
Scope and Content Note
This is the 1st of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.
Note
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.
[See also: Item 169A, Item 182, Item 184, Item 188 & Item 222]

Item: 166

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For Pay.

Item: 167

February 19 - Los Angeles: John Brown (Juan Flaco) to Gillespie. Receipt signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Pay for his famous ride.

Item: 168

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For pay.

Item: 169

Physical Description: 1p.
February 26 - Transfer abstract Number 1A of monies and supplies of clothing furnished to volunteers of the California Battalion on account of pay by Major Archibald H. Gillespie and transferred to Paymaster Reading for Settlement.

Scope and Content Note
This is the part of the 1st of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.

Note
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.

[See also: Item 165, Item 182, Item 184, Item 188 & Item 222]

March 1 - Monterey: General Kearny, (by Captain Turner) to Gillespie. Extract from Order #2.

Scope and Content Note
Relieving Gillespie from duty with the California Battalion and ordering him to report to the Commanding officer of his corps, in Washington.


Scope and Content Note
Showing money due Thomas H. Burgess for a rifle.


Scope and Content Note
For ordnance stores.

March 1 - Los Angeles: Gillespie to John Temple. Due bill signed.

Scope and Content Note
For supplies and ammunition.

March 1 - Los Angeles: Mellus & Howard. Copy of certified account.

Scope and Content Note
For supplies and ammunition.


Scope and Content Note
Showing supplies not accounted for by Ezekiel Merritt, Quartermaster.
Box 4  

**Item: 176**  
March 4 - Los Angeles: Francisco Ballasteros to Gillespie. Receipt bill, signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For services.

Box 4  

**Item: 177**  
March 4 - Los Angeles: John K. Wilson, Ordnance Officer, to Gillespie. Receipt signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For swords and firearms.

Box 4  

**Item: 178**  
March 4 - Los Angeles: Francis Bush to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For repairing pants.

Box 4  

**Item: 179**  
March 4 - Los Angeles: Alfred Anslide. Receipt signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For pay as assistant surgeon.

Box 4  

**Item: 180**  
March 5 - Los Angeles: Samuel Gibson. Receipt signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For pay as Lieutenant and Captain.

Box 4  

**Item: 181**  
March 4 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Arms delivered to Captain Wilson.

Box 4  

**Item: 182**  
March 4 - n.p.: Gillespie. Certified abstract of monies and supplies furnished to men belonging to the party of the U.S. Topographical Corps under the command of Lieutenant Colonel J.C. Fremont whilst serving with the detachments of the California Battalion.  
Physical Description: 1p. fo.  
Scope and Content Note  
This is the 2nd of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.  
Note  
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.  
[See also: Item 165, Item 169A, Item 184, Item 188 & Item 222]
Box 4

Item: 183
March 5 - Government House: Fremont to Gillespie. Letter signed.

Scope and Content Note
Stating that he cannot leave the capital as planned and that all orders contingent upon his leaving are cancelled.

Note
A fine letter signed as Governor of California.

Box 4

Item: 184
March 5 - Transfer to abstract Number 3 of monies and supplies furnished to volunteers of the California Battalion on account of pay by Major Archibald H. Gillespie and transferred to Major P.B. Reading for settlement.

Scope and Content Note
This is the 3rd of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.

Note
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.

[See also: Item 165, Item 169A, Item 182, Item 188 & Item 222]

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Item: 185
March 5 - Los Angeles: Vincente Lugo to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Scope and Content Note
For butter.

Item: 186
March 5 - Los Angeles: Vincente Lugo. Receipt signed.

Scope and Content Note

Item: 187
March 6 - Los Angeles: William Dickey to Gillespie. Receipt signed.

Scope and Content Note
For a horse taken at Monterey in July 1846.
March 6 - Transfer abstract Number 4 of monies and supplies furnished to volunteers of the California Battalion on account of pay by Major Archibald H. Gillespie and transferred to Major P.B. Reading for settlement.

Scope and Content Note
Contains, among others, the autograph signature of James W. Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California. His signature is extremely scarce.

This is the 4th of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.

Note
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.

[See also: Item 165, Item 169A, Item 182, Item 184 & Item 222]


Scope and Content Note
For carpentry work.

March 8 - Los Angeles: Leon Victor Prudhomme to Juzgado of the City of the Angeles. Receipt bill signed.

Scope and Content Note
For services as constable.

March 9 - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph abstract of accounts against the U.S. remaining unsettled for which Captain Archibald H. Gillespie is responsible in the Ciudad de Los Angeles.


Scope and Content Note
In regard to sending money and stating that he will see Gillespie at 1 p.m.

Note
Endorsed on verso by Gillespie Sending $200 upon private account - has none other!!!

Just received $6000 upon public accounts from Commander Stockton by Schooner Julia, Lieutenant Geo. Seldon coming.


Scope and Content Note
For cloth.

Physical Description: 2pp.

Note
I am resolved to go to Washington myself, if I can get there, as the only way to hear from the government. Will you send me word...as to the number of men, horses, mules, etc., that will be necessary to take us home comfortably and with the proper dignity as conquerors of the country, and when and where to start from.

Also asks for a written account of Mervine's defeat,

I only want it in case he should at the the department claim a victory because....I have in all my letters called it a defeat and a very bad defeat.

The letter ends with a plaintive postscript about the quality of wine received and asks for oranges.

March 16 - San Pedro: Francis Huttman to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
For supplies and equipment.


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Concerning a letter from Mr. Norris and asks Gillespie to come to San Diego and see him.


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
For powder, cart for cannon, etc., supplied during evacuation of Los Angeles.

March 20 - n.p.: List of Supplies given (?) by Dr. Edward Gilchrist.


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
In regard to duty on coffee.

March 22 - San Pedro: Francis Huttman to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.

Physical Description: 1p.


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Concerning his account with Major Swords.
Box 4  

**Item: 202**

**March 24 - Los Angeles: Luis Vignes. Receipt bill signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For wine supplied Stockton, Griffin, and the officials of the Congress.

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Box 4  

**Item: 203**

**March 24 - Monterey: Thomas O. Larkin to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**

Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note

Says, I am glad that the policy of Fremont gains friends....I know that your feelings...are different but believe me, his course is the best policy. Larkin also announces that he intends to stick by his friends of 1846 and that he is going back into commerce.

Note

An interesting and valuable letter which sheds light on the tangled politics of the conquest.

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Box 4  

**Item: 204**

**March 29 - Los Angeles: Gillespie. Autograph memo.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Certifying the taking of 5 horses from Mark Murphy.

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Box 4  

**Item: 205**

**March 31 - U.S.S. Columbus, Monterey: Commodore Biddle to Gillespie. Order signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Announcing that, by order of the Secretary of the Navy, he has assumed command of the squadron in the Pacific, and orders Gillespie to report to him at once.

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Box 4  

**Item: 206**

**March (?) - n.p.: Stockton to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Telling Gillespie that if he is on sufficiently good terms, and if other circumstances justify it, to try and make up the quarrel between Mason and Fremont. Sent by Flaco.

Note

Mason and Fremont were going to fight a duel with shotguns. Kearny prevented it.

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Box 4  

**Item: 207**

**April 1 - Los Angeles: J. Bidwell, Receipt signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

For pay as 2nd Lieutenant.
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Box 4

Item: 208
April 1 - U.S.S. Congress: Stockton to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Says, I wish you would get a paper signed by...important men stating the effect...on
the spirits of Flores, Pico and the Californians generally by the defeat of Genl. Kearney
(sic) at Pasqual. The truth must be upheld, let who may suffer.

Box 4

Item: 209
April 5 - Los Angeles: Gillespie to (?). Autograph copy of a letter.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking what the effect of the battle of San Pasqual was on the people of Los Angeles
and the surrounding country and whether or not they had celebrated it as a victory.

Box 4

Item: 210
April 6 - San Pedro: Henry Mellus to Gillespie. Bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For Lumber, powder, and lead.

Box 4

Item: 211
April 8 - Los Angeles: Luis Vignes to Gillespie. Bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For wine and spirits.

Box 4

Item: 212
April 8 - Los Angeles: Luis Vignes to Gillespie. Bill.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For wine and oranges.

Box 4

Item: 212A
April 10 - n.p.: Gillespie to Biddle. Copy of a letter.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
In answer to Item 205 above. States that he is in the midst of settling the claims
against him for operations during the conquest and that as soon as he is done he will
report at Monterey as requested.

Box 4

Item: 213
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Asking for a copy of Fremont's commission as governor. Says Biddle has treated him
well. The rest of the letter is devoted to the controversy then existing between
Kearny, Fremont and Stockton over the question of the right to command the U.S.
Forces in California.
Note
An interesting letter in which Stockton outlines his position in California.
Scope and Content Note
Statement rendered to Fremont showing cash paid out on accounts.

Scope and Content Note

Scope and Content Note
For pay. Attested by Gillespie.

April 18 - Los Angeles: Mellus and Howard to U.S. Ordnance Department. Copy of a bill.
Scope and Content Note
For rifle powder.

April 19 - Muster Roll of the Field and Staff in the Battalion of California Mounted Rifle Volunteers commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Charles Fremont, called into service by Private Captain John C. Fremont from the 7th day of July, 1846, when enrolled, to the 19th day of April, 1847, when discharged in California.
Scope and Content Note
A printed form filled out by Gillespie with commission records of appointed officers.

Scope and Content Note

Scope and Content Note
For supplies.

Scope and Content Note
Showing money due for barley bought of John Roland.
Item: 221
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Concerning lumber left on the beach at San Pedro.
Note
Certified on verso by Stearns, Flugge and Celis and with an autograph approval by Fremont.

Item: 222
April 21 - Transfer abstract Number 5 of monies and supplies furnished to volunteers of the California Battalion, U.S. Troops, on account of pay by Major Archibald H. Gillespie and transferred to Paymaster P.B. Reading for settlement.
Scope and Content Note
This is the 5th of 5 abstracts which will follow at various dates and which contain complete records of almost all of the volunteers serving in Gillespie's Battalion. Rank, time of enlistment, period of enlistment, amount of pay are shown and the autograph signature, or mark of each man appears.
Note
This series of abstracts constitutes the only record, so far as we can discover, of many of the men who served in the California Battalion and is for that reason of great importance in the history of the Conquest.
[See also: Item 165, Item 169A, Item 182, Item 184 & Item 188]

Item: 223
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For Pistols.

Item: 224
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
A confidential letter concerning Fremont of whom he says We must stand by him, let what may come,- whether bondage or stripes. Sent by Flaco.

Item: 225
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that he has received a report that a vessel had landed cannon and munitions near San Vicente, that another vessel had left Acapulco for the same purpose, and that Bustemente was coming down the coast road with 1500 men. Tells Gillespie to report to Biddle at once.
Note
None of the above were true. Alarms of this sort were very common in California during the spring of 1847. Stockton took his ship down the coast and found nothing.
Box 4  
Item: 226  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For butter.

Box 4  
Item: 226A  
April 30 - Los Angeles: Certificate showing $4 paid the Juzgado on security for Garcia.

Box 4  
Item: 227  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For a document, the property of Isaac Williams, relative to a house occupied by U.S. Dragoons.

Box 4  
Item: 228  
May 4 - U.S.S. Columbus, Monterey: Commander James Biddle to Gillespie. Order, signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Ordering Gillespie to report to him at Monterey immediately.

Box 4  
Item: 229  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For his accounts.

Box 4  
Item: 230  
May 6 - n.p.: Schedule of California Accounts.  
Physical Description: 3pp.

Box 4  
Item: 231  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Statement of disbursements made to California Battalion in 1846-47.  
Note  
A copy of this was sent to the 3rd auditor.

Box 4  
Item: 232  
May 8 - Los Angeles: Certificate showing boards taken by the Californians at San Pedro.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Signed by E. Celis, Abel Stearns and C.W. Flugge as commissioners of claims.
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- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Asking how many men Pico had with him when he made the treaty. Contains the customary plaintive requests for butter and oranges.

(May 10) - n.p.: Gillespie to Andres Pico. Copy of a letter.
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Asking him how many men he had with him when he made the treaty, etc.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Concerning horse and mule.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For foodstuffs and supplies given Gillespie's servant.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For pistols and shot.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  For foodstuffs and freight to the U.S.S. Congress.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  Showing $573.38 due John Brown (Juan Flaco) from the U.S.

- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  I am here on my way to Monterey. If you wish to go with me...be down here early in the morning.
Item: 240
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For supplies.

Box 4
Item: 241
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Showing money expended upon Special Service.
Note
Covering Gillespie's mission from Washington, through Mexico to Monterey. An important document as it is virtually a chronology of his movements.

Box 4
Item: 242
June 27 - San Francisco: Gillespie. Autograph copy.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Receipt to Stockton for $5324.57 for the purpose of purchasing animals and defraying the expenses of an expedition from California to the United States across the Rocky Mountains.

Box 4
Item: 243
Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
A long account of the circumstances surrounding his departure from California, of the difficulties raised by Biddle, Kearny and Mason, and the pressure brought to bear upon him, to say nothing concerning Kearney.
Note
It has been suggested that Biddle delayed Gillespie's start from California so that he would not be able to give testimony at Fremont's court-martial.

Box 4
Item: 244
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Regarding the sale of a jackass, and showing a reproduction of its brand.

Box 4
Item: 245
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking Hensley to pay E.F. Ball the money due Brown.

Box 4
Item: 246
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Receipt to Stockton for $7000 for the overland expedition.
Box 4

Item: 247

   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   re wages due David Beauchamp.

Box 4

Item: 248

October 28 - Platte County, Missouri: Gillespie. Autograph copy.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Concerning an Agreement between Ben Holladay and Gillespie, as agent for the U.S.,
   to board 114 mules and horses at $1.50 per month each.
   Note
   These were the horses used on the overland expedition.

Box 4

Item: 249

   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For tents, packsaddles, Dearborn wagon, etc., left in St. Joseph's at the conclusion of
   Stockton's expedition from California.

Box 4

Item: 250

November 20 - Washington: Navy Department, Bureau of Medicine. J. Francis
Tuckerman to Stockton. Receipt signed.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   For a medicine chest used by the overland escort.

Box 4

Item: 251

November 30 - Washington: Treasury Department, Fourth Auditors Office. A.P.
Dayton to Gillespie. Letter signed.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Asking Gillespie to bring a statement of his credit claims for his late service so that his
   accounts may be adjusted.

Box 4

Item: 252

December 4 - Washington: (Gillespie to L.C. Levin). Autograph copy.
   Physical Description: 1p.
   Scope and Content Note
   Asking Levin what transpired between Levin and Stockton and between Levin and
   Kearny in Levin's settlement of their disagreement.
Box 4  
Item: 253.  
**December 4 - Washington: L.C. Levin to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
In answer to [Item 252] above, states that Stockton held to his position as outlined in his St. Louis letter of November 5th, but said that if Kearny would acknowledge that Stockton had given him orders on the march from San Diego to Los Angeles and during the battles of January 8th and 9th he would make up the quarrel. This Kearny did.  
Note  
Levin was Congressman from Pennsylvania who acted as peacemaker in this affair.

Box 4  
Item: 254  
**December 15 - Washington: Thomas Hart Benton to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking what would have been his answer if the military court had asked whether the Public Horses in the use of the U.S. in the Territory of California during the Administration of Governor Fremont were taken by orders of General Kearny and receipts for them refused and what number of Public horses might have been taken.  
Note  
Benton was U.S. Senator, Fremont's father-in-law and his Counsel during the court-martial.

Box 4  
Item: 255  
**December 14(15) - Washington: Gillespie to Benton. Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 4pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
In answer to [Item 254] above. Stating that nearly 1000 horses were taken by Kearny, Mason, Revere, etc., and that receipts were refused.

Box 4  
Item: 256  
**December 18 - Washington: Gillespie to Gales And Seaton. Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter in reply to a letter of Captain Turner's (printed in the *Congressional Globe*) denying that he took horses and refused to give a receipt.  
Note  
Turner was Kearny's adjutant in California.

Box 4  
Item: 257  
**December 21 - Washington Arsenal: S. Churchill, Inspector General, to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Granting his request for an interview.

Box 4  
Item: 257A  
**December 27 - Washington: Gillespie to (?). Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
In regard to the raising of the California Battalion.
Box 4

**Item:** 257B

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Some notes on the California Battalion.

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**Item:** 258

January 15 - Washington: John Young Mason, Secretary of the Navy, to Gillespie. Order signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Relieving Gillespie of Special Duty.
Note
An interesting order which marks the official close of his California mission.

Box 4

**Item:** 259


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
A printed notification, filled in, of Gillespie's appointment as Captain in the Marine Corps.

Box 4

**Item:** 260

February 7 - Washington: Charles A. Whitney, clerk of the Senate Subcommittee on Military Affairs, to Gillespie. D.S.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking whether Gillespie was charged with any message from the Government to Captain Fremont when they met at Klamath Lake and whether the Californian authorities were granting or selling the popular domain or the missions and what effect the Revolutionary movement had in stopping the sales or grants.

Box 4

**Item:** 261

February 7 - Washington: Charles A. Whitney, clerk of the Senate Subcommittee on Military Affairs, to Gillespie. D.S.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking whether Gillespie was charged with any message from the Government to Captain Fremont when they met at Klamath Lake and whether the Californian authorities were granting or selling the popular domain or the missions and what effect the Revolutionary movement had in stopping the sales or grants.
Note
A copy of [Item 260] above.
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Finding Aid for the Archibald H. Gillespie Papers, 1845-1860

Box 4 Item: 262
Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
In reply to the above questions [in Item 260 & item 261]. States that he proceeded to California upon the orders of the President and of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Bancroft, that his instructions were to watch over the interest of the United States and counteract the influences of any foreign agents, that he was the bearer of a duplicate of a dispatch to Consul T.O. Larkin which he committed to memory and destroyed, also a packet for Fremont, (Benton's letters) and a letter of introduction from Buchanan. He then tells of his meeting with Fremont, the attack by Indians and the return to the valley of Sacramento. He states that the revolutionary (Bear Flag) movement had prevented further sales of the missions and the public domain.
Note
For a discussion of this document and its importance see Item 266 following.

Box 4 Item: 263
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Enclosing his commission as Captain, etc.

Box 4 Item: 264
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Letter acknowledging receipt of the above.

Box 4 Item: 265
n.d. - n.p.: (3 questions asked by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs).
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
1st. Whether Gillespie was charged with any verbal instructions to Fremont from the Government or any officer thereof and from whom such instructions were received.
2nd. What the instructions were.
3rd: What knowledge he had of intrigue by British Agents or upon what information he believed in its existance.
Item: 266


Physical Description: 2pp.

Scope and Content Note

Made in reply to the above questions [in Item 265]. States that:

1. He was directed by Mr. Buchanan to confer with Fremont and that the verbal instructions were the same as his own, viz. to watch over the interest of the United States and to counteract the influence of any foreign agents, that he was also to show to Fremont a duplicate of the dispatch sent to Larkin.

2. It was the wish of the Government that Gillespie and Fremont should conciliate the feelings of the people of California and encourage a friendship toward the United States.

3. Through information given him by Jacob Leese he had heard that a junta, which was to have been assembled at Santa Barbara on June 15th to ascertain the state of the country and the feeling of the people in relation to asking the protection of England, had been got up, through the agency of Forbes, the English Vice-Consul, and an Irish priest named Macnamara and that Larkin had informed him that he had had several conversations with General Castro upon the subject of the California Government seeking the protection of England.

Note

This document and preceding Item 262 are of great interest and value inasmuch as they bear out the theory held by Bancroft, that there were no secret instructions concerning a California insurrection given to Fremont by Gillespie, but that the way had been left open by the very generality of the instructions which were given, for personal initiative on the part of both. Bancroft had the original of Larkin’s instructions which were shown or related to Fremont by Gillespie and it agrees almost entirely with Gillespie’s answers to questions 1 and 2 [from Item 265] above. Here is confirmation, in the hand of the man who actually delivered the message to Fremont, a circumstance which should carry some weight in making a final decision.

Item: 267


Order signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note

Telling Gillespie to hold himself in readiness for service in the Gulf of Mexico.

Note

This order was apparently never carried out since shortly afterward Gillespie was occupied in Missouri.
Physical Description: 4pp.
Scope and Content Note
Giving suggestions for sending the Russell party back to California. Gives the names of the men, states that each man will require two mules, a good rifle, ammunition and rations for the journey, that it would be best for the party to start from Independence or Fort Leavenworth by the 15th of April, and that some recompense should be allowed them from the government from the date of July 15, 1847. Russell then asks to be allowed to lead the expedition and concludes with a page of extravagant flattery of Mason.

Note
William H. Russell was one of the commissioners who made the Treaty at Cauenga. In March 1847 he was sent to Washington with dispatches, the chief purpose being to secure Fremont's appointment as governor. The party which had been his escort from California was left in Missouri and was provided with no means of return. Gillespie went out to Weston, Missouri a short time later and formed an expedition which left for California.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Ordering him to report to his commanding officer.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking him to come to the department for a conversation.

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Ordering him to proceed to St. Joseph's, Missouri to receive the horses and mules held by Ben Holladay, to arrange for the return of the Russell party to California, and to settle with Holladay and sell whatever horses are left after the expedition is launched.

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Asking him to locate Louis Rondo and send him to St. Joseph's, Missouri.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that he has been able to find 6 of the men who will form the party to California.
Box 4

Item: 273A
n.d. - n.p.: List of the men to be returned to California.
Physical Description: 1p.

Item: 274
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that Captain Hensley will lead the party for California.

Item: 275
April 20 - St. Louis: Louis Rondo. Receipt signed, (mark).
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For pay as voyageur on Russell party from California.

Item: 276
April 28 - Bill for deck passage for Louis Rondo from St. Louis to Weston.

Item: 277
May 2 - St. Joseph's, Missouri: Gillespie. Statement of Clothing and Tobacco furnished a party of men returning to California by Captain Archibald H. Gillespie under orders from the Secretary of the Navy.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Signed by 5 of the party.

Item: 278
May 6 - Weston, Missouri: Account of the sale at Public Auction of a lot of camp furniture and equipment sold for cash by order of the Navy Department.
Scope and Content Note
Left by the Stockton Expedition.

Item: 279
May 6 - Weston, Missouri: Account of the sale at Public Auction of a lot of camp furniture and equipment sold for cash by order of the Navy Department.
Scope and Content Note
Left by the Stockton Expedition.
Note
Same as [Item 278] above.

Item: 280
May 12 - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Board for members of party for California.

Item: 281
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
For halters, saddle and bridle.
Box 4  
**Item: 282**  
**May 13 - Weston: John Kester to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For rifles.

Box 4  
**Item: 283**  
**May 13 - Weston: Gillespie to Captain Hensley. Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter placing Hensley in command of the party for California.

Box 4  
**Item: 284**  
**May 13 - Weston: Joseph Holladay to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For medicines for the party.

Box 4  
**Item: 285**  
**May 13 - Weston: Samuel J. Hensley to Gillespie. Receipt signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For 17 mules.

Box 4  
**Item: 286**  
**May 14 - Weston: Benjamin Holladay to U.S. Navy Department. Itemized receipt bill signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
For taking care of mules and horses.

Box 4  
**Item: 287**  
**May 14 - Weston: Ben Holladay to Gillespie. Certificate, signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Showing the number of mules and horses that died while in his care.

Box 4  
**Item: 288**  
**n.d. - n.p.: Gillespie. Autograph memo.**  
Physical Description: 3pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Miscellaneous calculations and accounts for California party.

Box 4  
**Item: 289**  
**n.d. - n.p.: H.A. Witmans to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
For board and lodging for California party.
Item: 290
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For pack saddles.

Item: 291
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For 18 horses.

Item: 292
  Physical Description: 1p
  Scope and Content Note
  For harness.

Item: 293
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For 67 Mules.

Item: 294
  Physical Description: 2pp.
  Scope and Content Note
  For provisions supplied the California party.

Item: 295
May 15 - Weston: Philip Helgenberg to Gillespie. Receipt bill signed.
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For arms and equipment.

Item: 296
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For board and lodging for California party.

Item: 297
  Physical Description: 1p.
  Scope and Content Note
  For board and lodging for California party.
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<td><strong>May 15</strong> - n.p.: Peter Allendorff to U.S. Navy Department. Receipt bill signed.</td>
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<td>Letter recounting his gathering, outfitting, and launching the party for California and telling what disposition he had made of the public horses and equipment left by the Stockton party.</td>
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<td>Acknowledging receipt of Item 303 above and referring to a balance of money from the sale of the public goods.</td>
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**Item: 306**

**July 5 - St. Louis: Ben Holladay to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**

Physical Description: 3pp.

Scope and Content Note
Concerning the sale of some mules which had been reserved by Gillespie for Fremont. Mentions Gillespie’s plan to go to California.

Box 5

**Item: 307**

**July 14 - Washington: Gillespie to Ben Holladay. Autograph copy.**

Physical Description: 3pp.

Scope and Content Note
Letter in answer to [Item 306] above. Speaks of Fremont’s projected expedition and the California bill which he thinks is in danger of not passing. Hopes when the bill is passed he will be sent to California.

Box 5

**Item: 308**

**August 2 - Washington: J.Y. Mason to Gillespie. Letter signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Acknowledging receipt of a letter, etc.

Box 5

**Item: 309**

**September 26 - Los Angeles: C.W. Flugge to Gillespie. Bill.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Certified copy made by Thomas W. Beale at Los Angeles.

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**Item: 310**

**January 24 - Washington: Thomas Sidney Jesup, Quartermaster General, to Gillespie. Letter signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Asking for returns on account of clothing received for the California Battalion.

Box 5

**Item: 311**

**March 21 - Washington: A.A. Nicholson, Quartermaster Marine Corps, to Gillespie. Certificate signed.**

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Showing that Gillespie had accounted for certain clothing.

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**Item: 312**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Acknowledging receipt of accounts.
Conquest of California and Aftermath

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Item: 313
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Letter referring to the status of his California accounts.

Box 5

Item: 314
May 1 - Union College: Howard Potter to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Referring to researches into Gillespie's ancestry with a Genealogical chart showing the descent from the family of King Duncan, murdered by Macbeth.

Box 5

Item: 315
May 1 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie To Archibald Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.
Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Gives San Francisco gossip - describes rivalry between San Francisco and Benicia - tells of surveying at Suisun, a new town in which he owns a large part of the lots, etc.
Note
This is the 1st of a series of letters to Gillespie from his brother which give a vivid picture of San Francisco life in 1849-50 and contain much valuable matter of historical interest.

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Item: 316
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Referring to horses and mules taken by the enemy when upon service in California.

Box 5

Item: 317
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking for a report of the facts on W.D.M. Howard's claim for $1000 demurrage of the ship Vandalia to cover the retreat of the U.S. Forces from Los Angeles.

Box 5

Item: 318
Physical Description: 3pp.

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Item: 319
July 9 - Washington: Gillespie to (Stockton). Autograph copy.
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter asking for a statement showing that $12,000 received for the overland expedition had been properly accounted for, etc.
Box 5
Item: 320

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Granting 2 months leave of absence.

Box 5
Item: 321

July 30 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.
Physical Description: 12pp.
Scope and Content Note
Mentions growth of San Francisco - immigrants arriving sometimes 1000 per day - new mines west of Sacramento River - building materials, clothing, provisions, tin and wooden ware rising in price - fears there will be a shortage of flour by January - As to government, we would do very well for ourselves if we were not cursed by the interference of General Riley...insisting that Mexican law must rule here which every decent white man here is convinced is inapplicable to Americans - an election of delegates to a convention to form a state constitution to be held - San Francisco now has 5000 inhabitants - Mellus & Howard worth $250,000 and Howard just married, etc.
Note
A letter of great interest.

Box 5
Item: 322

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking Gillespie to call about accounts.

Box 5
Item: 323

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
In reply to Item 319 above, states that he cannot supply the required information about the accounts but is ready to do anything to save Gillespie from difficulties.

Box 5
Item: 324

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that he called at the 2nd auditor's office about Gillespie's clothing accounts. Between you and myself they appear to have the accounts so jumbled up that it would puzzle anyone to understand them.

Box 5
Item: 325

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Says that Speiden's explanation has cleared up the clothing accounts.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Says that Speiden's explanation has cleared up the clothing accounts.
Note
Copy of [Item 325] above.

August 10 - Schooley's Mountain, New Jersey: Gillespie to (Stockton). Autograph copy.

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter in reply to Item 323 above, I am much obliged to you for your kindness in being ready to save me from any difficulty, which I do not apprehend so long as your testimony can be obtained.

September 1 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 4pp.
Scope and Content Note
Mentions Fremont - says he is surveying the Mexican California boundary - hopes that T. Butler King and General Vallejo will be senators - speaks of Generals Riley and Smith and their policies, etc.
Note
A fine letter dealing mostly with politics.

September 28 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 7pp.
Scope and Content Note
Mentions a conversation he has had with Fremont - states Burnett will be governor and King and Fremont senators - warehouses being built on the flats, etc.


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Transmits copy of a letter extending leave of absence.

October 31 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 8pp.
Scope and Content Note
States that San Francisco now numbers 30,000 - Sacramento almost as large - he has been using his influence to send King to the Senate from California for which the Fremonts now cut him on the street - names candidates for State and Federal offices and wishes Gillespie were there to run against Fremont for Governor - Warner shot by Indians while exploring a route for the contemplated railroad - asks Gillespie to advocate the southern route in Washington and gives reasons - The 'California' takes away $1,300,000 in gold, etc.
Item: 332
November 1 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 4pp.
Scope and Content Note
Mentions rush of immigrants - rising price of foodstuffs - Old Larkin is at my elbow with his hand to his ear urging me to loan to him $1400 for a week which I shall do for 1%. Larkin is rich like everybody else who has been here for 2 years or more. He will go home next February worth $200,000.

Item: 333

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
On family matters.

Item: 334
November 14 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content Note
States that expenditures are enormous - table servants and horses cost him $1200 per month - bread 50¢ per loaf, butter $1.50 per pound, hay $150.00 per ton - much news about San Francisco residents - King party whipped but Burnett will be governor - says that the caucus may attack Fremont by having scandal placards printed but does not like the idea - traffic jams in Kearny and Montgomery streets cause much cursing - his wharf so crowded with goods that he has to stop shipments until it is cleared.

Item: 335

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
In regard to Gillespie's early military record.

Item: 336
November 30 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 7pp.
Scope and Content Note
Burnett elected governor - much about current politics. Says that a large fire is the only thing that can prejudice property in San Francisco - Dragoons have gone to the mountains to rescue a party lost in the snow.

Item: 337
December 4 - Panama: David Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
A good description of conditions on the isthmus crossing.
Note
David Gillespie was on his way to join his brother Charles in San Francisco.
Box 5  
**Item: 338**  
**December 31 - San Francisco:** Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 4pp.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Announces the arrival of David - says Fremont was elected through the influence of rowdies and gamblers - mentions a large fire on the 24th.  
**Note**  
The fire mentioned precedes the first one mentioned by Bancroft by 7 days.

Box 5  
**Item: 339**  
**January 8 - San Francisco:** David Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 3pp.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Likes San Francisco - mentions mud and wooden sidewalks - tells of high prices and gives news of Californians known to Gillespie.

Box 5  
**Item: 340**  
**January 14 - San Francisco:** C.V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 4pp.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Rainy season now on - floods at Sacramento - gold $16 per ounce.

Box 5  
**Item: 341**  
**January 19 - Washington:** J.B. Gallaher, 3rd auditor, to Gillespie. Letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 1p.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Concerning disposition of provisions used in conquest.

Box 5  
**Item: 342**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Life Insurance policy issued to Gillespie for $5000.

Box 5  
**Item: 343**  
**January 29 - San Francisco:** Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 3pp.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Sending $1500 to get Archibald H. Gillespie out of debt, etc.

Box 5  
**Item: 344**  
**January 31 - San Francisco:** Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
**Physical Description:** 4pp.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Many persons turning from mining to agriculture - gold found on top of the ground at Sacramento - does not think he will leave California, etc.
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**Item: 345**  
*February 28 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.*  
Physical Description: 4pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerning the removal of the old adobe which was used as a Custom house from Portsmouth Square - Larkin is certainly worth $300,000. He is greatly puffed up but not half so much as his vulgar wife. etc.

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**Item: 346**  
*March 30 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.*  
Physical Description: 11pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Mentions the disgraceful slowness of the mails - the Leidesdorff claims - Frank Ward's attempt at suicide and the insolvency of Ward and Company - the great number of buildings, warehouses, etc., on the flats - scandal about Commander Jones - says he can buy California claims at a great discount - does not think the railroad between San Francisco and San Jose will soon be built, etc.

Box 5  

**Item: 347**  
*May 1 - San Francisco: Charles V. Gillespie to Archibald H. Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.*  
Physical Description: 4pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Regarding a journey to Benicia - speaks of the beauty of the country - Major Sewall to go north to Oregon to form a court-martial to try Major Crittenden - much about the election - This steamer carries one and one half million dollars in dust receipt for, besides there is probably one half million in trunks.

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**Item: 348**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Appointing him a member of a court-martial.

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**Item: 349**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Granting leave of absence.

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**Item: 350**  
*September 7 - Washington: P.G. Howle to Gillespie. Letter signed.*  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Granting leave of absence.

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**Item: 351**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Personal matters.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Extending leave of absence.


Physical Description: 11p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking for information that would throw light on the subject of land titles in California and especially as to the disposition of the Missions.


Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter in reply to the above giving the information desired.

Note
A valuable letter.


Physical Description: 5pp. (in pencil).
Scope and Content Note
Notes covering some points in regard to Carey Jones and California titles, etc.

March 4 - Washington: Ward Marston to William A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy. Copy of a letter.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking Graham to check the interference of Gillespie who had written to Senator Gwin against Marston's nomination for a brevet.


Physical Description: 1p.
Note
Enclosing [Item 355] above.

March 8 - n.p.: (Gillespie to Graham). Autograph copy.

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter stating that Marston had applied for his brevet for his conduct during Mervine's defeat. That it was a disgraceful defeat and that no one engaged in it had a right to ask for advancement on those grounds, etc.
Box 5

Item: 358

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that Mr. Gwin had submitted a resolution to have the President submit information on California Claims.

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Item: 359

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that accounts of disbursements for the California Battalion cannot be settled without action of Congress.

Box 5

Item: 360

May 5 - Washington: William A. Graham, Secretary of the Navy, to Gillespie. Letter signed.
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that the President had decided that no officer connected with the Navy would be sent to California.

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Item: 361

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Granting 9 months leave of absence to go to California to settle the accounts of the California Battalion. Granted subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy.

Box 5

Item: 362

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Ordering him to report on board the St. Lawrence for duty.

Box 5

Item: 363

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that since Gillespie would have to stay in Washington to settle his California Accounts the order of October 30th was cancelled.

Box 5

Item: 364

December 15 - Washington: Gillespie to (?). Autograph copy
Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter in favor of the claims of Santiago Arguello.
Note
Gives a long account of Arguello's help to the United States during the Conquest. A fine historical letter.
Box 5

**Item: 365**
**December 19 - Washington: A.P. Dayton to Gillespie. Letter signed.**
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Asking him to certify an account.

**Item: 365A**
**December 27 - Washington: William Appleton to Gillespie. Letter signed.**
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Concerning Mellus claim.

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**Item: 366**
**January 3 - Washington: William Appleton to Gillespie. Letter signed.**
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
re Mellus claims.

**Item: 367**
**January 8 - New York: Thomas O. Larkin to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Concerning his claims against Fremont. Complains of the ingratitude of the Government and says he is going back to California.

**Item: 368**
**March 18 - Washington: Arch Henderson to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Preparatory orders to the Mediterranean.

**Item: 369**
**March 23 - Washington: Gillespie to Mellus. Autograph copy.**
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter referring to a certificate of Fremont for supplies furnished in California.

**Item: 370**
**April 3 - Washington: Arch Henderson to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Orders Gillespie to the Mediterranean Squadron as Senior Marine officer.

**Item: 371**
**April 3 - Richmond: J.Y. Mason to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
States that he cannot sign a certificate for extra compensation but to ask George Bancroft or Buchanan.
April 12 - Wheatland, near Lancaster: James Buchanan, later President of the United States, to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that he does not believe that Gillespie can obtain any extra compensation for his services in California except by act of Congress.

April 15 - Washington: Gillespie to U.S. State Department. Autograph copy.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Gillespie's bill for services as special messenger to Mexico and California under confidential verbal instructions from the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of State from November 1, 1845 until July 23, 1846, and from March 12, 1847 to January 13, 1848.

Note
I certify, on honor, that the above account is correct that for the time stated I was upon special service under confidential verbal instructions from the President of the U.S., James K. Polk, and the Honorable James Buchanan, Secretary of State, that my mission was solely upon state affairs and that the orders from the Navy Department were to prevent the discovery of its object.


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Suspension of order Item 370 above.


Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
In regard to the system of rationing troops on the march from San Diego to Los Angeles. Giving everyone as much as he could eat of fresh beef and whatever else we could collect.

August 10 - Washington: John P. Kennedy, Secretary of the Navy, to Gillespie. Order signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Appointing Gillespie member of a court-martial.

Note
John Pendleton Kennedy, author of The Swallow Barn, Horse-Shoe Robinson, etc., was, as Secretary of the Navy, responsible for Commander Perry's Japan Expedition and Dr. Kane's 2nd Arctic expedition.


Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter re his status in the Marine Corps.
Box 5

Item: 378

**August 12 - Washington: P.G. Howle to Gillespie. Letter signed.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Enclosing Item 376 above.

Box 5

Item: 379

**August 14 - Washington: P.G. Howle to Gillespie. Letter signed.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Enclosing copy of a letter [Item 380] from Kennedy to Henderson re Gillespie's status in the Marine Corps.

Box 5

Item: 380

**Copy of a letter from Kennedy to Henderson re Gillespie's status in the Marine Corps.**
- Note
  - Enclosure mentioned [in Item 379] above.

Box 5

Item: 381

**September 16 - Washington: John P. Kennedy to Gillespie. Order signed.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Ordering Gillespie to the Mediterranean.

Box 5

Item: 382

**September 17 - Washington: Arch Henderson to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Enclosing the order [Item 381] above.

Box 5

Item: 383

**September 21 - Washington: Gillespie to Kennedy. Autograph copy, signed.**
- Physical Description: 3pp.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Letter asking a suspension of order Item 381 above because his California accounts are still unsettled.

Box 5

Item: 384

**September 24 - Washington: Arch Henderson to J.P. Kennedy. Copy.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Letter asking that order Item 381 be suspended.

Box 5

Item: 385

**October 7 - Washington: Arch Henderson to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**
- Physical Description: 1p.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Stating that the order is suspended and enclosing Item 384 above.
Finding Aid for the Archibald H. Gillespie Papers, 1845-1860

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Item: 386  
October 15 - Washington: Gillespie to one of the auditors. Autograph copy of a letter asking for a return of his California accounts.

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Item: 388  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Stating that his accounts are in the 3rd auditor's office.

Item: 389  
October 19 - Washington: Gillespie to (the 3rd Auditor) Copy of a letter asking for a return of his accounts.

Item: 390  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Enclosing Item 391 below.

Item: 391  
October 21 - Washington: Duplicate statement of sums charged to Brevet Major Archibald H. Gillespie in the accounts of Purser Speiden for money and supplies furnished for use of the California Battalion.  
Physical Description: 1p.

Item: 392  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Stating that the account for stores delivered to J. Bidwell at San Diego has been audited and shows a balance due Gillespie.

Item: 393  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking for an accounting for provisions supplied the California Battalion by W.D.M. Howard.

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Item: 394  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking for information about a draft given him by Fremont.
Box 5  
**Item: 395**  
**January 10 - Washington: Gillespie to Secretary of the Navy (J.P. Kennedy). Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter announcing his arrival in Washington.

Box 5  
**Item: 396**  
**January 11 - Washington: Gillespie to Mellus. Autograph copy.**  
Physical Description: 4pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
In answer to Item 394 above stat[ing] that Fremont is responsible for amount of the draft.

Box 5  
**Item: 397**  
**January 18 - Boston: Mellus to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking Gillespie to come to Boston for a conference.

Box 5  
**Item: 398**  
**January 20 - Washington: J.S. Gallaher to Gillespie. Letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
re California claims.

Box 5  
**Item: 399**  
**February 4 - Washington: W.A. Gorman, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Asking him to give evidence concerning certain bills drawn by Fremont as Governor of California in March 1847.

Box 5  
**Item: 400**  
**February 4 - Boston: Mellus to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
More about Fremont draft.

Box 5  
**Item: 401**  
**February 14 - Washington: P. Clayton to Gillespie. Letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Announcing adjustment of his California accounts on the books of the 2nd auditor.

Box 5  
**Item: 402**  
**March 14 - Washington: J.M. Brodhead to Gillespie. Letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp  
Scope and Content Note  
re regulations concerning extra pay while on duty in California.
Box 5  
**Item: 403**  
April 8 - Boston: Mellus to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Enclosing accounts, etc.

Box 5  
**Item: 404**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Showing settlement of his California accounts on the books of the 3rd auditor.

Box 5  
**Item: 405**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Showing that his California accounts are balanced on the books of the 4th auditor.

Box 5  
**Item: 406**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerning a due bill presented for payment.  
Note  
Gillespie has endorsed this letter on verso Enclosing certificate given John Brown in California for riding express during expedition.  
For the certificate see Item 238 above.

Box 5  
**Item: 407, Item 408, Item 409, Item 410, Item 411, Item 412, Item 413, Item 414, Item 415, Item 416, Item 417 & Item 418**  
May 30 to December 12 - Miscellaneous orders, Navy Department and Marine Corps, signed by Adjutant Howle, Brigadier General Henderson, and J.C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy, with replies by Gillespie.

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**Item: 419**  
June 3 - Washington: Jefferson Davis, Acting Secretary of the Navy, to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Order Item 407 above.  
Note  
Jefferson Davis, later President of the Confederate States, was at this time Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Letters signed by him as Acting Secretary are rare.

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**Item: 420**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Announcing adjustment of Gillespie's accounts in the office of the 2nd auditor.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Statement of California accounts filed with the 3rd auditor.

December 8 - Washington: Colonel C.F. Smith, President of a Board for the Examination of Claims contracted in California under Lieutenant Colonel Fremont to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.

Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Asking the reason for an unusually high valuation placed on cattle and horses taken from General Vallejo during the conquest.

February 8 to October 29 - Washington: Miscellaneous orders and certificates, Navy Department and Marine Corps, signed by Brig. Gen. Henderson, Secretary of the Navy Dobbin, etc. with Gillespie's replies.


Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Details of his California claims.

October 14 - Washington: J.C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy, to Gillespie. Letter signed.

Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Accepting Gillespie's resignation as Captain and Brevet Major of the Marine Corps.


Physical Description: 1p.
Scope and Content Note
Regarding money given Squire Williams to purchase mules for the Stockton expedition in June 1847.

Note
Hensley states that the money was given Williams and that Williams never appeared with the mules. Says he thinks Gillespie has a valid claim against Williams estate.
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**Item: 441**

February 24 - San Francisco: Gillespie to James Williams. Autograph copy, signed.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Letter stating that he has a claim against the Estate of Squire Williams.

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**Item: 442**

March 3 - San Francisco: Writ of Attachment against E. Wilson and George E. Watriss.

Scope and Content Note
Served on Gillespie who apparently held some of their money or property.

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**Item: 443**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Stating that Gillespie still owes the government $180 on his California accounts, the same being outstanding on the books of the 3rd auditor. Encloses statement.

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**Item: 443A**

Statement enclosed [with Item 443] above.

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**Item: 444**

June 27 - Cottonwood, Shasta County, California: Gillespie to Stimson. Autograph copy.

Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Letter denying the above debt [stated in Item 443].

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**Item: 445**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Thanking Gillespie for selecting the Golden Era as the medium for giving the public some points in regard to early California History.

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**1856**

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**Item: 446**


Physical Description: 1p.

Scope and Content Note
Regarding Fremont's Mariposa Claim. With an attached newspaper clipping by Gillespie.
Item: 447

May 21 - Stockton, California: John Brown (Juan Flaco), to Gillespie. Letter signed.
Physical Description: 2pp.
Scope and Content Note
Stating that he has been suffering from rheumatism since 1848, that he lost the due bill showing that the government owed him $500 for carrying the dispatch, as well as his certificate of discharge, in the water during the excitement of the gold rush. Asks Gillespie to get him another certificate.

Item: 448

Physical Description: 3 pp.
Scope and Content Note
Letter in reply to the above (Item 447) scolding Brown for giving a spurious account of his ride to the Stockton paper and for saying that he had never been paid. Says he will be glad to help Brown get a land warrant, and will investigate the question of the $500.

Item: 448A

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Fremont and The Bear Flag Movement.
Note
A fine article, apparently written for newspaper publication, during the Fremont for President campaign, giving an account of the raising of the Bear Flag, Fremont's reluctance to join the movement, his approval of the murder of Barriesa, the advance upon Sonoma, etc.
The 1st of 3 articles containing much valuable material relating to Fremont and the Conquest of California.

Item: 448B

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Inspired by Greeley's laudification of Fremont as the Conqueror of California.
Note
Speaks of Fremont's disobedience of orders, his lack of courage, and his want of understanding of military affairs.
The 2nd of 3 articles containing much valuable material relating to Fremont and the Conquest of California.

Item: 448C

Physical Description: 3pp.
Scope and Content Note
Fremont and the California Claims.
Note
Urges Californians not to vote for Fremont on the grounds that he had prevented their claims for damages during the Conquest from being settled. Attacks Fremont and Senator Benton for their conduct in the matter.
The 3rd of 3 articles containing much valuable material relating to Fremont and the Conquest of California.
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**1859**

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**Item: 449**  

**September 15 - Washington: A.J. O’Bannon to Gillespie. Letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Stating that Gillespie still owes $519.16 on the books of the 4th auditor.

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**Item: 450**  

**October 5 - Sacramento: John B. Weller, Governor of California, to Gillespie. Commission signed.**  
Physical Description: 1p.  
Scope and Content Note  
Appointing Gillespie a Notary Public.

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**Item: 451**  

**October 7 - Stockton: Edw. M. Howison to Gillespie, Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerning Juan Flaco. Says that he is trying to get county land for Brown and asks Gillespie's help.

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**Item: 452**  

**October 19 - Certificate of mailing signed by Gillespie as Notary Public.**

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**Item: 453**  

**December 5 - Lease between Thomas K. Foley and W.L. Dauterman signed by Gillespie as Notary Public.**

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**Item: 454**  

**December 14 - Stockton: Edw. M. Howison to Gillespie. Autograph letter signed.**  
Physical Description: 3pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Tells of the death of John Brown (Juan Flaco).

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**1860**

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**Item: 455**  

**April 2 - Sacramento: Gillespie to Governor J.G. Downey. Autograph copy, signed.**  
Physical Description: 2pp.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter asking for a position as secretary or clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the Erection of the State Capital and citing his record in the history of the State.

**Box 5**  

**Item: 456, Item 457, Item 458, Item 459, Item 460, Item 461, Item 462, Item 463 & Item 464**  
9 undated documents relating to the Conquest.

**Personal Papers of Archibald H. Gillespie, 1847-1860**  
Scope and Content Note  
Summary of contents in Box 2.
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Various persons to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1847-1858. Concerning military, personal matters.  
|                | Physical Description: 6 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Relatives to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1849-1853. Letters, mostly from his sister, Elisa.  
|                | Physical Description: 7 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Relatives to Mrs. Archibald H. Gillespie, 1849-1853. Letters, mostly from sister-in-law Elisa.  
|                | Physical Description: 5 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Correspondence concerning the personal finances of Archibald H. Gillespie, 1847-1860.  
|                | Physical Description: 17 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Personal promissory notes, vouchers of Archibald H. Gillespie, 1849-1851.  
|                | Physical Description: 6 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1848.  
|                | Physical Description: 40 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1849.  
|                | Physical Description: 108 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1850.  
|                | Physical Description: 164 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1851.  
|                | Physical Description: 94 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1852.  
|                | Physical Description: 110 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 11 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1853.  
|                | Physical Description: 130 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 12 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1854.  
|                | Physical Description: 40 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 13 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1855.  
|                | Physical Description: 14 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, 1856.  
|                | Physical Description: 3 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 15 | Commercial bills of sale, receipts, accounts charged to Archibald H. Gillespie, n.d.  
|                | Physical Description: 40 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | Miscellaneous pieces. Item concerning military lists, envelopes removed from official correspondence.  
|                | Physical Description: 21 pieces |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | Various persons to Archibald H. Gillespie and one letter to his wife Elizabeth, 1849-1858.  
|                | Physical Description: 9 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 18 | Elizabeth Gillespie to her husband Archibald H. Gillespie, and one letter from Ellen Gillespie to Dear Papa, 1859-1860.  
|                 | Physical Description: 13 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 19 | Letters mostly to and from Elizabeth Gillespie and her father, W.D. Duane, 1852-1853.  
|                 | Physical Description: 8 pieces. |
| Box 2, Folder 20 | Processing notes and transcriptions relating to various items in the collection, ca. 1949. |