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Descriptive Summary
Title: Halleck, Peachy & Billings Correspondence and Papers
Date (inclusive): ca. 1852-1867
Collection number: 102
Creator: Halleck, Peachy & Billings (Firm)
Extent: 2 oversize boxes.
Abstract: Correspondence and papers relating to land and land litigation (including original documents and diseños, and transcripts) and to various legal cases, some concerning Chinese immigration, ships, and the funding bill in San Francisco; accounts; and tax records. Also included: correspondence and papers relating to the military career of Henry Wager Halleck, 1847-1856, and manuscript drafts and notes for Halleck's History of California.
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Biography
Halleck, Peachy & Billings was one of the leading San Francisco law firms in the settlement of titles to Mexican land grants; Frederick Billings arrived in San Francisco in 1849; he immediately established a law practice, and soon formed a partnership with Archibald C. Peachy; Peachy later became a member of the CA State Assembly in 1852, and of the State Senate in 1860 and 1862; Henry Wager Halleck graduated in engineering from West Point, participated in the Mexican War, and later prepared a report on CA land titles; became an active member of the CA Constitutional Convention; he resigned from the army and joined the law firm in 1854, compiling his books: The mining laws of Spain and Mexico, and International law; returned to the US Army in 1860, later becoming a general during the Civil War; the firm was dissolved in 1861.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of 10 reels of 35mm positive microfilm of papers located in the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley (Collection C-B 421).
Organization and Arrangement
The original papers and correspondence are arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence (Box 1).
2. Papers relating to land and land litigation (Boxes 2-5).
3. Legal papers, not primarily land (Boxes 6-7).
4. Henry Wager Halleck correspondence and papers relating to his military career (Box 8).
5. Drafts and notes of Halleck's History of California (Box 9).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Halleck, Peachy & Billings (Firm)--Archives.
Law firms--California--San Francisco--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Microfilms.

Related Material
Original papers and correspondence (Collection C-B 421) are located in The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.
Halleck, Peachy & Billings Records (Collection 2030). Available at the Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

| Box 1, Reel 1 | folders 1-143 |
| Box 1, Reel 2 | folders 143-239 |
| Box 1, Reel 3 | folders 240-232; oversize #21-30 |
| Box 1, Reel 4 | folders 333-456; oversize #31-34 |
| Box 1, Reel 5 | folders 457-513; oversize #35-47 |
| Box 1, Reel 6 | folders 514-586; oversize #48-52 |
| Box 2, Reel 7 | folders 587-679; oversize #53-55 |
| Box 2, Reel 8 | folders 698-711 |
| Box 2, Reels 9-10 | Halleck's History of California. |

Physical Description: MSS drafts abd bites