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City of Mexico, Feb. 6th 1892.

Mr. A. R. Owen.

New York.

Dear Friend:

Nothing new, after
my last letter to you.

I expect this will find you still in New York; but, should you have left, I place it under envelope addressed to Mr. Hussey.

Enclosed statement of the Alfaro Law-suit proceedings.

The boy with the samples of Tiles, from Mr. Broome, came in this morning. Enclosed my note to Fomento. When I get an answer thereto, I'll send you a translation of it.

Mr. Hart, of Enterprise, has sent me lists of Colonists' goods, which I am translating for Fomento.

Yours truly,

Ed. S. Herrera

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City of Mexico, Feb 20th 1892.

Mr E. M. Hussey -
New York -

Dear Mr Hussey:

Your favor of the 9th inst, was
duly received. Contents noted.

Please forward the enclosed letter and papers
to Mr Owen.

I mailed to your address, two days ago, a
copy of that Tehuantepec Contract you had asked.
Is that the one you wanted?

I have received the books for Baroness von
Glimmer, which I shall send to her, as soon as I
know her address.

Yours truly
Ed. S. Herrera.

Copy City of Mexico, March 4th 1892

Dear Mr Hussey:

Your favor dated Feb 26th,
Came in last night.

I have just applied to the Department of "Fomento" with the list of the English Colonists, requesting him to send telegraphic orders to Nogales for their quick passage through that Custom House.

Please find enclosed Señor Gonzalez Cosío's answer to Mr Owen's letter, about Col. Andrews.

Yours truly,
Ed. S. Herrera

P.S. I am just in receipt of two letters from Mr Owen, dated Guaymas 26 & 27 ulto. He was waiting for the "Magatlan", which boat had been detained.

Ed. S. H.

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City of Mexico, Feb-10th 1892

Mr E. M. Hussey,
New York.

Dear Mr Hussey:

Your favor of the 1st of this month is before me, and I am informed by its contents of the receipt, by Mr Owen, of the original and translation of the Railroad Contract, which are already with the printers, and copies of which, when ready, will be forwarded to me.

I am glad to hear that everything is going on satisfactorily at Topolobampo. I have received the same intelligence from friends Wilber, Jays and Mrs Howland.

I read, in your letter, that Mr Owen was to leave for Malva about the 11th of this month, in order to connect with the Steamer "Mazatlan", which is to leave Guaymas for Topo. on the 24th. - This letter will, therefore, reach New-York too late for him to read; but I expect you will communicate its contents to that dear friend by first opportunity.

Please tell him that I have received his letter of the 2nd and that I have made the translations to Spanish of his letter to Senor Gonzalez Cosio, and of Col. Andrews' letter to him (Owen), and that I have handed them to Senor Leandro Fernandez, with request to give me the answer which Senor Gonzalez Cosio may make to them, which answer, - original and translation - I shall mail to you.

Please tell him, also, that I have not overlooked the Nogales Bond matter; but that, in spite of my daily calls at the Treasury Department, no decision has been obtained

from Senor Gomez Farias as yet.

About the Alfaro law-suit, please inform Mr. Owen that everything is going on satisfactorily

Yours very truly,

Ed. S. Herrera,

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City of Mexico, March 12th 1892.

Mr E. M. Hussey,
New York.

Dear Mr Hussey: Please forward the enclosures to Mr. Owen, and tell him that I have forwarded to Mr. Alvin J. Wilber, a copy of the Fomento Note and the copy of the "Constitution" it refers to.

I have received Mr Rice's letter about articles 17th & 18th of the New Railroad Concession. Please tell him that I shall answer thereto, perhaps to-morrow, or, at the latest, on Tuesday. This delay is the consequence of Señor Leandro Fernandez's trip to Tampico. Señor Fernandez is the Chief Clerk of the Department of Communications and Public Works, whom I want to consult on the subject.

The Owen - Alfaro law-suit is going on, and the Lawyer in charge has called on me for more money, for his fees. But, as I had only a trifling balance left, I was compelled to draw again on Mr. Lovell, for \$50.⁰⁰ gold, at 3 days, and to the order of Mr. Alex. Jacot, which please recommend to Mr Lovell.

Truly yours,

Ed. S. Herrera.

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JOHN H. RICE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ed. H. H.
IGNACIO DE LA TORRE, REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO CITYCity of Mexico, March 19th 1892Hon. John H. Rice
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor, dated Feb. 27th, came duly to hand, and its contents had all my attention. I, at once, called on Mr. Gonzalez Cosio, the Secretary of Communications and Public Works, who referred me to Senor Leandro Fernandez, the Chief Clerk of the Department. But Senor Fernandez had just left for Tampico - where he went, in company with the Secretary of the Treasury, to inspect that harbor's works - and I had to wait for his return. (This is the reason why I have delayed answering your letter.) On Mr. Fernandez's return from Tampico, I called on him, and explained what I wanted. We had a long talk on the subject, and he told me to address a petition to the Secretary of Communications & Public Works, stating what I wanted, and that an answer, in writing, would be made to said petition. I did so, and you will find enclosed a copy (translation) of my petition.

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Hon. John H. Rice.
New York.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th of this month, and, in compliance with your request therein contained, I called on Senor Fernandez Leal, and handed him Col. Andrews' letter (with its Spanish translation). Senor Fernandez Leal told me that his Department had no more anything to do with Public Works, and kindly gave me a few lines for Senor Gonzalez Cosio, on whom I called at once.

I handed him Mr. Fernandez Leal's note and Col. Andrews' letter, which he read; and told me that he confirmed the contents of his letter to Mr. Owen - which, original and translation, I forwarded a few days ago to Mr. E. M. Hussey - that nothing could be done, at present; and requested me to let know Col. Andrews that, if an opportunity presents itself, he (Mr. G. C.) will have the greatest pleasure to give the preference to Col. Andrews.

Yours respectfully,

Ed. J. M.

I believe - although I am not quite certain - that the plans and profiles are kept by Senor Telesforo Garcia. I shall investigate and inform you.

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The Kansas-Sinaloa Investment Co.

Enterprise, Dickerson Co. Kansas.

Spec. 386-

May 25th 1892.

In answer to our request for a statement, we receive the following:

We are preparing our Annual Statement. Expect to have same printed about the first of June, when we will send you a copy. For the present will say that the authorized Capital of our Company is \$100,000. Of this amount \$32,000 has been paid in full. \$2,000, additional, has been subscribed, about half paid - making \$33,000 the amount received. This Capital has been invested in Mexican lands, to the amount of about \$25,000. The principal business of the Company is purchasing land in Mexico, holding the same for the Colonization Company under contract. This

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Colonization Company has until the 1st day of June 1895, in which to pay for the lands. Hence, the Company has paid no dividends and will show no profits until the lands are disposed of. However, it has been acting in the capacity for different departments, in the improving of these lands and in this manner its expenses have been paid by parties for whom it is acting as Trustee. It has advanced \$6,000. to parties for whom it is acting as Trustee. Has on hand, to-day, \$2,200 Cash and owes about \$1,000. to parties who have deposited money with us to be sent to the Colony in Mexico. For such deposits a Certificate has been issued, which is paid through our Mexican Office. The Mexican office has sufficient money to redeem these Certificates. Hence, the Company

virtually has no liabilities. It has purchased large tracts of land in Mexico, and is paying for same in payments maturing each six months. This Contract is a non-forfeiting one. That is to say: The failure to meet any of the payments does not operate as a forfeiture of the payments already made, but simply forfeits the right of the Company to pay for more land at the Contract price. Hence, we do not include amounts due on this Contract as a liability of the Company, for it is not such. (Investigating) 308-1188-5-25-92-2000.

Kansas.

In corroboration of their statement, we are unable to learn very much as to their condition. They are said to have no property except in Mexico. Their scheme is said to be Co-operative. They handle lots

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of money and always pay their bills.
C. B. Hoffman, the President, is a member of the firm of C. Hoffman & Son, Millers, at Enterprise, Kansas, and the statement coming from the source it does is believed to be a fair representation. - 286-5-26-92-

November 10th 1892.

This Company is reported to be in practically the same shape as when last heard from. They are meeting all their demands promptly. They own all their property, and are considered substantial.

286-4-4-93- 500. Binder.

Bucoda, Washington, June 6th 1892.

To John W. Lovell
New York.

Will you personally guarantee
Credit, for one year, Three thousand
dollars Lumber bill for the Credit
Foncier Company.

Seaco Manufacturing Company

Reply - New York June 9th 1892

Yes, have written will personal-
ly guarantee three thousand dol-
lars one year

J. W. Lovell.

City of Mexico, June 21st 1892

Mr A. K. Owen.
New York.

Dear Friend:

Last night's "Diario Oficial" had your Railroad Contract (of Jan. 6th 92) duly promulgated. Please find a copy inclosed.

Art. 10th of said Contract reads: "All the terms stipulated in this Contract, unless they make reference to some determined epoch shall begin to be counted from the date on which the same shall be promulgated."

It is, therefore, from June 20th 1892 that all terms are to be counted.

The \$10,000. deposit, in Bonds, is to be made on, or before, the 20th December 1892.
Construction to begin on, or before, the 20th of June 1893.

Yours truly
Ed. S. Herrera.

N. B. The Mexican Western Railroad Company has the money ready for the Bonds.

The Government has been informed (see Art. 3.-), that the surveys will begin August 15th '92, at Bay-Side, Topolobampo, Mexico.

The Railroad Company will send, to Sinaloa, a Steam Drill and two New Era Graders in July.

A. R. Owen.



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City of Mexico, July 8th 1892.

Mr A. K. Owen,
New York.

Dear Friend:

The Department of "Comunicaciones" has been formally informed that the surveys of the Railroad will begin, at Bay Side, on Augt. 15th at 6 A.M., and requesting the presence of the Government Engineer.

I have called on Mr. Leandro Fernandez, and have asked him to order the delivery, to me, of the Maps and Profiles. I expect to get them to-morrow when I shall forward one copy to you, and the other copy to Mr. Jays.

I have forwarded to Mr. A. J. Wilber a copy of the Law on Patents.

I have informed the Department of Fomento of the Cargo of Lumber, for Topolobampo, via Mazatlan, with request to ask

the Treasury Department to instruct
the Mazatlan Custom House Collector
to facilitate the prompt dispatch of
the vessel bringing that Lumber.

I have addressed a letter to Mr.
Arrangoiz, on the same subject.

As you will have seen, by the copy
(translation) I sent you, the Department
of the Treasury issued orders, to Nogales,
for the cancellation of all outstanding
Bonds at that Custom House.

Your friend
Ed. S. Herrera.

1892

July 12th

Telegram to Mr.
Alvin J. Wilber

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PAID
BY
RECEIVER

Copy

City of Mexico, Aug 3rd 1892

Mr. A. K. Owen.
New York.

Dear Friend:

I have just received the inclosed Communication (translation) from the Department of Communications & Public Works, in answer to my application of July 8th 1892, and informing you of the appointment of Engineer Ramon Gomez y Peña, as Government Inspector for the Topolobampo Railroad, with a salary of \$100. a month, to be paid him by the Company.

I expect to receive Senor Ramon Gomez's visit, and, when he comes, will tell him that I have communicated to you his appointment, asking you for instructions.

Yours truly

Ed. S. Herrera.

Mexico Sept. 30 de 1892.

Sor. A. K. Owen.

New York.

Estimado amigo.

La 3^a Sala del Tribunal Superior dió al fin su fallo declarando no tener yo personalidad en el juicio Alfaro contra Owen y que el poder que V. me tiene otorgado no puede considerarse suficiente. La misma Sala ha revocado el fallo del Juzgado 5.^o de lo Civil ~~de~~ citando ~~mando~~ para sentencia.

Por consiguiente confirmo enteramente mi recomendación de no venir hasta que no avise á V. que no haya peligro.

El Lic. Obregon teme se le sentencie á V. en contumacia por haberse ido despues de haber sido notificado el arraigo, puesto que ahora ha sido declarado insuficiente el poder que V. me dejó.

Se propone el Lic. Obregon escribir al Sor. Mariscal, Secretario de Relaciones, preguntándole si debe V. temer se le aplique la pena por contumacia, que tiene una multa de

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de \$10 á \$100. y prision de uno á once meses.
Tambien consultará el mismo Sor. sobre la conve-
niencia de pedir amparo. Está muy apenado
por la sentencia de la 3.^a Sala, cosa que no espe-
raba en lo mas mínimo y me suplica le diga
que hará cuanto sea humanamente posible para
lograr un resultado favorable en este juicio.

Dice, que habiendo sido anulado el poder que V.
me dejó, queda sin representacion legal en el
Juzgado 5.^o de lo civil y es casi seguro que
Alfaro se aprovechará de esta circunstancia,
y aconseja por lo mismo que mande V. un
nuevo poder á (nombre en blanco). Natu-
ralmente que yo requiré siendo su representa-
te de hecho y la persona que deba representar
lo por el poder ~~lo~~ será una persona que sea
acceptable en la Corte el Tribunal.

Sírvase atender desde luego á este asunto.

Su afm. amigo .

Ed. S. Herrera .

City of Mexico, Mexico Oct. 29th 1890.

Mr A.K. Owen.

New York.

Dear Friend:

I have been after Señor de la Torre the whole morning, without being able to see him. At last, at 3 P. M., I could speak with him, and judge of my surprise, when, on my asking him whether he had cabled you, he said: "No, because we must, first, make a petition to Gen. Pacheco." Then he went on saying that I was to write a petition stating what you want, and that he would take it, personally, to Gen. Pacheco, and have it dispatched to-morrow. So, I sat down at his desk, and wrote at once the petition, which I signed for you. Señor de la Torre kept it, and promised me that he would hand it himself to Gen. Pacheco, this evening, and would get his order to the Department for an official communication to be addressed to you, stating that the

Obligation to purchase one-third of the
surveyed lands shall not be enforced,
leaving it optional with the concessionaire
to purchase, or not, said one-third. I
hope that to-morrow this will be a fact,
and, as a matter of course, you will be
duly informed by telegraph, and the
communication will be sent by mail.

Yours truly

Ed. S. Herrera.

New York City, Dec. 2nd 1892.

Mr.

Dear Sir:

I have made as careful and close an estimate of the Cost of the First Section of the Mexican Western Railway as is possible from surveys & profile of the line, and though very low I think the figures sufficient if the work is done quickly and with rigid economy -

Cleaning & Grubbing 32 miles	20 ⁰⁰ per acre	2,560,00
Grading	32,000 Cub. Yds. @ 15 ^c	4,800,00
Tracklaying & Surfacing 32 miles	@ 200 ⁰⁰	6,400,00
Loading & Unloading Materials & Incidentals		2,240,00
Track Material, Tools & Equipment as per list furnished		<u>154,000,00</u>
Total Cost of 32 miles		\$170,000,00
Average Cost per mile		5,315,00

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Very respectfully yours,
Jas H. Freeman.

(See Appendix A, B, & C.)

Topolobampo Mexico

December 5 1892.

A. K. Owen

32 Nassau st New York.

Dear Friend.

To day D. R. Sutton left for Fuerte to take some papers which the malcontents have drawn up, to send to Pres'dnt Diaz. I do not know the contents of the papers, but I do know that some time ago a paper was circulated by Schellhouse to raise money to arrest you, Law Wilber and Mrs. Howland. Sutton went Fuerte some time ago to get advice from a lawyer by the name of Sustelem, Sutton has done nothing since he came here except to raise hell.

Those malcontents are determined to force you to accept their plan which will eventually lead us back into the same condition we hoped to escape.

It was their plan to scatter all the chattels belonging to the Company and put them into the hands of individuals and they well succeeded.

I intend as soon as time will permit to write and file away for future reference a complete History of the conspiracy during the years of 1891&1892.

I have been in such a position that I know more of their plotting and scheming than any one here except themselves

Several of this party have come without any permits and they say that they don't care a damn for you and your Concessions. But the trouble does not end here. They have brought in goods under your bonds and their friends are sending aid and comfort to them in the same manner. I tell you

we are having hot times here The people are on a terrible strain. They do not know what to do. I mean many of them.

Yours in Truth

R. B. Hunter.