

Private

San Francisco, Jan'y 22d, 1858

A. B. Esq

My Dear Sir,

I must beg a favor. It is in your power to grant it, and I shall look with confidence to your extending it to me. Some years ago it was in my way to render you some slight service and it was extended with alacrity. Will you now return it? If you choose to exert your influence to attain the end I ask I have no doubt of its accomplishment. I want an Act passed providing for payment of the Judgt. interest and costs obtained against the Territory in the winter of 1855 in favor of Joaquin Young.

On the strength of the legislation had in the winter of 1854-5 in his behalf, I not only rendered much and faithful service to my client and incurred heavy expenses in getting judgt for him, but in addition not doubting payment as soon as judgt was obtained I advanced him \$1000. at one time and \$200. at another. Over \$350. was expended in going to Los Angeles and into the interior from there to get testimony in the case and \$75. was paid to Mr. Campbell for his attendance upon the Court at my request to get judgt. and no part of all this has ever been paid to me or secured to be paid except

I in the good faith of the Territory to pay as promised when judgt was obtained. How this was kept you of course need not be told. The subsequent legislation on the subject did not escape your notice. It produced its effect. I was not only mortified but injured and I trust those at whose instigation it occurred will no longer feel either pride or exultation at doing me harm and the

Territory itself dishonor by breaking its faith. Be all this as it may, let the past be forgotten. If the Territory will only do me simple justice now I shall be grateful. And may I not look with confidence to you to aid me in getting at the current session a law passed to pay what was solemnly promised in 1855?

I know that if you choose to exert yourself it can be accomplished. Shall it be done?

Truly your Friend,
O.C. Pratt

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San Francisco, July 22^d 1858
A. Parks Esq.

My Dear Sir,

I must beg a favor. It is in your power to grant it, and I shall look with confidence to you extending it to me. Some years ago it was in my way to render you some slight service and it was extended with alacrity. Will you now return it? If you choose to exert your influence to attain the end I ask I have no doubt of its accomplishment. I want an act passed providing for payment of the debt, interest & costs obtained against the Territory in the winter of 1855 in favor of Benjamin Long.

On the strength of the legislation had in the winter of 1854 & 5, ^{in this behalf} I not only rendered much faithful service to my client & incurred heavy expenses in getting judgment for him, but in addition not doubting payment as soon as judgment was obtained I advanced him \$1000. at one time \$200. at another - Over \$350. was expended in going to Los Angeles & into the interior from there to get testimony in the case of 75. was paid to Mr Campbell for his attendance upon the Court at my request to

get judge. no part of all this has ever been
paid to me or seemed to be paid except six shillings
I plead in the good faith of the Territory to pay as
promised when judge was obtained. How this
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justice now I shall be grateful. And may I not
look with confidence to you to aid me in getting
at the current session a law passed to pay what
was solemnly promised in 1855?

I know that if you choose to consent
it can be accomplished. Shall it be done?

Truly yours Friend,

A. C. Ross