

HEADQUARTERS, CIUDAD DE LOS ANGELES,  
January 15, 1847.

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 11th, I have the honor to inform you of the arrival of Lieutenant-Colonel Frémont at this place with four hundred men; that some of the insurgents have made their escape to Sonora, and that the rest have surrendered to our arms.

Immediately after the battles of the 8th and 9th they began to disperse; and I am sorry to say that their leader, José M. Flores, made his escape, and that the others have been pardoned by a capitulation agreed upon by Lieutenant-Colonel Frémont.

José M. Flores, the commander of the insurgent forces, two or three days previous to the 8th, sent two commissioners, with a flag of truce, to my camp to make "a treaty of peace." I informed the commissioners that I could not recognize José M. Flores, who had broken his parole, as an honorable man, or as one having any rightful authority, or worthy to be treated with; that he was a rebel in arms, and if I caught him, I would have him shot.

It seemed that, not being able to negotiate with me, and having lost the battles of the 8th and 9th, they met Colonel Frémont on the 12th inst., on his way here, who, not knowing what had occurred, entered into the capitulation with them which I now send to you; and although I refused to do it myself, still I have thought it best to approve of it. I am glad to say that, by the capitulation, we have recovered the gun taken by the insurgents at the sad defeat of General Kearny at San Pasqual.

The territory of California is again tranquil, and the civil government, formed by me, is again in operation in the places where it was interrupted by the insurgents.

Colonel Frémont has five hundred men in his battalion, which will be quite sufficient to preserve the peace of the territory; and I will immediately withdraw my sailors and marines, and sail as soon as possible for the coast of Mexico, where I hope they will give a good account of themselves.

Faithfully, your obedient servant,

R. F. STOCKTON,  
*Commodore, etc.*

TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BANCROFT,  
*Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.*

UNITED STATES FRIGATE CONGRESS,  
HARBOR OF SAN DIEGO, January 22, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the civil government of this Territory is in successful operation, that Colonel Frémont is acting as governor, and Colonel Russell as secretary, and that I am on board of the Congress preparing her for the coast of Mexico.

Lieutenant Gray, who is charged with my despatches, has been my aid-de-camp, and has done his duty with great good conduct and gallantry.

He is the officer whom I sent to relieve General Kearny from his perilous condition after his defeat at San Pasqual, and deserves the consideration of the department.

He will be able to give you the particulars of that unfortunate and disastrous affair.

Faithfully, your obedient servant,

R. F. STOCKTON,  
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