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Bartlett, John Russell, 1805-1886

Letter, June 11, 1852

DESCRIPTION

Four-page letter to J. R. Moore, written by Bartlett from Camp Yuma, dated June 11, 1852, written at the start of his eastward journey to define the boundary between Mexico and the United States. The letter describes his “fatiguing” journey from San Diego to Camp Yuma, the murder of Col. Craig by two deserters, plans to cross the Colorado River, and horse thefts by the Yuma Indians.

1 box, .1 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

U.S. Boundary Commissioner, antiquarian and bibliographer; John Bartlett was appointed in 1850 to establish the border between Mexico and the United States. He worked in Texas and southern New Mexico until 1852, when he decided to go to San Diego and work from there to the east. He was removed from his position in February 1853. He published his account of his experiences in two volumes, *Personal and Narrative of Explorations and Incidents Connected with the United States and Mexican Boundary Commission*.

ACQUISITION

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