

San Diego Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1870

My Dear Captain

I have  
Just rec'd yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
I cannot now lay my  
hands on a copy of Sherman  
& Redfield nor on the  
Statutes of the other States  
to which you refer - but  
no doubt it was wise  
to ground against Contraven-  
-tion by beginning proceedings  
in Texas.

I write now chiefly  
to say that I fear it will  
not do for you to rely on  
me at all in the cases - in  
fact it is my opinion that  
I cannot go there at the

J. C. Beckwith  
Letter January 18<sup>th</sup>  
1870.