San Francisco June 5th 1856

Hon J W Dennes

Dear Sir

I Address you a few lines to inform you with many thanks that I am indebted to you for Several Public documents which have been highly Appreciated, You will find by the Mail which Leaves to day a very interesting State of affairs in this City, at the foot of Clay Street is the Barracks of the Vigelance Committee they are recruiting Drilling and holding Court Over Some of the Boys about Town. Maj Gen! Sherman is now under orders of Gen Gen. Head Quarters at Da Ash Officer on the Plaza he is Drilling and recruiting to give the Vigelance Committee fight and it remains to be seen in what will be the result, I was down the Bay last week on the Steamer Sea Bird and I found that the Government is building a Light house down at Point Lobos, now Gen I ask a particular favor of you if you will be Kind enough to get the Appointment of Light house

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Keepsie at S Barbara for Dr. John R Conway
which you know very well he is a good
Democrat and has been all of his life
he has a very Large family and is very
poor and by getting this appointment
for him you will confer a great favor
on me as well as a deed of charity
~~to~~ on his family & Should be pleased
to hear from you often from your
Friend & Old Comrade
Respectfully yours
W. Bailey

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San Fernando July 20. 56.

Hon J. N. Denver

Dr Sir I have just returned from the mountains, was not here at the departure of the last Steamer or I would have written you then. Tho there is nothing to write about. The vigilance committee have got the country, and until their reign of terror, passes away which I hope will be soon, we can do very little politically. The Democratic nominations are all made and there is no doubt about our carrying the State. But we must lay still until we can get rid of Vigilantism.

In regard to the Congressional nominations, tho I have considerable I can learn but little You can see by the papers that the excitement in the country

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has been very quiet and silently on our subject. Nothing else has been thought of or talked of since I returned to the State.

Grigsby is at present doing nothing - and I think has not any strong hopes of a nomination.

I have sent Patterson to the North and told him to visit all the Counties in that region, as soon as I hear from him as to what can be done there, your friends here can form a better idea what your chances will be - and act accordingly. I am afraid the Department here complied with the instructions at Washington - however unjust it may be, will not stop urging to you - just at this crisis. We will however do the best we can. Let me what you think of the content on your side.

Yours truly
Thos. J. Henley.

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