

vs.

JOHN MANSFIELD

Attorney-at-Law

Rooms 50 and 51, Temple Block

Los Angeles, Cal.

March 9th 1890

Genl Alex. M. D. McCook,
Comd'g Dept Arizona,
Los Angeles Cal.

Sir - The Historical Society of Southern California
has done me the honor to appoint me a Com^{tee} of
one, to confer with you on the subject of the all abandoned
ordnance, now lying in the vicinity of the Court House
and other places in this City, with a view of getting a
transfer of the governments title of same to the Society.

They are not believed to have any value except such
as might illustrate some of the early historical events
that led up to a change of sovereignty from Mexico
to the American government of California and
particularly the Southern portion of it. In the
mean time I have the honor to request, that each
copy of these all abandoned pieces of ordnance, be
given to the Society, until the government shall
further adjudicate upon the title if it shall be so advised.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
your obt servt.

John Mansfield.

P.S. I beg to inclose a newspaper
clipping giving a brief historical
account of these all abandoned

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Dept. Arizona.

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Historical Society of Southern Cal.

Referring to the old
abandoned Cannon
in vicinity of Court
House and other places
in this City, with a
desire that they be
transferred to that
Society

1st Endorsement.

Headqrs. Dept. of Arizona.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2, 1891.

Respectfully returned to Mr
John Mansfield, Los
Angeles, Cal.

The Honorable Secretary
of War being present at
these Headquarters on this
date directs the Com-
manding Officer of the
Department of Arizona to
take possession of the old
iron Cannon referred to
within and remove them
to a place of safe custody.

The Department Commander
accordingly designates
the rooms of the Historical
Society of Southern California
as the place of safe custody.

for these historical relics,
and they are not to be
removed from the custody
of said Historical Society,
without the orders of the
President of the United States
or a future Secretary of
War.

Wm. M. Lewis

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Brigadier General,
Commanding.