

256. ⁴¹³ Billola About the time that Todd started his express Wm T. Ballou
an enterprising young fellow of French descent, arrived at San Fr.
and also went to the So. Mines where he engaged in the business
of letter-carrying. see also Hist. of Cal. V. VIII. p. 149. Ballou on Sonoma route.
Same p. 150. The first regular express is said to have been started by Ballou see
Advent MS 1 for the southern mines, late in 1849 but Todd shows that he began
the business in July 1849 p. 150. Ballou joined Langston in the Yuba Express