

Berford & Co. 1849-50 # 20 MS

Daily connections with San Jose

p. 19. In Sep. 1850 Berford's Expr. entered the N.Y. trade on an extensive scale and for a while did a large business. A year or so later B. & C. instituted the pre-payment of letters and packages to "any section of San Francisco. This was accomplished by letter stamps which were affixed to the article. The Alta of Nov. 8, 1851 describes the stamp that was used as "blue" and "having a picture of mercury on it". This was another innovation in the development of the Cal. Exp. Service.

Penn. History of Cal. V. vii. p. 180 "Berford & Co. maintained a daily connection with San Jose".