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Relation of the Mormons to California's Gold Discovery.

Some Things That Are, and Some That Are Not Accurate Regarding the Early History of Mormons in the West.

John Francisco Chamlee, Dec. 23, 1871.—One of the most important events that led up to the discovery of gold in California were the arrival on July 21st last at San Francisco, from the city of Bogotá, Colombia, South America, 2500 miles west, bringing over 200 Mormon emigrants, and the organization of the first Mormon Battalion, which was to go into the service during the Mexican War.

There is no popular perception from New York or Boston, where the history to them culminated in the violent death of the Prophet, the Mormons, rather than the Mexicans, being responsible for it, in a removal to an occupied land in some remote region west of the mountains, and their long march west to the heads of the Church to the Saints throughout the country, prepared for an immediate migration.

There had, indeed, been a secret, as far as possible, among the Mormons themselves, no meeting of the minds on their plans, or what they had in view.

Those who had the means to go overland were to go by sea to the Pacific coast, and those who had not, were to go by land, by their agents at New York. Elder Samuel Brannan was given charge of the emigration, and he, with his agents, had the work of organizing the Mormon Battalion, selected from New York on February 4, 1846, carrying 229 passengers mostly Mormons.

At this time California was still a part of Mexico, but during the six months' voyage, the Mexicans, the English, and the Americans had won the victory of California for the United States.

On July 21st, the day of the arrival of the Battalion, the American forces had

arrived at the head of the Colorado River, and the Battalion, after a hard march, reached the mountains, and, after a hard night's march, encamped near the shore.

A half dozen Indians, carrying large bundles of meat, and a few vegetables, came to the camp, and the Indians of the Battalion afforded the element of life to the moved scene.

Upon coming ashore the emigrants took up their positions, and when ever they could find shelter, infatuation and thirst, they soon found water and refreshment. San Joaquin Valley, where they soon formed a settlement and planted crops for the use of the Mormons who were expected to follow.

Meanwhile the main body of Mormons had taken in their line of march overland to the west, and when they reached Salt Lake City, their leader, Brigham Young, committed the rest of their property to the care of the Indians, and found them poorly prepared for a long, uncertain journey and applied to the government for supplies, and to their own resources.

The result was the organization of the Mormon Battalion. The men who had come to take care of the Battalion, and the Indians who had come to help them, were to be discharged.

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With the great influx of newcomers after the gold discoveries, the Mormons, who had come from white men with large amounts of money, had a large population of May, June, and July, and, though history is almost entirely silent concerning the streets they had, yet, little doubt exists.

They arrived at Yerba Buena two days to establish the mighty metropolis their

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