

August 20. 1849.

Meeting of Emigrants at Stand at 8 a.m. when instruction from Jefferson Hunt - Hunt called for Mr. Waller & Jim Goodale & Mr. Kinney - mountaineers - (not present) to come & contradict his statement. I am now going to give in detail, once for all. I have many miraculous reports but no working of them. I went by the S. route to the Pacific. 19 men & boys & 30 animals & were 46 days going - staid a few weeks - got 900 cows on at Williams' ranches latter end of Dec. - staid 3 weeks - & came back here about 1st May - there is no trouble from here to Sevier River. I have no hesitation to say there will be plenty of grass & water - the difficult jobs are little hills - the way is tolerably rough.

From Little Salt Lake to a creek at 20 miles - a Spring about 1/2 way among Cedars	8	plenty of grass
1 st muddy to Shiner	12	little grass in hot.
Shiner on left (a mile off) to divide	24	1/2 way is dry creek - about 300 yds above it? good water - seasons of water & grass on divide
Head of Sta Clara	24 1/2	has rough rocky gullies, patches - road round the point - good coming out of the creek
Mouth of Sta Clara	25	spots good grass - Indians farm - plenty of timber
+ divide	6	plenty of grass then descend
up Kanjon to Rio Virgin	24	without water - plenty of grass to Beaver Dam - plenty of water - go over sand 3 miles - nothing to hinder it? but much brush walls 1 mile wide
down Rio Virgin	40	plenty of water - some grass
over to Moss muddy	20	plenty of grass & water here is the 15 sagaloo - a precipice of 6000 feet - 1/2 mile above is no good going up down
to Cashu Spring	50	4 miles lower down is not any trouble
		at Kanjon bottom - sandy - nice table land - then level to the Spring - plenty of grass & water - up stream 5 miles
to Water	12	plenty grass & water - level plain
Mountain Spring	12	rough & rocky - not much grass 1/2 mile further plenty of grass
Water	30	+ level plain
1/2 across Struggle	4	plenty of water & grass
Spring	30	a bad hill to go over - plenty of grass & water
Spring	6	moderate grass then down a Saleratus creek 6 miles
A Mountain	15	staid 2 days
at Cashu Biber Spring	50	over level plain about 6 miles rocky - little grass
Malahangy River	40	no grass - some sage - sandy plain 10 miles - the Cal mountains
the Malahangy River	50	plenty of grass & water
Calson Pass		Close to Settlement 20 miles -

The season is mild except summer - is hot - about 1500 animals - 3000 sheep & 400 cows in one caravan - I will release men to go & show you that country at 1000 a wagon - you work the way not me - I'll find it - we ought not to start before Oct. & go there in 60 or 70 days - 825 miles to Los Angeles

Many you & strangers to me - I present this trip - Major Hunt - I have been acquainted with many years - he has brot his services to go South route - in a few hours months - even shall be flooded with many - & we wish all who can, to proceed on their journey - if we had a surplus of provisions we should advise you to stay all winter - we are offered 50¢ for silver if we did say we had nothing for ourselves & neighbors - it would be hard - all who are started for gold regions - as others of deliberance - they feel they need it - & anxious to get where it is - I recommend any man to go the northern road it would be loading on taking their lives - & it would be marvellous to go the north route - we are detained ^{our own} families from going that route - we are not much confidence in going that route this fall - but there is plenty in Spring - I should say no futibancy in going the S. road ~~respectfully~~ only all the time - Major Hunt has not measured the road - his only chart is his recollection - I beg to give you a little council - labor to get in Union - travel to get - if Union does not prevail we can not prosper - let me council you to provide a 3/4 of Union - if you doubt you are in eminent danger - I can aid to use all skill & tact to hinder men from going there - from into C? as a pilot to each C? - with a horse - search road, & find up camp grounds - let there be a united effort - you can go easy - there is no necessity of having broken down cattle - there is no necessity of carrying any wagon or animal injured - if I were traveling in a C? - I had any difficulty I would not leave that wagon till it was there - if you are 4 C? draw out 10 extra men as Pioneers then go there with light teams - & work the Kanjons, when main train comes or there is no hindrance - & your cattle will be as good as when they leave this place - bearken to the advice of a stranger - patience & perseverance will go thro' - when we come here 2 yrs ago - we were lost an eye - laid off a city - & set with same teams same year - Major Hunt brot his services to go - there are some young men will go with him - I want to bid to who it - he is a poor honest & honest man - he will be here doing nothing for himself or family - I would be willing to give him - what he asks 1000. with all my heart - instead of your trading off your poor cattle - put them in good feed - recruit them - & then go on - if you go in Union - you will act out monomania.

The Emigrants mentioned that over the Emigrants return are hearty & warm thanks to the Pres. of this Society for his warm wisdom & advice this morning see! Carried -