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Mr. Jerry Mac Mullen,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Mac Mullen:

SHIP "STILLWELL S. BISHOP"

This is in further reference to your letter of Aug. 22nd, in regard to the above ship which was supposed to have hit Bishop Rock in 1855.

According to the "San Francisco Daily Herald" of April 30, 1855, she arrived at that port from Philadelphia on April 29th, and I quote three items concerning this ship:

"ARRIVALS

Clipper ship S.S. Bishop, Shankland,
127 days from Philadelphia, with
merchandise, to H. K. Cummings & Co.

"MISCELLANEOUS

Clipper ship S.S. Bishop was off Cape Horn 14 days in heavy gales. February 23d, experienced a severe hurricane, and was compelled to heave overboard part of her cargo to save the vessel. Crossed the Equator April 6th in lon. 112, since which time had light and variable winds.

"SPOKEN

Clipper ship S.S. Bishop, Shankland,
from Philadelphia for this port, April 22d, lat. 28.22, lon. 128."

Evidently the vessel did not hit Bishop Rock in the year, 1855, as reported by the Coast Pilot, but in some earlier or later year.

It is hard to believe that an important Government agency, such as the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, has apparently no information as to the date when the ship actually hit Bishop Rock.

Very truly yours,

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