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My dear Mr. MacMullen:

Your letter of June 20 requesting information concerning the legend involving the Revenue brig LAWRENCE is acknowledged.

The LAWRENCE, commissioned in 1848 and lost in 1851, was assigned to survey work around the delta of the San Joaquin River from 1849-1851. Transcripts of the journal of the LAWRENCE are kept in the National Archives, together with several volumes of correspondence concerning the LAWRENCE.

Although the incident to which you refer was not discovered, a brief search through this material revealed numerous cases of mutiny, desertion, and general disorder. The crew of the revenue brig shared the gold rush frenzy of the time and place. In view of this, it is altogether possible that your legend is true and occurred during this period.

Personnel limitations do not permit the careful reading of these records which would be required to trace this legend. The National Archives keeps a list of searchers who do research for a nominal fee. If you are interested in this service you may obtain information from the Fiscal Section, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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By direction of the Commandant

