

every hardship, for the attainment of his just rights,—to prove himself not only “*par secundis*,” but “*major adversis*,” by seeking repose, and calling on the shades of forgetfulness to fall around the memory of heroic exploits, which such a man blushes to hear coupled with his name. So little need has true worth of noise and praise. But I should do great injustice to the worthy Don, if I neglected to state his manner of obtaining the commission of Governor of Upper California, in support of which he struggled so manfully.

About two years after the Revolution which raised Alvarado to power, the excellent old Don sent an account of that event to his friend Sa Excellentissimo, El Presidente Bustamente, in which among other matters it was stated that, in case Mexico would make an appointment of a Californian of the Governorship of the country (suggesting at the same time that he the worthy Don was at the service of the State,)—he, the Don, and his *amigos* would reconquer the country, and return it to the allegiance of Mexico. The Don's brother, a man of great patriotism—*id est*, Mexican patriotism, or the most devoted disposition to take care of himself,—bore this dispatch. In due time he returned with a commission—empowering his brother Don to assume the Government of Alta California. The only irregularity in the instrument which arrested attention was the absence of the proper signatures and the Seal of State. But as the Don was called El Gubernador in the body of the instrument, that irregularity was deemed by his friends of trifling importance. But it was this that the wily Alvarado seized upon as a pretext for not delivering up the helm of Government to the most excellent and stately old Don, and allowing himself, and his partisans to be shot according to the law, for having rebelled against La Republica Mexicana.

From the year 1838 to the year 1840, the time when the author entered California, Alvarado continued to be the Governor of that lovely land. And during that period no events occurred worthy of being detailed.

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