

The
California
Limited



Dear John

Dear Dawson.

Rec'd 5th
JCO

The principal points

Compton made about moving
palms were these: 1. Don't

use large balls: the rootlets rot off
in the ball ^(poisoning soil) and the tree suffers much
more than if they are cut off short

and the stump planted in fresh good
soil. For any size of palm he

advises not over one foot on each side
of trunk. If properly handled a palm

will thrive if it is sawed near through
at the ground level and the trunk set
up in a new pit. New roots break out
from trunk at once. 2. Prune

heavily, leaving only a few leaves at the top. 3. Keep water out of the top of the tree by tying up the leaves in a bundle and inverting a tub over the top. If water gets into the top of a recently moved palm it is liable to rot it. 4. Don't water the ground too much, soak it well at planting but be very sparing thereafter; unless the weather is exceptionally drying it may go a month without another watering.

He moved an orange tree about 10" diam of trunk and 20' tall with a ball 3' in diam and ~~thought~~ thinks that enough. He cut the top back to short stumps and it has grown about 6 or 7 feet (I should guess) since the transplanting in 1903. It doesn't look well

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largely because the paucity
of the Court prints proper
cultivations -

At Santa Barbara I

had some smells of new
work but do not know whether
anything will come out of it.

A Mr. Calif (spelling?) there took
us around - lot in lows motor
and lunched us etc. He is a
subscriber of \$10,000 to the
San Francisco fair fund and
says he will try to get us that
job too. He advised us to open
any other channels of influence
we could command, so as to back
up his efforts. I will see Burn-
ham, who has been approached

by the S.F. people and will not
handle the job himself.

Mr. Calif comes from Utica
and ^{knows} ~~of~~ many clients
Proctor and Sanger - etc.
Strom Child has been doing
his place for him ^{at Santa B.} ~~at Santa B.~~
~~at~~ rather commonplace suburban
villa "sub-tropical" effects.

A Mr. Wilson, architect, in S. Barb.
dined us one night and took us to
his office to see some fine books and
some of his drawings etc. He showed
two perspective sketches for A.L. White's
Spokane house by another architect
and said White had asked him to
work over the design. I said
nothing about our relations to



White. Look out for Wilson.
He has brains and considerable
taste, but he is not a
great designer and he
has a reputation locally at S.B.
for being a grafter of the
first water. He ~~has~~ ^{is said to have} made
a lot more money on the side
that his ~~total~~ professional
commissions could have
amounted to, partly in the
stock market and on business
deals and partly by graft with
contractors etc. This may
all be malicious, ^{false} local gossip
but if White takes him on
you had better look out and
if his employment turns on your
advice I should be inclined to
shy him.

F.H.O.