

ROMAIN C. DE BOOM
1777 PAGE STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, - CAL.

THE SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA PIONEERS

C 057897

19th May 1911

L. S. Eldredge

Dear Sir

Answering your favor of 12th Inst, you wrote to my son
to William, in regard to the 1849 Pioneer. C.
DeBoom, of our Family -

- 1: His full name was Jean Cornelle DeBoom,
Born & Raised in the City of Antwerp -
Belgium, when it was part of the Republic
of France. (John Cornelius, in English,
as per his Diploma & Naturalisation
papers), which are "Framed" in my Parlor.
- 2: Having graduated from the College
of Navigation of Antwerp, his Father
(my Grandfather) gave one of his vessels to Cornelius, "to go
and to trade", as "best he could".
- 3: In 1838, this brought him with a cargo
around "the Horn" at Callao & Valparaiso
Chili, where he opened a Branch House
of the Firm DeBoom & Co. of Antwerp.
- 4: In 1840 the Government of Belgium
appointed Cornelius DeBoom Consul
of that part of South America,
a Regular line of Vessels from Antwerp