

Four leagues on we arrived at La Parrita where in the midst of some oaks, and mesquites there are some pools of hot water. We continued our journey without stopping, finding on both sides of the road clumps of live oaks, which look like so many villages (aldeas). Except for these groves the hills are similar to the others we have passed, until about a league and a half beyond La Parrita when with various trees the beautiful woods of Atascoso begins to announce itself, and begins after a half league more. We entered the wood, which was so dense that it scarcely afforded a path for the horses, and it was necessary to travel with great care in order not to be injured by the branches and trunks across the road. We went through the wood for three leagues. It is formed of laurels. At four o'clock we arrived at the Arroyo which is also called El Atascoso, having traveled nine leagues principally northeast. The camp was placed in a level hollow of short extension and on the bank of a creek which in time of the dry season probably has a little more than a cubic vara of water, crystalline and very beautiful; but its bed (cauce) is full of leaves, etc. The wood is 40 varas long and 12 wide, and is composed of robles, encinos, alamos, etc. A few steps west of the camp and near the road we saw the skeletons of 205 bodies said to have been Apaches.

On the 31 we set out at 8:50, in the alect, continuing through the thick wood as on yesterday. At a distance of <sup>five</sup> six leagues is the ravine of La Magdalena and a little further on is that of Las Gallinas, both of which are dry and have water only in the rainy season. At two-thirds of the journey (jornada) we changed our northeasterly direction to one of due north. A little further on we came to some little cleared places, apparently intended for the site of a house. There is usually some water in a little lagoon which we now crossed dry. From this place the nature of the country changes. The sand, robles, and encinos, cease, and the woods of mesquite and cactus continue. We had not seen any nopal before this. A little further on from the cleared places and to the right of the road are some