

1872

Jan - Dec

Personal Correspondence

Family letters

JAN

1872

San Diego Cal
1872.

My dear daughter I wish
I had an opportunity - of send-
ing you a little money for
a happy New Year hope this
I now do so, extending my
good love & best wishes to
Grandma and Aunty al-
so. I would very much
liked to have sent you
a nice present, I tried
to but could not succeed,
we are all very poor down
here at present, but hope
for better times. Love is thank

man's health, and now do you
all get along. I should like
to have you come with
me for I know you would
be a great help to me..
My health is very poor, and
that makes the work so much
harder for me. Frank spent
a week at home for the
holidays, he seemed to enjoy
it quietly. The other children
are all well, and enjoyed
christmas as children always
do, hung up their stockings
and received a few little
presents. Dolly got a little
doll buggy, and a small
doll, like a small doll
and a little china match
safe with a looking glass
in it, and a small cup
and saucer, with which

she was highly delighted.
George received some marbles,
a top, and a box of blocks,
representing different battles
in Europe. Frank on his
birthday received a new
suit of clothes, which I
bought for him on tick.
Our humble servants, got
a very nice little Rosewood
writing desk (on which I am
now writing) and this paper
that I am writing upon.
You will notice my Monogram
at the head, & to that
constitutes all the presents
floating around here in
the holidays. How is
Grandma and Aunt, are
they well? and did they
receive many presents, did
you receive any? why don't

you write oftens, you ought
to write to me every steam-
er. I want to hear from
you all as often as pos-
sible, if only a few lines.
How is Mrs Bartlett? and
poor Mrs Machonichie? is
he still alive? I hope so
for Sophie's sake for she
seems to think so much
of him. And Ella and her
mother do you see them
often give my love to them
all and tell them that
a few lines from any of
them would be very accept-
-ble down in this God-fors-
-aken country. We have
had considerable rain,
which makes things look
a little better, and people
feel more quite encourage-

than they have felt for a
long time. The hills
look green and clean
and nice. We all employ
and great deal of our
time in gathering Mush-
rooms which are very nu-
merous, and in the after-
noon crowds of children
congregate on the side
hills digging for Dietas and
Cacarnetas, little Spanish
roots that they find in
the ground and they taste
somewhat like raw potatoes.
They think they are good
so it is all right. I went
to the Mesquero ball
given on the 22nd of Dec.
The first one I ever saw,
went to look on. Frank
Lott's men enjoyed the

sight very much. Mrs Colson
was dressed as a Chinese
woman and Mrs Bush
as a Chinaman, they were
the most perfect costumes
there, every body for a
long time thought they
were Chinese. Mrs Wallace
was dressed in black with
gold stars all over her face
had a black mask. Mr
Bancroft represented the
devil, they got one gentleman
to represent a priest, and
they came two or three
times after me to take
the character of a nun, but
I did not know how to
go to work to get it up,
and then Mr Phaly was
not willing. The ball was
given in the town. over,

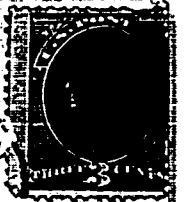
Dear night we had a
dance at Mrs Seelys, I
danced with Frank
and George, we danced
until four o'clock in the
morning. So I suppose we
won't have another winter
in ten years to come.
The children have a
circus tent in the corral,
they had performance on
the Dear day, I played
on the Melodeon for them
and they had two dogs
and a goat to perform
with the goat kicked up
and would not go so
the dog its loose. Mr Alby
Judd's dog climbed up
a ladder, jumped over
a bar, and took Frank's
out of its head, he

Will send love
to your mother
and sister
and say good
night to
them. I hope
you will
be very
well.
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you will
be very
well.
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you will
be very
well.

Does grandpa go out any
more than he did, and
is he well? I hope bet-
ter. This letter is as much
for Mother and Aunt
as for you. Tell grand-
ma and Aunt that they
must write to me, and
make you write every
steamer. I hope you are
a good girl to Grandma
and obey her. Greet Lillie
George, & Frank. Send love
and a happy New Year to
you all. I must close sending
you much love to all and
a happy New Year. A.B.M.

Sh. W. h. 9 years when
he lost his father.

1872



Mr Thomas, Whaley,

San Diego Old Town
California

Brooklyn Jan 9th / 72

Dear Son Thomas -

I rec^d a letter dated Nov 14th
rec^d I rec^d to which I have replied you
will exclaim how kind & smart Mother^{is}
I often think I am blessed indeed
John & I was speaking of what I had
passed through I do not see how I did
accomplish so much one thing my
heart & soul, was devoted to my family
I often say how different It is bringing
up her child in the way I did besides our
means were limited to what hers is (See) how
different you behaved to what her son of near
15^{years} when you was that age then you lost
your father at 9 years. O! Tho^{ugh} you may
well praise your Mother for what
she has done for her offsprings (I may
well say we are indeed to treat any one
indifferent who was kind to you, but
thank the Lord I am satisfied I have
done my duty towards my child & they

Recall me as they will one daughter
and she forget her duty to the best of
Mother, Prayers I have laboured to make
for comfortable & at by her in sickness &
in health, my strength is gone I am
able, to do so no more, bars and I refrain
with in depression & distress, what a
great shame, I am heartfull she had
more to answer, how I should be in
long to acknowledge too. You are
all resents & strait devoted to your
and may be aged one of these days! How have
will you like to inquire ill message?
with & think the time may come to
cannot the most forty want power for ill
deeds not that think! He like me or father
He was the best of men He would have
renewed a mother like me but as he was am
I lost my dear mother — I am heartily
thankfull that I have the happy reputation
to live & think of my obedience & kind care
to the best of children as well as can.
I own my cheats in gratitude to my
dearly father for health & strength to

to perform the great tasks before me
hoping to rejoice his life a few years
Ah! my son may such affliction come
to you but but how could it? He was
my sole dependant for me & family
rejoice in seeing I am very thankfull
do not dare to remember but your thanks
for all blessings but not to my children
I will change a white, Wife on leaves
you know she has deceas'd in consequence
of which she is deprived of all the share of
her ground and money, if goes to Henry
two girls your sister John wife John John
I am so sorry to see he only ground should
so many, He may get 200 — I wish 800 —
I found only 800 — think I ought to have more
any I would prefer living to have it but not if
there is 800 — to be divided living was to
have it all if, she lived or married & left children
to live to own and a good dominion and a kind
husband & justice I like him very much only
he has his power the right the is first with only
these are the power by the 3 but no more at
present he is doing well in all respects

I hope you will construe all I write
as this is a long letter for me & people
often say I suppose your Chil^{ren} think much
of their nice smart Mother to some I
make ^a short reply. Now I must ask how
your families health is. Jenny W. is at Van. B.
in Green Avenue she is very fat near 17, I was
very fond of her at one time, untill she said she
hated all her putters relations, so I gave her
I hope she will be good now, not one of them
like my little Rachel, though the name had
been so much degraded. I make them feel
that they would be glad to have it for thems
John is well and appears happy. They all
go to H's but not long at a time my sheet
near full. I don't think best for me to take a horse
& get a housekeeper this board is but a poor live there you are
at their mercy to eat just what is on the table I always
said it will cost more but what of that then you can
pay me a visit and not be rejected. They had a nice time
this is a very fine double house but I suppose you think
I might have 2 jents in that room. Was V. you can go.
then I must not no I cant be sent around there
we will see after winter over. I live I could not
stand it at H. I must be quit & peaceable. Move
Kasper

How will say, I am very communi^{teve}
I will be in B. I wish Sylvester was in
N.Y so he is, I mean is aside there or in P.
no child he said when he first came he could not
refrain looking on me, I was so little changed,
he looks well, is younger than J., Mary has not been
to H. of late, I would like to live with Libby she &
I never had a word between us, she is kind here
child - smart to learn. I hope she will see comfort
with them. the eldest in his B. good boy to obey.
I trust, you have heard from Tom in this
if not write to him for me & my N's, 2 1/2 1/2 are
quite fine & clear to day, How is business now
you are having such copious rains -
Libby, was here to day, sends love to all, she
is quite smart. Hattie just gone away
they are all well at present boys at
home not at school. they were at
Hemstead all ^{last} winter, but only one will
return. Oh my! how funny to bring child
up so - Hattie is pretty intelligent
I hope they will all do well.
as my grand sons. I am glad their

Parents are doing well I may receive
a letter from you, soon none since the
one written on the 14 of ~~Nov~~ ^{Nov} written
no letter to day Jan 10 - now with kind
regards to all I will close in hopes of
hearing from you soon I wish you all
a merry Christmas & Happy N^o Year
Our Cities has been greatly excited by
Fisk, being shot by Stokes Army! how dreadful
we will see what they will do with Stokes
all Bri. N. K. men to had to think off He
is in prison I will write again soon
as you have replied to me in a very
pretty good letter now.
Recieve this from your Mother

A. Whaley Farewell

San Diego Cal.
1872.

My dear Mamma,

I am in receipt of your nice little letter, and am glad to hear that you are well and able to make so many pretty little things. Felt Lillie & George are at school now, but when they come home I will read them your letter. Times are exceedingly dull down here, everybody waiting for the N. Road. It looks to me as if they may wait very long

before we get a D. Board to write about. You are
here. He never heard about that thing. I will
be very sorry I think never heard you that
The Board had forgotten as things. I will say, but I
wished a Capt. Brinkley had perhaps you have not
start. So Brinkley's person then you will
have taken the command. You of you dare go on
As at least they can be on the side of all this
is for nothing. After the would all with very much
you to pay! You had to see you. If things go
with each. The children all right by opening, some
each piece every one. The children have lots of
George too. He had a very good one of the
any of those of different you will can get out of
in a few months which you will see that, and
we played with every one. You will see that, and
thing. I think I told you this first one and perhaps
that. You Stanbur had all the children about
married, the head his has been. The playing drinks is
pictures out of the party closed, is that not true.
There is no more here. I think is that in the
I should know what your office. I am glad

of it for he would be
loafing about doing
nothing, he grows lame.
He is a good boy to
me. You must write
to me often, as I like
to hear from you all.

Give my love to all
friends. How is Mr
Machonichie? is he alive
yet? Tell me. Tell Ella
to write to me. Love
more to Grand
ma & Aunt, and the
same to you and my
Puss from the children
to all. Remember me
to Annie Cook. She is a
nice little friend.

With much love
from Papa and all I am
your son, Mother & C. J. J.

San Francisco Jan 11th / 1872

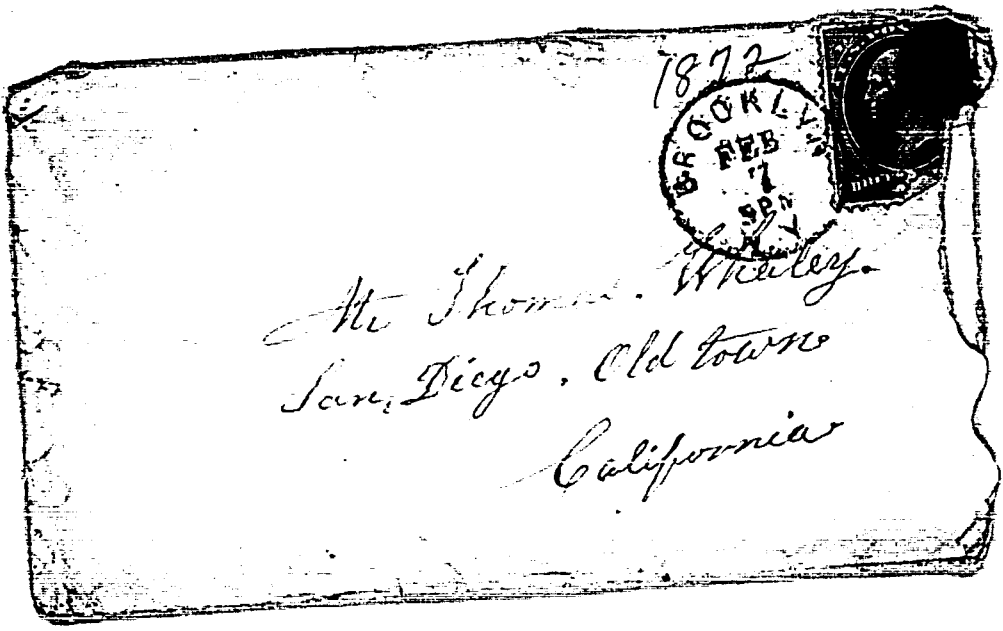
Mom Cher Pere et Mon Chere Mere
We have been
expecting a letter from you but since
you have not written I thought I would
write to you. Why have you not
written? I hope you are all well. I am
very well dear Mamma and so is
Grandma and Aunty. We commence
à parler Français. We are having a
very hard winter and very hard times.
Dear I am very badly ^{for clothes} for clothes I have
two hats that my ^{gown} ^{and} my shoes
are good yet. Do the children go to
school? How does Georgy behave?
We have had a great deal of rain
have you had any? Is Papa in
any business? Dear Mamma please

write soon for we want to hear
from you very much. If you wish
to know the presents I received
I will tell you Mrs E. Clark sent
me a box of candies, a game called
the flags of all nations, a little
reading book called Tom Bentley
and a ~~book~~ Annie Cook gave me
a beautiful sent bag that she
made her self, and a little
french girl gave me a pretty
little basket to put on the
mantelpiece, and auntsy & Millie
gave me ^a little match box and
the little girls mother ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~me~~
gave me a round comb, and Aunt
-ty gave me two bits, Grandma
gave me a pretty box.

Maintenant cher Papa et chère
Maman. Je prie Dieu de vous
accorder une vie longue et
heureuse. Je vous embrasse de
tout mon cœur. Votre fille

Feb

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1872
BROOKLYN
FEB 7
9PM

Mr. Thomas. Wheeler.
San Diego, Old town
California

some papers & money & to every thing with which
I have been furnished in Dec. 3/72

Dear Genl. Thomas -

I got your letter of Dec 22 & am thank-
gods very glad to hear from you on the way, & was
happy to hear of your & family's health. I shall
soon be writing to them and ask how they do and
not reply to my many letters, I want to know what
is the cause of his delicate health for he has
written to me to join them & to influence
my father of it from my language. I will
do much to see if you are being the only
each one not with permission. I am glad
you are having your paper you will feel
better. Will I write to you of the 20th of Dec
we are all well, Mrs. Spaulding is well & very soon
I am afflicted but this is the 5th death in 15
months. Mother brother nephew Sarah wife
& Mrs. Lee have had the cholera. The line
is Charleston, Meads, I do not expect to see her
a great many more to day. Every day I see
deaths in South Carolina. Every year there is in
abundant respect your family gave him Christmas
he was at the site gave him 2 - if you had

to think present them and word of your
don't let you by Post Order and others
to as I think he might as well have it soon
as you write it to me, how do you then you
do as you think proper for what we other
article he need not write for that to me

My father still in bed he is a small man
business. Follow address Genl. Hodge
of every Mary's address (his heart Genl
B. Thomson (Greene) Thomas not heard
or have I ever seen their husbands. I have
met with his heart. you write they will
inform you no doubt. I am willing to put
your words in safe keeping or can't you send your
them. The Will is at H. If you can the
method of conveying since I wish you it
to this. He said the whole of your estate in
Genl. Thomas family so now I can tell you they
do it. I am sure you intend he is leave it
you say there are but two methods of
certain call it I say for 4 South for certain
I do not know that I will. He had them for you
I might I gave the 2 cups to save you. The same
Maybe I for all right. When in the South West
letter forget. I told Kelly to tell his father

I remember he says the Amos nothing about
them only her name to her all the time
would be like them out - I guess she

would know better were she had a letter
a first in the ground than for looks & manners
they seem as you know nothing but paper
comes to my mind I like her if he is poor
her father quite as you look some like
of a very nice family, live not far from
I think that's all sweet, I repeat upon

I do not think her the associates
I suppose I would if she was my child - but
she is worth in her measure of 2,000 a
not satisfied at that poor woman

I have children does not need her
how has she wanted me what has she
I hope all your boys may be united with
regards to your Mr. & Mrs. Gales, you
say I should like your little ones
I don't but I am out of the way of children
the most are saying & well, you know I can't
know that, I like little Rachel because she
was more to care of ^{so} grand ones what shall I do
for you? I suppose nothing more than she
suppose say have you any thing to give me I
said yes

come in please. she was never naughty
to me like the rest of young ones
to make my girls in female good at times
& she appeared me greatly she come to see
one that I guess I did give you have been very
had to me will you be good in future if I
had over all these questions she said she
knows me one present then I said here
is a set of cups & coffee service I shall
expect no more unpleasant treatment

from you she said she had a letter I
told her she must bring him to see me if
it proved so, she has been wishing to see
Bethel, for near a month, his name

Bethel, his name to her - My wife
has read for a week letter that well she hope

have seen Emeline Selby & Abby & the other what
you said they all seem to be in the
of the day nothing of it present to my wife
had his good old mother's thing has and ten, so all
will be a little I suppose you heard some
write your generous day evening
I suppose you feel for your as I was there
to feel for your well fare in days of me by
a present must provide for their families

It has ceased to snow the boys will
reap a harvest by clearing up of snow
too mean, how can she let them do it.
she has a woman to sew for her for a
house, no pay she does not keep a girl
Hattie has to wash for herself, the woman also
Harrington for self & boys, who could do so
I could never have thought it but
you will scarce believe to bad I told
Hattie I would pay for her she would not
yet H. John has to be read your
letter I hope you will get a long letter from
he thinks for I hope it will be a good
Edition you know few writes for their paper
He will do well under a fathers supervision
like you must guide & teach him he
will not make much by his name
thus far I consider I have two named
after me what has become of the young
father your wife relatives husbands to the
application have did that Suit and I saw
it in the papers of ten I did I tell you
that as Lizzie Kesson P. grand child is
dead \$1850 is to be divided between John's
wife my the Mings daughter & grand child
and I to bad

if I didly tell you why not acknowledge
it as it is painful to write twice of
one subject. Flatties just gone home
to hear pleasant over head my letter
long I hope not tedious I have tryed to
reply to all you wrote & hope your
will be more prosperous in mairis &
P.R. - sales of lands, till the little ones
I may see them one of these days.
tis a pity you made such a poor
location thou you made money in
gone by days there but times changes
John may get Jennie married before
she is 20 (17) now then he will have 2
left Thomas & Rachel, I hope all will do
well, who gets married, I am shure.

mind to write soon, let me know of
the way to send the cash, I often think what
little care I have from my children or kindress
it is a consolation to me to divert to the day I washed
my dear fathers feet cut his nails & hair, washed his face
it was my attainment for being bad, in my past
days how pleased he said a while I lived him, I
would not relinquish my feelings for all he left me
my dear father but of whom can I say this of?
The Lord direct us. Your mother R. Whaley

Feb or March 72 ?

San Francisco

My Dear Papa and Mama

I received your kind letter, and was glad to hear from you, and that you are all well, we are all well at present and we are having a great deal of rain, and hope it is the same with you. We received papers from Frank and found them very interesting and encouraging we think it a good paper and very glad that is still there and such a good boy to you.

Give my love to Papa, is he in any business? Auntie met Mr Miller he told her that Sophie had lost her baby and that Mr Mackonickie is not any better. Mrs Miller has another baby.

Mr Miller has not been here yet
Remember me to Mr Bataille and
all inquiring friends. Mrs Wright
and Mrs Sedman called and
the said Mrs. love to you,
Christy brought me a gray hat, Sam
very much in need of clothes. I have not
grown everything.

I went to Anne's surprise party
and had a nice time, I went out to
see the procession on Washington both
day it was a very fine affair,
showing no more news to tell you I
close my letter by sending Papa and
you and the children my love and
many kisses.

from your loving
daughter
Christy Phaley

P.S.
Christy and John's father since
her marriage

My dear Emma,

I should like to see you more,
from you & that you are in
good health. Nevertheless
you have neglected to write
me & it has grieved me
very much. We are not well
& very worried of this day?

You wish to know if
Anna has grown since you
left. Well I can say is that
she is as tall as I am &
that if you do not send
her clothes very soon she will
be (as the Spanish say) de put
tout un get les manches de
manes. At present, we have
a very cheap dress-maker!
Madame Goise.
I made a pair of drawers
& made a pair but the

others are too small & her
her flannel petticoats are
all gone the only decent
thing she has to wear is
her gray dress & the red
Calico dress. the others are
worn out or too small the
fact is the poor child is
very shabby. as for us, we
dont make enough to buy
anything to put on our backs.

We would like to move
as twenty three dollars are
too much for us to pay
but we have no money.
You talk of dull times, but
assure you it is very dull
here too. As Mamma has
written all the news, I will
close my letter by sending
you all much love.

Your affectionate
Mother
V. E. Lannan

MAR

1872

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San Francisco May 14/72

Mr Whaley.

Receipt of your (we are in
letter of the 16th May. I find
inclosed a draft Father & Co
Bankers. to be applied as directed
in Anna's letter.

Doc, & Amelia went to see
Capt. Johnson to secure
Nannie's pass but the
Capt said he could not do
anything of the kind as
it was against the rules &
he had received very strict
orders to that effect. he
also said that he had seen
Mr & Mrs Whaley & that they
said nothing at all to him
in reference to the passage
and he supposed everything
was all right. Does Amelia

Went on the ~~bus~~ ^{busset} who
told that he was not program
red with Mr. No. 1 July & that
earless the Capt would endorse
the note, or Mr. No. 1 rider.
He could do nothing in the
matter & as the Captain said
he could not take the
responsibility we could do
nothing. As to the \$25 -
we were so sure that you had
made the arrangements with
the Captain, that I wish
would immediately down town
to purchase everything that
was necessary for Maurice to
have so that there is no
more money left.

I am astonished that a
man of business like you
did not have an understand-
ing with the Captain in
San Diego. Lucia

tell very cheap & we
had a great deal of money
for nothing. I've asked
the Busset, however of the
passage would be so he said
that it was half price for
children under twelve
years of age. You will see
the Captain that will tell
you all about it.

I am very sorry on account of
Anna whom I know will be
greatly disappointed but
Maurice is all ready now,
& if you arrange it all will
go. I hope Anna is better
trip. I hope they are
give her my love & thinking
you properly I remain
Yours

V. B. Fleming.

APRIL

1872

to attach

**No
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MAY

1872

1872 - May

Personal - Family

Brooklyn May 9, 1872

Dear Son Thomas.

I have ~~not~~ writing as my
eyes have been very weak ever since
this time better I trust you are all well
we have had a very unpleasant
spring I have not heard from Tom if
I only knew the cause I then should know
what to do. As I write but little of late I
have ^{not} written to Lina I wrote to you too
inquire how I might ^{send} the \$30 to
Frank I spoke of no reply. Mrs.
Smith had lost her only son in Jan.

33 years of age I forget if I named it
in my last I wrote of Mr West for the
left his two daughters near \$100-100
neither married a chance for a
young man. I have not seen John
in 2 weeks Lina has a babe gone to
house spring so I presume John will not

~~My~~ my friend & neighbor
with the so frequently of kind &

very kindly do not seem any more
of the suit I say she does not talk
to him of the affair, every light from
I send a few days ago 13 ill. has not
been in near a year, what a difference
I loved say he is to you when you was
15. I am sorry she has plenty do with
how could she insist. many letters
from to give it too her son in that way
how did I see do for mine in it way
I did from the low little she estimate
the care & trouble I should or how
most speak I regret what I did for any
of you but sorry I could do more.
I loved my children. I trust they will
follow my example, & their prayers
I have not seen my Peter Gramson
or their father I have much to do for
myself as all appears very difficult to me.
I am thankfull I am not obligat to
all friends of them. I believe will go

away soon he has been in city all winter at
his night's lodging he is well. I has been every
kind & attentive to me he was very desire
see to take me to Britain, with some but I
found the journey, would be too far for me
John did not like when me to go

I hope you are all well & prospering
am not at house preparing but hope to
before long I write to some thing to
know if the world like change of
my favor with a girl she declines at
present on account of her health I
hope she may get better soon. I am
sick of boarding cant have what I
think required I am at a pine double house
grand parent when I am but I am not student
perhaps want keep a girl so she notices all
the time only 3 boarder girls one not any
children. I wish she was more comfortable
I have sympathy some people see Thomas
I hope you have seen Henry and the
fine what I say about him.

Your last letter came to hand 7/25/71

I trust you are prospering things
must and will come around for good to
San D - where you have made money
in years gone by. I cannot inform
you of the B. bridge the ^{height} Blaison is being
in City Roosevelt St. but where the bridge
will begin is not decided I asked a gent other
day, he thought towards Chamber St.
Mrs B Aunt Fanny cannot write to me any
90 years old only think how humbler
thankfull I ought to feel to my heavenly
Father that I can do as I can I do not
wish to increase my correspondents people
say if you write a nice letter write to one often
decline their invites to much of it
Thomas give my love to all your
family hoping I may see you again we
leave this world of sorrow, receive my
most tender love for your welfare
hoping all things will be for good.
Your affectionate Mother
Flatter here yesterday H. H. Haley

Names of
the families in
Richard

S. D. May

29, 1872

San Diego, July 17th 1872.

President & Board of Directors
Pacific Mail Steamship Company
New York.

~~On the 10th of this month I received, please find copy of a letter addressed, to C. P. Baggett Esq, agent of your company, in which he promised to forward to Messrs Eldridge & Son, San Francisco and by them to be forwarded to you for transmission to you. Since then I see that by publication in the "Union" a copy of which enclosed, that a petition for a wharf franchise has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the City of San Diego on the 10th day of August signed by Thomas L. Newirth, G. W. B. McDonald and Edward K. Eldridge. In last named said petition it is proposed that the wharf be built for the advantage of your company and for the individual benefit that as it does not appear that he is working for the interests of your company, I have thought it advisable to send enclosed a copy of the letter addressed to C. P. Baggett Esq to advise a certain number of my proposed meeting for the~~

girls
The names of the in school

San Diego, May 29th 1872.

- | | |
|----------------|----|
| Mary Cannon | 1 |
| Violet Whaley | 2 |
| Bertie Bush | 3 |
| Louisa Barnett | 4 |
| Rachel Barnett | 5 |
| Kannah Barnett | 6 |
| Lillie Barnett | 7 |
| Lillie Whaley | 8 |
| Lillie Bullen | 9 |
| Scottie Winter | 10 |
| Louisa Winter | 11 |
| Isabel Smith | 12 |
| Mary Smith | 13 |
| Mary Seely | 14 |
| Maryanna | 15 |
| Mary Estacillo | 16 |
| Mary Bond | 17 |
| Louisa Ayers | 18 |

June

1872

[Faint handwritten notes on the right margin, including the date 1872]

as I can expect
I must seem
of June 1872
to find you and report
under the impression that the R Road
might locate in the vic
it is so unfortunate & also
but hope she
in reliance to the rest
it seems but a short time
I notice your
the San Diego
you sent me gives

me some idea of the location of the land without being informed or
know the authority had taken place. I was reluctant to go to City
and hope it was your own land. I accepted your visit for a few days, about
which hope it may improve upon me later to visit in upon San Juan for about
^{in hope} land if not immediately very soon after. It would although many of my old ac-
quaintances the best place for any kind of acquaintances have died since I left. How
of business I write you words about Charles's collect Charles's letter the deal
demanding money at two per cent per month. Estate many died very suddenly. I had
I could to at two per cent per month except to say bankrupt the estate much
smaller time day from 1850 to 1860 or there money on the side of property in San Juan at the
very best of security. I may and consequently I have not and estate that sudden visit with
perhaps for the last three years I have in hearing of the sudden turn of dominions some
known and attempted to that land of two years ago married him and married him
business, negotiating the sale. I was able to assist in the sale of the land of the land
of diamonds in connection with my estate suddenly, he was ago of most of the land
acquaintance of mine know a good deal of the land of the land of the land
living. I hope to bring money enough to take care of the land of the land
to at least pay and undoubtedly fully of the land of the land of the land

who I have very feelings of affection for.
I look upon my California life as is much time
thrown away. In speaking of San Diego at
the time I last wrote you about the sale of
property there I called in an office on Broadway
where I saw the map & asked them if there was
anything doing the party in the office said
"we'll not just now but we think there will be
soon I should judge by his remarks that not
much was doing in property there by West
capitalists at the present time; hold on your
account there will be soon. Every thing is very
prosperous here there is more building going
on in this city this season than any three
years past altogether. Some of the finest &
largest stores (Wholesale) in the city are under
construction in Brown St in fact one whole
block extending from Green St to Webster, is
the finest in the city (excepting Stearns
on Broadway) & the 10th & 11th Avenue, in fact
there is no end to the fine buildings under way.
Saturns are made fast nicely one man is up
they wear & down the rest the best of all the
times growing on as regards money can only say
that I live well than enough to eat & care & be
well & enjoy life as well as most any one, I am in
good health & spirits, & you know that is as much

July

1872

1 San Diego Dec 19. 1842.

Bro. Hensel Esq. Dear Sir - I am inclined to think
as you express it in your letter of May 3 that
that my mother & father will not attempt to
raise money upon my postions coming to me
from my father's estate nor having ^{I heard} received
from her loved estate to me at the same time
I wrote to you April 25 or 15 - two other letters
since written - but under a pressure I am com-
pelled to do things which otherwise I would not
think of doing. My affairs are culmina-
ting becoming critical and unless I do ^{some thing}
which I seek ~~to do~~
I must be compelled to make
considerable sacrifices as just at the time
too when all looks so propitious for the

To the Order of the 1st hand

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To the Order of the 1st hand

put into power of can digger a note for \$21
at 1/2 % per month due to a party in San
Francisco and a number of \$1000 at 1/2 %
per month since Oct 25th 1849 are in the hands
of an attorney for settlement and suit will
be commenced soon if some arrangement is

not shortly made. I have endeavored
to raise the money necessary by mortgage
all my property but find it impossible
to do so - as it is not to be had in

large sum of money at a moderate rate of ³
interest from say two per cent per month
the lenders refusing to loan upon short
term in small amount, not from three to
five per cent per month. Very difficul-
ties proceed from having taken a man in
partnership who expected to sell a ranch
in California and furnish a sufficiency of
capital but failing since to do so unless
I allowed him to take out money
and goods for himself and family need
amount, not with the result to overdraw
a sum more than sufficient to meet all
liabilities - besides a ranch of 9269
acres and some City lots taken in
settlement of accounts - the deed, the
which are in my name, and since
I permitted this thinking that the funds would
improve and he would be able to provide
to sell his property and make good his
account but instead of this the case
they grew worse - On the 10th of February
left the then year of the partnership
ship expired and we dissolved

The authorizing me to close up the bus-
ness of the concern - I supposed that
my partner who is a man of abundant
means, having ^{the} fine ranch in Lower
California, at Fort Allen and other work
at least ^{to be} besides owning them considerable
able to put up his side of the land - ^{to} ^{be} ^{paid} ^{for}
him though at the present time not worth
much. I asked him for a settlement of
accounts to enable me to pay off the
debts of the concern - That was my
surprise when he refused to do so, saying
that he had not a dollar, that all he
had was the other side of the land in Lower
California, and that I could not touch
I insisted upon a settlement to take his
note for whatever was due me which
by consequence at his convenience, still he
refused and I have been compelled to
commence a long and expensive suit to be
for getting judgment for the property this
side of the line to which may
be lost of value he would probably have put
all last however is willing and the same closed
out of my hands - I would not care to
muddle, to have - ^{just} take my chance of making
much for his treatment of the loss of the
subject of them in the future

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money which he owes me, having
lost many times more than the amount
did it not jeopardize my property
for the payment of this note as a
~~assurance~~ ^{signature} joint with me, and
some few other debts of the estate, created
and owing in consequence of his nonfulfill-
ment of the terms of co-partnership between
~~us~~ ^{the parties to whom we are indebted}
ed have every sympathy for me, and sorry
the manner in which I have been treated
but none is raised for him - They would
long ago have insisted upon the payment of
their money, but since they could not
make it out of him without ruining me
that as he had nothing attainable I must
eventually have to pay - therefore they
behave as servants, but now they say something
must be done or their wife commands it.
It is indeed an awful fate to be placed in
surrounded out of my good money and
land by a man who has any means
though in another country - and at the
sacrifice of my property to be compelled
to pay debts he is ^{equally} responsible for and

But I hope to be able to with some little
assistance to ~~make~~ make some hon-
orable compromise or settlement
and eventually to get from my
father the amount he would
definitely pay out of. The gentleman
to whom we owe the mortgage is wealthy
having an income of some thirty thousand
dollars per year. Concluding with him
the other day he told me that he never
had sued or been sued in his life that
though he had placed the mortgage in a
lawyer's hands, he did not intend that
he should commence any action, as he
knew I would be ^{the only} compelled to pay, but
if he could make it out of my father's
without detriment to me he would do so,
that he had placed it in the lawyer's hands
to watch the progress of the suit & have
commenced for the settlement of our ed-
partnership affairs and to have him be
present at the proper time if there was
a chance of his getting the money that
I should not cost me anything.

7 That ~~he would~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~case~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~death~~, his executor might not deal
as conveniently by and on in case of
selling the mortgage, the purchaser
could ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~case~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~death~~, might insist upon the
immediate payment of the whole amount
that he would need to be paid
for it and not to mention the
matter again till I was ready
to settle it. He also said this
I may take as notice I would say
to sell all my mortgages amount-
ing to about \$10,000 and would do
so for 25 cents on the dollar and
you will be among of the buyers
I tell you what I would do with
you, it will cause or transfer

8 you mortgage to any one you may
wish for the sum of \$700 names,
you can have it again if you pre-
fer and foreclose it whenever you
think you can do so to great
advantage - I expressed my thanks
to him and told him if in my pow-
er I would waive my debt of his ob-
ligation offered me. I have you may be
seen I have tried to raise the money
but find it impossible to do so having
offered to mortgage everything. It
is hard case indeed to be placed in
the position I am in, with an
abundance of everything in the way
of land, and stock, and without a

9 dollar or the possibility of getting it.
But you know how it is when a man is
clouded - he has no friends ~~and~~
has, seemingly lost all mind or
they are in about the same fix as
myself. The trouble is that money
is scarce and commands a high
rate of interest and all, friends
or no friends wish to make all they
can upon short time and good
security. I do not all paid
however in the funds and in pro-
perts are better and the funds are im-
proving. Col. Thomas a Scott has tel-
eographed that he will leave New York
Aug 12 and come here the 25 or 28
and a check being at the Cotton Exchange

10 in New Orleans July 4th he says - he
"hopes within six years to be able to go
through to San Diego on a train of
Cars - this is to the providence can
not be misundertood and he pay
a corps of engineers here at work
examining the route surveyed
by Col J. H. Sedgwick for the
Memphis El Paso Company - two
years ago - to report to him on
his arrival and of the factory -
It is quite like as that he will purchase
the franchise of the San Diego and
Yula Company forfeited by the Mex
El Paso road - I have considered
a few shares of the Company which
in case of purchase of your franchise

11 would be worth at least fifty cents
on the dollar, and a great deal
in immediate funds - But I suppose
he does not purchase - He is to
build by land the route - con-
sumes the work, some time next
year, build 10 miles as per con-
tract with Congress - The land
which I sold some time hundred
acres in 1850 and began to settle
here and there over the Public land
is worth something - Considerable
more than at the present time.
And it is for the purpose of retaining the
possession of these lands, and then
that I feel to make sure by

12 At the present time they are worth
less or almost entirely so - and
if sold under execution to satisfy
my debts I doubt if they would bring
enough to pay fifty cents on the
dollar of the amount I owe -
I wish therefore to raise the money necessary
to get out of my troubles occasioned by
the carelessness of my former counsel
must have it or submit to the same
fate - Does my mother's Superior that
under the circumstances I will make
no effort to raise money in the way
I propose or in any other way - and
ought she with reason to be provoked
with me for it? Is it not a duty
which I owe myself and family

18 to protect myself and them against
loss and poverty. I am not the young
man I was but getting old in the
natural course of events. I do not
feel that in case of ~~my~~ being deprived
^{most of what I have acquired many years}
of all my property for the payment
of any debts that I possess the vigor to
go to work again to accumulate money
for my life and I fear that dependant
upon me would be but a miserable
existence. I must therefore guard against
the possibility of such an occurrence.
I have not with reserved before. Being
stripped of every thing but I was a young
er man and with the chance of
success and possibility of recovery from
misfortune and greater than they are

14 at the present time - If my mother
knew the hard struggle I have had to
maintain existence and the suffering
my family have endured in conse-
quence of my misfortunes for the
past two years she would rather com-
mend my action than discourage
me in my efforts - I have been un-
able to do any kind of business on ac-
count of my difficulties and unable to find
any employment or attend to it even
though it had been offered to me as my
time was taken up mostly in settling
up the business of the Confederate
Co-partnership - I have made all
possible collections and after pro-
viding for my family in the most
economical manner paid off a
large amount of liabilities - so that

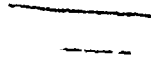
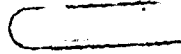
15th outstanding debts and liabilities and
indignificant compared to what they
were and but for the action of my
parents I should to day have an
abundance of means and no want
of competence. I know well enough
that my mother has the money and
might without injury to the estate
of the other heirs let me have the sum
I require - But I did not propose
to borrow or borrow it from her well
knowing if I did so it would require an im-
mense amount of writing and affidavits
and before accomplishing my object the
time for the work of it would have arrived
therefore my idea was to raise it upon
my portion of the estate coming from
my father and the interest and not ex-

17 ~~liability that may arise under the will~~
~~as to my deceased father's estate should I die~~
~~before my mother and as additional security~~
or guaranteed for the payment of the money
in case of my death ^{happening} before that of my mother
in which event the property of the estate
or my proportion of it would I suppose go to
my children. I will stand you as policy of
insurance for an amount amply sufficient
for the payment of the money borrowed ^{with}
intends my mother like to borrow it for
~~to be payable upon my death~~
~~from the policy of insurance or upon~~
my mother's death from my portion
of my father's estate which ~~is~~
~~to be paid~~ or upon my death in the

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event of my dying before the first of the
policy of insurance I should wish to
have you to pay it any time after
the expiration of from 3 to 5 years -
Should you not be I am well aware
that it shall put you to some trouble
to attend to this matter but I am willing
to compensate you or ~~the~~ whoever you
may engage to attend to it ~~but that~~
if may be done I have not the
least doubt - Should it become
impossible if you can yourself loan
~~me \$1000 to \$2000~~ I will require you in
the same manner or in any other
way you may find fit

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Julian July 15, 1572
To Mrs W. Bailey
from K. A. Knowlton



Julian July 15th 1872.

My dear Mrs. Whaley

I fear you will feel angry with me for giving you so much trouble - but please excuse it as it is the force of circumstances & not any will. I thank you very much for engaging Jim. But as our affairs now stand I think it impossible to take him - We have no definite plans & may not be here long enough to profit by his services at that price. So begging you will not think me either capricious or thoughtless, I must ask you to tell Jim to keep his first engagement at thirty as we agreed

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engage him. I wish you
could dispose of you & little
family & visit this place - it
is quite pretty. Should you
get a chance to come, be
sure to come to see
My love to Anne With
very many thanks & sincere
regrets for any trouble I give
Yours sincerely
H. M. [unclear]

Aug.

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Sept

1872

C. Gardner -

Sept 20. 4/2.

\$5.78

Paid.

Received of Thomas Whelan
Five Dollars and Seventy
Three cents being in full
of his account -

\$5.73

Sept 20 1872

Oct

1872

Your letter just received
was very good indeed to hear
that you can (?) at last decide
in favor of ^{West} Amesbury Mass.

Oct 9th 1874

Friend Whiting

I presume the
P.M.S. Co. will forward goods
shipped from Cal^a to their
destination, will they not thank
you? I inquired of their
Agent in Boston but he could
give me no ^{satisfactory} information on
that point. Will you please
inquire at the office in N.Y.
What I want to know is that
I wish to ship to a factory
in West Amesbury (on the "Boston
and Maine" R.R.) several hundred
pounds of Goods. How can I
do it? How must the cases
be marked? Please get me the
exact directions.

I also wish to send a lot to

another party in Boston
How should his goods be
marked? I presume there
will be regular shipments
monthly or fortnightly.

I send papers to 449
Clayton Ave.

J.M. Pierce asks me
if I can not stir up some
capitalists to put up a good
Hotel in San Diego. The Hotel
House was crowded all last winter
and many left the place because
they could get no accommodations.

I think the enterprise would
pay well and now is the time
to build it. Land, material &
Labor are now cheap and I
do really think that a good Hotel
would be an excellent speculation.
It is needed - San Diego is
growing rapidly on a solid basis.

The production this year amount to
over one million of dollars

Gold 400,000. Wheat \$200,000, Horses \$100,000
Wool \$80,000. Hogs, Cattle, Hides, Hay &
enough to make numerous millions.

Mrs. Moore's Mother is quite
sick and if she remains
so, we shall probably delay
here as long as we can
safely, so that probably I
shall not be able to stop
in New York at all. My wife
would prefer going via Albany
as it is easier & more direct,
less changes, & cheaper.

But it will do no harm to
hunt up a good & cheap place
to stop at - for we both
expect to be in N.Y. again
on business. Bye the bye

Capt. Geo. P. Benson told me that the
St. George's Hotel cor 21st or 22nd st
& Broadway was a neat good & cheap
Hotel, European plan. And that
the Restaurant House bet 25 & 27th
Sts Broadway was good & cheap, kept
by Deland, an intimate friend of Truman
(Coburn) I believe \$10 for day. Dinner

Hotels however will do well
enough, only my wife would
like a more quiet place.

The Sacramento Union is
out in a severe article on Bowers
and the San Diego Union defends
him. The Sacramento Union says
the appointment is made by Houghton
& Sargent in the influence of the
Central Pacific Ring. As every
appointment in the state has been
so. Bowers is quite a politician
was very noisy at the Legislature
last winter. How but politicians
get these offices.

I saw the notice about Claus
I hope he will get through all right.
I received Meriel Point - thanks.

I have already duplicated
my instructions to Chase in respect
to the Mortgage.

I hope your case has been
decided favorably before this.
Craigie sent me some
Cards - they are worth preserving
& showing for the ladies in the bar.
Wm. W. W. W.

San Francisco Oct 15 1842

Dear Anna,

^{your last}
dated Sept 27. is received
The reason you did not
receive an answer is that
I have been sick.

I am very glad that you
are getting better & in
better spirit I only wish
you could get out of
that place & never go
back to it again. Still
a short visit here would
do you good I am sure.
We hope to see you soon.
I bring Georgy along with
you I do wish you
& all your prospective
would leave

never to go back again. ~~perhaps~~ but she is not
you are very sorry to hear very sad & hear that
that Bannie is not well. The Lord only knows
it must be. The change if she will be back again
& I think, but do not so he want tell.
they for the nature. For you see dear Anna
have it worse & she that we are having a
with her well again. though time of old
more. I suppose that is. I believe has not been able
the reason she did not to replace Mrs Barnes.
write as he had promised & we don't know much
here here I wish her very what to do. The best
luck.

She is not a nation to we have
her great opinion. My no money to move with
James has gone out, and they is our fix &
her brother look, then it all falls on my hands
after his death the most I make the very best of
in the country & I have things & this is why I don't
six weeks. However she has write to you. I would
go to New York to I have nothing but
see her mother & my dear heart to Commence
intends to stay there. Your poor Peter is no

No better & the Doctor
gives me no hope for
the best. those who
have been to see him
say that he is getting
fat. he speaks reason
with them but thinks
they come to take him
away & they have to run
away from him. if I
had had the means he
never would have been
sent there. but what
could we do! we did
all we were able to do
& God's will be done.
and I pray He will take
me to himself before I
become a burden to
any body.

We saw Mrs Tidball last
Sunday. She is looking
very well indeed. She

much oblige to him.
I hope he is still in
the same establishment
& getting along well.
When he is of age he will
have a good trade & will
be able to command a
good salary & be a
comfort to his Mother
bed, l'homme propre et
bien dispose. However
let him do what is right
and he will come out
all right. God bless
you all. Kiss all the
Children for me
& many for yourself.

Your affectionate
Mother.

V. E. Lannay.

P.S. Tell Nannie & Frank
to write to their poor Aunt
write soon dear Anna.

says she is Eighty years old
she is as straight as an
arrow & is firm on her
feet as a young person
she is still staying at the
same boardinghouse is
well taken care of &
looks quite contented
Sophy is at Mrs Turner's
& she is not confined
yet. we have not seen
any of them except Mrs
Biddall.

So Frank can't come
to see to his Uncle's
Tools? I do wish he
could! for if we move
soon it will be in two
or three rooms & I don't
know what we will do
with them. Tell him
I receive the News Paper
every other week & I am

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Dec

1872

Merry Christmas, dear Poppet
and may of them, think of
Lonsome near Old Town
in San Diego. San Diego
Smoke this Cigarette
Christmas for me. Dec 14th 1876.

My dear Poppet.

Yours of thanks
giving evening came to hand
as also, one handed Frank
by Mr Chase Nov 30th for all
of which I am very thankful.
The bills of Lading came to
hand safely, and we received
the "Frank" from the same
steamer that Mr and Mrs Miller
came down to San Diego upon.
The low Labor. The Charges on
the trunk to San Diego in
full was \$6.50, it was rather
heavy on me to pay so much
as it took that much from
our Christmas money, which
had already dwindled down

to 4.10.00. Today He was 6.30 pm young get' and I am sick
He has left us 3.50 pm daily. So much that I make up
mas. But I do not judge because her letter sent and
the money, as some of us, could feely with come to her some
have thought such beautiful day I think and she will
and valente present, as we think well of all I let her
released in the month. I am now, I threaten to write you
delighted with my sick clock about how she looks to me
and handsome part, I think some being and George to
the night and her, are the how they let me alone at
singing just I make ever see they are very hard to me at
and every one who sees them times, especially, if I am a
romance the elegant, the little stupid and dull, I look
Catherine looks is splendid, at my fine fur and hat.
And with last me a little glad and now days it looks
time, I am thinking of making do for 'ed' in me to do
Anna a present of the way, I let you this, as I think
little Emma extra child. way, a little word from you
mas, as it is too small for without her memory & hat
me, and too show for an old or with you about their
woman" as now often lets me. but so a great way. So now
she being to take delight in let her know that I have
performing these ways I am in comforted of her, but never
"let woman", she is too make while has a few lines about
personally for me, but she is really me with due respect

I cannot correct her now as
I have been so sick lately,
and have palpitation of
the heart, badly, and must
keep quiet as possible. I do
not like to write you this
week, but have threatened to
do so, I thought it right. Mr
Bataille says, he knows that
you would not allow them
and George to talk to me as
they do, if you were here.

Mamie was saying something one
Sunday about my being an
old woman before some young
folks in the parlor when Frank
spoke up and said, I can
tell you Nannie, that when
Mamma is well and just
fixed up a little, she looks
younger than you, or as young
they all spoke up in the
parlor, and said 'that's so.'
and Mamie said, well that
is a fine compliment to me

young folks and old folks
in town for will have all
their presents was the present
the town but by hand
by the water will give the
play a flag and by all ex
perts to go of some that
has made my little thing
out of them presents for
way and my little thing
as present to the club and
a few presents outside. How
I got into your club here
pass the picture and your
happy you may be the best
who know about the club
was well known. I might take
just one of them, but I think
it is for your folks, let
old folks get out of
own but will let me work
on them and you can
yes I am sure you can do
that if you want to. And
so we go. I cannot write
well as I have broken my

New York Oct 18 1873.

Vice President
P. M. S. S. Co.,
Dear Sir,

Permit an old resident of San Diego, Cal., feeling an interest in the prosperity of the place, to suggest for your consideration the propriety of reducing the freight on goods of all descriptions, forwarded by your steamers from New York, via the route ^{through the Cape} via Panama to San Diego, to the same rates charged by the Pacific Mail Company from New York to San Francisco. Very little ^{raw goods} ^{merchandise} ^{has} ^{ever} ^{been} ^{sent} ^{from} ^{the} ^{East} ^{direct} ^{to} ^{San} ^{Diego}. The great bulk of it comes from San Francisco by way of the ^{San Francisco} ^{and} ^{San} ^{Diego} ^{route} ^{and} ^{should} ^{the} ^{proposed} ^{reduction} ^{be} ^{made} ^{by} ^{your} ^{Company}.