

FAMILY LETTERS

1861

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Mrs J. Whaley  
Amigacita, Mex

I am delighted to hear that  
little Mamma is better - I trust  
she may have no back-set  
but be speedily restored to  
perfect health - Last evening  
my boy Tom grew quite ill -  
we thought him well, as he  
had had no fever for a  
day or two - He had a high  
fever and we put him in  
a mustard bath, and then  
to bed, at midnight he was  
red with eruption and by  
this morning covered with  
it - But he appears to

be getting along pretty well,  
having no sore throat and  
the Doctor having pronounced  
his a case of measles —

So I shall not be able  
to see you for some days.  
- in the meantime, may all  
that's pleasing occupy your  
heart -

Adios -

Most truly yours  
J. H. Pringle

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1861

News re!

Judge Witterbys

quartz mine

employing 30 men

etc -

Galdman

+ Mead

Arquello <sup>was</sup> near

Bonifacio <sup>hopes</sup>

San Diego Cal  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1861

Friend Whaley  
Enclosed please  
find Groins Certificate in  
regard to the Great Chain.  
I had it surveyed by him  
as soon as he was appointed  
County Surveyor, and I have  
since delayed writing to you  
thinking that I might perhaps  
get a fuller certificate from  
him, but he says that this is  
the best that he can do.

I am afraid that it is not  
sufficient, for the note requires  
that it should be "surveyed and  
laid off as part of the public  
domain" which I should  
suppose to mean that it be

Walcottville. Through possibly

as there is more no claim on the land rights by the Bishop in England Spain's grantee, and on the City some has been showing disinterested the City - same could offer from the General Land and the Nevada claim fees, not to be credited of the City since. Goddard may pay the note.

It is here to be acknowledged by the U.S. some day, through perhaps not for 10 years to come as there is very little valuable land remain there besides San Diego islands. The last claim in the West seems to convey the idea that all the mineral to be within of was that it belonged to Mexico since. I think you are afraid that the one but the U.S. now claims the

lands, through the present and to persons that the State demands it

is a lot of land that the State that the give more. Does the matter between first of the States is with the State you might comprehend with some for the. The you think to be a lot of of it? It not for help of some and each would be different.

I can't be making with the idylls on Hill Gate they are an important part of the Republic. Colonel Deford's report about slaves, splendidly for the from Washington's office. So, kind, going with the last was to forget to be with some. I am a paper person in the nation, rather at certain times. What forget to help to his presence? He no more with price?

I have heard nothing from Gray.  
I think I will write again to  
him.

Nothing new here - the  
Ricarte Mines are being developed  
somewhat; the parties are so well  
satisfied that they are putting up a  
Steam Engine and machinery.

I refer to the mines at Witherby's Ranch.  
He says he believes there are a plenty of  
good & rich veins in the Ricarte Mountain.  
Good prospects (said to be very rich) have  
been found on Clayton's Ranch adjoining  
Judge Witherby's. Jesse who discovered  
the Witherby Mines is working an Arsenic  
near Teguera. Witherby charges  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  
all the gold mined on his Ranch, & by  
the miners putting up machinery, it  
goes to prove that they are doing well.  
He told me he believed now that the mines  
were extensive & rich. Time will show. The mines employ  
about 30 hands now, and if they employ  
2 or 300 it might affect property <sup>adversely</sup> in  
San Diego, which will be good news to  
you.  
Yours  
E. H. Morse

a trial. If he should state  
the ground that the conditions are  
not yet fulfilled as the land is  
not yet restricted, you might  
ask him if it was not reasonable  
to suppose that it very soon would  
be. From the fact that it lies so  
near the town and coast and  
in the mean time it was drawing  
10% interest, and even if you  
should lose the suit now, he  
would have to pay the Note some  
time. Casworth thinks it draws  
interest.

Friend Whaly I wish you  
would do me the favor to inquire (and  
let me know when you answer this) if not  
too much trouble, the price of "common Mexican  
sheep" - wethers - to butcher. I wish to see if it  
will do to send them up on the steamer.  
Please get the price by weight so that I may  
understand something definite.

also price of U.S. } horses &c  
Bounty Land Warrants }  
1860- } Morse



Jan'y 10<sup>th</sup> I have just seen  
Esworth and had a talk with  
him about this note of Goldman's.  
He says that Goldman a year or  
so ago wrote to him about it,  
sending him a latest copy of it.  
and Esworth thinks but is not  
certain, that he wrote back to him  
that he would have to pay it.  
But Esworth now thinks that the  
conditions are not fulfilled, <sup>or rather will not be</sup> until the  
Government lands there is sectioned.  
He also says that the County Surveyor's  
Certificate will not be taken in evidence  
in any court - because the Surveyor  
could be subpoenaed and his deposition  
taken.

You had better talk to Goldman  
tell him that you now have the  
County Surveyor's Certificate, and ask  
him if he wants to settle without

Brooklyn Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Dear Boy:

I have been expecting a letter  
for some time of your last Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - I have  
answered one that but I do not stand on  
triples will write again to inform you of  
the changes if any has taken place if any  
has occurred I hope and pray all is well with  
you as when you last wrote I hope baby grows  
nicely Frank and his little sister Amelia  
is highly delighted with their new brother  
it was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov and given  
the 15 of Oct 1 month apart I wish it had  
been on your birth day - Now Thomas  
the Bridget Murray she has then to inform  
me that Mrs Johnson has deceased  
with five days illness which has left the  
family in a very destitute situation she  
having lived with them for six years  
I still hold the draft she appears to be a  
very steady thoughtful girl Mrs J left a

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Baby. This girl was quite mad I do not  
wonder the kids attempt to leave the family  
thanks she will be able to take in hand  
some love to her sister so very sorry she has  
been unfortunate hope she will soon recover  
her health. I thought I would write them  
as her letter they do not know of the article  
as she said she would all have trouble of  
some kind. Thomas from his mother says  
the Anguilla Mary has just returned from scots  
from it has been an exciting time, I found  
to go near from the year I never had  
any thing of the kind to attend to I have  
always been in great debt I know of  
had much trouble with one but I could not  
help that I was willing to make on to all I could  
and am unconvinced in mind to know that  
she is better now any other times have both one of the  
kind usually you wish I am most thankful  
the family and mine near to be to health  
Elizabeth has just returned last subject to  
unimpaired she is the same as before  
the best every kind of good family in his

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youth year. Thomas what do you  
think of this South and the best in power  
I am truly sorry that any thing of this  
kind should occur to disturb the peace of your  
of the country, I trust it will away without  
disturbance, if make some very well that  
what has glad to hear of you I hope it will be given  
me it is just as high as it has been that is not  
I can not do it do no other from then  
what can be the cause Henry only knows  
my one full well knows my kind of feeling  
towards him as well as any of you.  
But he must be the judge or so from  
the wiles I could not have strong but that  
one of my children or should have received  
so many reproaches I can only allege it to  
one cause now is the guilt how could  
I reim him if he over steers until he  
explains himself to God. I intend  
to and see I will write with thanks  
I have this address of you and them  
of Henry do inform me I would like to

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well doings then his little family only think  
I frequently look at their likenesses, I hope Harry is  
being taught his books the children are fine looking  
but all this I must leave to their parents  
I must ask if Amelia Loring is married as you  
expected she would be. I hope you have seen  
the days of late my respects to them when will  
they return to B. Cooks you Ann has not answered  
my letter please tell her I'm writing. We have had  
a tolerable mild winter so far but you have  
it mild all the time I hope to hear soon how  
you are - Aunt Priscilla quite smart  
Angelina has been quite sick rather better  
H. is well her husband & little Soath he is not  
very much alarmed, but if they take up arms  
she would prefer leaving his head to be  
away from his family so long I should sup-  
pose she is lonely of course children grow  
very fine the youngest is a very pretty boy  
does not look like the others small features  
I have my photographs ready with presents for  
the little ones I know you will like my

Brooklyn Mar<sup>h</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> - 1851

Dear Son Thomas.

I have written a pretty small letter I will send you it will interest you I returned Day calls and told them what I wrote with my respects they appear both to return to day. Mrs Clark looks well I have not seen Susan in a long time I will purchase the book you recommend. Oh, I have not heard from Her I written to him since quite forgot his name set my fault from man hour mistakes. I to am anxious to hear about the Porters I will get Mrs Smith to write me next time I go over to see her - she will

Yours of Feb 3<sup>d</sup> is indeed quite lengthy and communicative I am happy to hear that you are all well and enjoying yourself. I presume you have received my letter informing you that real estate has fallen very much. No inducement to sell at present; I always acknowledge you date of letters as I get them so that you can tell I have them. You speak of F good fortune he was doing well when I wrote but you must consider he wrought for the South; has but little to do of late. I am in hopes if he does not get belig work he will fall in with something that may prove more lucrative as F has a large family his little ones are near restored to health from fever as I informed you in my last poor things I am so afraid of the disease that I only went in the yard for two months last Sunday I was in house F & C was gone to see Aunt Percilla 2 miles away. I am indeed sorry to hear that you feel as though you was growing old you must look more than H or F she looks first rate a fine looking woman! Why is not your health as good as usual if you look so well, Is it possible that you BT I cannot realize it though I know it is so I am pleased to learn that you celebrate the different days as they occur an occasion the calls of many friends F & H had Christmas Trees they are pretty & amusing for children giving framed well for presents. Why must be a fine fellow you will decide on his name by the time you write again if That is the name of one your Augustus is the name of her lost brother Yes do stand on the likenesses you will all look well. I hope you did not request Leopold to send for your picture she might wish to keep it I presume you grown not so good looking I am very sorry as your likeness I have is very fine & handsome Man rejoice that Leopold is doing so well my best wishes to him. I hope you have returned Day calls and told them what I wrote with my respects they appear both to return to day. Mrs Clark looks well I have not seen Susan in a long time I will purchase the book you recommend. Oh, I have not heard from Her I written to him since quite forgot his name set my fault from man hour mistakes. I to am anxious to hear about the Porters I will get Mrs Smith to write me next time I go over to see her - she will

be happy to confer the Parson they keep a garand equipage will in  
from you next time. your boy is going to be sent to Mr P. school but you  
are the judge. H. has not sent her daughter yet instructs her at home  
so far a smart girl, then it is not good to apply children so soon to study  
I hope you have done better with your cash in hand than to buy lots in  
all are waiting to see if the War is coming I think you have done well  
if the agent only pays up as your property is kept from decay, you will see  
what is best to do I hope you will be successful, I should say you would get  
better interest for money in San Jo John always said P. Hall R would not go  
the way you contemplated I trust time will produce something profitable to  
you in San Jo as you have so much land then to run a wide scheme to buy  
land explains in the way you have come I sent the letter to B. many she  
says she will go in April I think she intends coming soon now I will tell  
what you write, you may rely on me. I hope you will like my  
photograph I tell you the lady looks quite dignified no doubt all I send  
will please. I hope you may be here to claim the many things you speak  
of I will try to do all I can. about giving the things to B. Mr. So Amelia is  
not married I rather wonder as she was pleasant in her way - Thomas you  
was to write to J. H. I think they would be happy to receive letters from  
but them in one envelope the writing would be the same think of it  
if they have been taken to secure your water of Salinas I could not  
find his abode. I frequently asked Stearman his reply was I don't see him  
he lives in Pa I believe I think he knows but will not say Sister saw Mrs  
Putnam's daughter other day We are to call on Mrs P. soon I will inquire  
and let you know, I believe he has lost his wife. I do not think I am  
of the same mind respecting the division as I was before has chan  
besides you seem to want to hurry I have not consulted my particu  
friends in the case a while ago you would not listen to anything of  
the kind fearing you might make away with it but keep it when  
you was old now you are in great haste and importune me,  
more than any It will take a long time for me to consider  
upon it, I would not be willing for you to spend any of it in Cal  
you would have to return, as you have plenty to live on in Cal  
or you can get it. No I have not given up getting a house I would  
prefer one already built, if I could see one (you may wonder why)  
I have changed my mind but it is no time to sell property in  
My Sylvester was here on Sunday he says anything in Pa in

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was too bad for  
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for the present, I  
had gone down  
to them I can see the  
will be with great pleasure  
so to me it requires a  
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to Hasser on the subject  
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to part; your appearance  
before you get any  
as yet, or what to do  
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in decay you will see  
it's say you would get  
P. Hall R would not go  
anything profitable to  
in a wife scheme to be  
in letter to B. saying she  
soon now I will tell  
if you will like my  
doubt all I send  
many things you speak  
to Mr. So Amelia is  
her way - Thomas you  
to receive letter from  
in same threat of it  
Salmon. I could not  
reply was I dare see him  
at my sister saw Mrs  
as P. soon I will inquire  
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a perfect stagnation he is quite discouraged all on the look out  
every thing depreciated, all are fearful to act they fear  
want too bad from things to be thrown in such a state  
Wm Fleiss has not been home since last June the last <sup>time</sup> he can  
not spare him until things are more settled he is quite out of pa-  
tience. I should I do not see the least probability of your views on the  
property being put in motion just at present, was I to speak to  
Mr Smith or Mr Hansel on the subject they would reply the terms  
forbid any thing of the kind & therefore we must give up  
for the present, I write you a few letters back how real estate  
had gone down, none would be willing to sacrifice it  
when I can see the affair in a proper light I may act, but it  
will be with great precaution, you appear to make it tripping and  
so to me it requires deep consideration on my part, only <sup>short</sup> <sup>time</sup>  
and you in Cal - then you must be consulted I have never  
to Hansel on the subject we could not sell the 1/2 St lot for \$4000 - not  
more than \$4000 - or could we get 15,000 for Mott St, so you see you are  
to put; you appear afraid that you will lose all your energy  
before you get any thing, fear not I hope you are pretty smart  
as get, or what is side of your having a smart father & Mother  
I gave up the 2,000 - because you might have a little help John  
put it in his house He paid it on a mortgage you bought a lot I was  
well please with what you had all done I may be equally sat-  
isfied in time with other movements. I have not consulted John  
the subject or <sup>John</sup> He read your letter but made little remark  
as Mary Pige was present she has been with me this winter she is 20  
Emily with He she expects to join her brother in Feb as she stays  
your say you would buy a house & lot, and thereby <sup>in Cal</sup> <sup>save</sup> \$20 per ann  
is not the interest of any value how do you calculate - I expect all  
will be right one of these days } the taxes in all are very high  
and Brooklyn. this year. I answered Franklin's letter last  
week I thought he had been so very polite to me and even tendered  
his services at any time if it would avail me any thing  
I thanked him kindly and invited him to call upon me if  
ever in B as I should receive him as my son's benefactor  
If I must say I felt bad when I read his reproach on Henry

as he had shewn ~~him~~ so much kind attention & civilities  
how it was possible for ~~her~~ Flem to do so I could not do more  
than try to apologise for her and thank him for his kindness  
& believe to my child in a distant land I should not have address-  
ed him at first had I known of ~~her~~ Flem's ill treatment to Mr H. so I told  
him he spoke most friendly of you and family. In his letter he  
writes "I am not insensible to the love of a mother ~~that~~ cherishes  
to a ~~mother~~ <sup>memory</sup> for her child in affliction." I thought the remark  
was feeling indeed, I think he must be first rate man, he may not  
write again. I felt quite ashamed of ~~the~~ conduct. I presume he will  
think it was the case. To day, March 18 it has been snowing all  
day quite winter like the winter has been quite mild but the  
spring will be stormy. Thomas I do not understand you at times  
you say I am so tired of Cal; then I may stay two years or longer  
I guess you like it <sup>well</sup> or you would not have remained  
in it or bought & built so stationary had you have come home  
when you was possessor of 12 or 20 thousand you would  
have been better off but you must be the judge I think I know.  
One thing certain I want to take good care of myself as do not  
see that any one interest themselves much about me but I need  
not mind so long as I can write and read to amuse my  
I dress up and go out people say I look pretty & smart would you believe  
my face not wrinkled complexion good, <sup>say</sup> many often, Aunt W. wish  
I only had such red cheeks as you, I'll live to stir mine and put  
her blood in circulation, and you was born in England. I thought  
some hair to wear front singled with grey some say it makes me  
look ten year younger others say my own hair is the nicest they ever  
saw, I take great care of it and dress nice though plain. I was in hopes  
you was looking something like me by this time. do not laugh at my de-  
tail. tis all truth, I should say you would have a strong desire to come  
home and live amongst your own people or they will be lost to you. I  
I presume all would be right. I think as you must forget them or their looks  
all this you will ponder upon if you please I want to see your baby <sup>the</sup>  
little Amelia I hope she looks like you I presume <sup>she</sup> looks like his  
Ann all nice little children. May the Lord bless and  
preserve you all is my hope your Mother R. Whaley



John leaves for Fortress Monroe  
to morrow morn he has been quite  
fatigued with in attending to  
making the bill it skiped so he  
will away I shall be glad to see  
him return home to his family

Brooklyn May 21 - 1861

Dear Sir,

For consequences of my having  
to change my position, as my landlord sold  
his house, I might have remained but I do  
not admire strangers, therefore I gave up.  
I was certain I should receive a letter long  
ago this, more particularly, as War prevails  
sory indeed am I that it is the case, O my!  
what a sad pity it appears consequently. I  
thought you would write to comfort us.  
There is great excitement all over since  
the war began for my part I cannot  
help but they have my most earnest pray  
er for Peace I wish they had let the  
South withdraw quietly and they,  
the North, think they know best.  
grant the blessing that it <sup>will</sup> prove so.  
It is Stars & stripes that prevails it is awful  
to contemplate you get the news no  
doubt you may not estimate as yet

Brooklyn May 27<sup>th</sup> - 1861

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I have just been putting up a postscript  
for the children as Budget & Lucy decide to go to  
New Sister. She appears to be a good girl, she  
leaves next month or as soon as she gets a letter  
from her sister she is to travel for the night in  
a few days which will be given to her sister  
for a return judgment all right I presume  
Now my child, I trust you and family are  
in good health as we all enjoying all this  
time, as John's children are all returned again  
no bad effects remaining from flu, fever & am  
expecting Frank & John as you may suppose  
I should be glad to hear from Henry & David  
if you hear of him to be to think of  
how can she remain away so long from her  
sister. I should not wonder if she was of  
a grain one of these days, I am sorry he has  
such a hard time as I estimate this.  
Wm. Lewis, has been, South for a year he is  
to return in a few days, so he writes home  
to Al - he has some obtained there longer  
than the contemplated, at the request of the  
President of the Company. John has  
some work to do not as much as if he was  
out, it is trouble when he has not any or-  
ders he has quite a family I am the same

He often reminds me of your father looks more  
like him than ever, I am quite happy a  
few weeks ago she looks as she is old but  
quite cheerful and appears happy. I intend  
to go down a while <sup>to</sup> this summer  
some few miles from your where we  
reside. Betsy is pretty well. Thomas  
perhaps you may return home when  
there is no objection, I hope it will not  
be long on the happy days arrive.  
Let me tell you John has again your  
bill, for the interest of mortgage & tax  
the same amount as your paid before.  
The gent would be pleased to take this  
remaining cash on the lot, say if you can  
pay him to her soon. <sup>The</sup> weather  
is fine but cool the trees look beautiful  
and green, but there is steam that is hot  
I hope all things are in a pair with you  
and that you are prospering in your San-  
Diego business. Emily & Mary have left me  
and Al as brother Sydney has put them at  
his keeping in the same place Wm. has  
his place there

which was unoccupied. How is friend  
Day, and family I trust you esteem them  
as ever. Anna D. was a very smart little Miss  
I suppose she is much improved under the  
care of such worthy and enlightened parents  
Mr D. was fond of his children may they  
be his joy and comfort in his declining  
years when they will both require  
their children care and attention as  
a compensation, for the love and kind-  
ness, which has been so lavishly dealt out  
to them, that the duty of good children. May  
the Lord bless them. Please remember  
me kindly to all the family with my best  
wishes for their prosperity and happiness.  
We all join in love to you and family  
Bell Franky, he must take care of my little  
<sup>presents</sup> and let sister see them, I hope little Amelia  
dresses, will become her complexion, fine  
baby nice body will answer for his christ-  
ing dress as it is neatly wrought, I did not  
like to ask her to take any more in bulk  
will wait for a notion of opportunity. I hope she  
will go if it is for the best? How is Mr Deane's health  
I was looking at the shirt you made when a  
nice boy of seven years at Mrs Moore's school

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When I find to read some of your com-  
positions when at Mr Porters school do  
think how all this reminds me of gone  
by days, when you are so far away  
you may have to much to occupy your  
attention to refer to past remembrances  
it affords me an opportunity for medita-  
tion. A gent passed by to day who re-  
minded me exceedingly of you ere you  
left for Col; but then you was a fine  
looking young man, I hope you are not  
as much changed as you wrote if so, you  
will not look like the same some  
sister, is looking fine and healthy, I  
hope she will continue in good health  
her little family requires all her aid  
and attention, for my part I cannot  
do much with children as parents think  
they must be qualified at all events them.  
I think I am entitled to respects and atten-  
tion so I find it best to let the parent decide  
and the less I say and do the better for my  
own comfort as all children are wayward

John says, I am 'an old fogey,' you reply  
and on the topic I shall remain.

The children think that name indicates  
no great honor therefore they conclude  
I am only important on occasions.

The earliest impressions being the most  
lasting should be of the greatest im-  
portance but the day is in the hands  
of their father parents therefore they

must model them to their liking  
in as much as the desire to have them  
for priests in their declining years, or

they may reflect on their own instances  
them with great regard which is a  
most unhappy circumstance.

It is an anxious task to rear up a family  
one keeps each child in the way they  
should be it requires two at least and

they to be of one accord, if they disagree  
it is bad indeed for the little innocents  
stand by indifferently well or worse.

but parents to say that is old also  
but in time they will learn.

as well as children to their success  
you ought to be aware how to dis-  
turb to all that children require and

train them up fit pictures when you  
shall put in the gift prizes for them  
and if you love your little ones

in the right way you will attend  
to the ~~selection~~ of their education.  
June 10 - the young woman has decided

to go to Gal's she says she cannot this month  
I hope see her next. When decides to  
the treatment of her ~~and~~ family as they will

make a nice visit. ~~They~~ has returned home  
not going from to ~~hand~~ home, ~~Thomson~~ said most be  
so lonely now he may not return they are both

got out well. Went Angelina is with them is in  
but missing in the John Lovellson is with us on  
a visit to ~~Brooklyn~~ at the Spout from Ill.

looks thin appears well. John vice transport the night  
As to Henry so that all will be well I hope the  
may live with you if you wish My Son in

will live but you good day, your daughter & others

Recd Augt 13<sup>th</sup> 1861—  
Brooklyn July 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Son, Your letter of July 10<sup>th</sup> has  
been duly received it gives us all great  
pleasure to hear from you sorry to learn  
that your little girl has been so very ill  
you may well be tired of waiting for  
Bridget M., she has made many excuses  
she has received the draft, in due form  
John, gave it to her for her receipt, Now  
she decides to leave in Sept, I hope to  
send the presents to you yet she ap-  
pears a very worthy girl I will inform  
her of your communication respecting her  
sister Yes my son you are in a  
land of quiet you say you entertain fears  
for us I wonder you did not write long-  
er this I wrote to you in April I am  
indeed sincerely grieved <sup>me</sup> to think of War  
a sad contemplation to reflect on, war  
and that a civil War, only think  
how it will terminate God only knows  
we may consider our republic government  
gone what a pity think how our



instructors here to obtain the prize what  
a short duration I little thought the  
complete would be in my day, grant  
that my ideas are imperfect I can do but  
little in the affair, I am as you say as deeply  
situated as I can be and tolerably practiced  
I join with you in hoping peace will soon  
be restored and I wish & I wish will I will  
other as brothers I would indeed be glad, but  
think of the unhappy souls already made  
by the war. I have is working at Helms  
Johns work as usual I write from his house  
being in a visit his wife & me with to  
a daughter on the 9th inst - this being her  
right fine sewing, dont thing is must  
perhaps is good cheer though wishes if that  
him a boy, I am of his mind, He has some  
has been some from the South a month & to  
know that his wife returns, he is out of business  
at present, will soon get a situation specimens, also great.

What you are doing in London  
you write I shall be glad to hear how on  
your little girls account next time you  
say it will be impossible for you to leave  
home then you must have made up your  
mind to remain in the States, I am  
all I may desire the Service for sick  
ing of frequency is not good therefore we  
must give up the Service at present  
I would consent for the sake of peace  
being you to return home to make a  
revision No waiting for three or four years  
you might live all as you have done but  
to keep something to fall back upon, that  
is my creed. My impression is that you  
have tried fast long enough so that you  
are having all business but and energy  
it would be wrong indeed to take good  
in retirement to such a place that you are  
sick and tired of what makes you want  
thus if you have nothing to depend on  
when being there all these years my advice  
would be to leave the place with a  
moderate opening opening all your days  
of youth enough to live ~~with~~ one visit  
also great. What you are doing in London  
helps to pay expenses I trust you may do  
much better with it than you contemplated  
time things forth if you lose the peace  
how you have as you have such great  
friends you could not be long at a boys

you have a right to look for friend  
ship as you have befriended many  
the sum and substance is this  
if you expect to remain in Cal  
untill you make a sufficiency to live  
upon, I can tell you it will be a long  
long time, ere you see your Mother  
but you may answer I cant help that  
I wish you had never seen Cal  
not but people have grown rich  
but you was not calculated for it.  
I truly think you would have done  
better in your own land, at all  
events you could not have done much  
worse as you have so little but you  
are the best judge. Mr Day has  
made money no doubt a good business  
man you did not name them in your  
last my respects to them, they will  
not return as War is — I hope you  
will not be offended at my frank  
remarks and advise I did indeed always  
look forward that you would succeed  
better than many others but I am  
disappointed in that respect ☺

10 feet long by 9 feet wide doors & stairs  
I have been thinking to make a flag  
so much for parents making up their  
minds for one child or another. How is  
my boy Henry not a word of him  
this time or have I had a line in re-  
turn for all my repeated writings to  
him may God forgive all children that  
neglect their parents, mothers in particular  
I would be sorry indeed to treat him thus  
I beg you will make all enquiry concerning  
him you possibly can, and inform me  
next time you write. I often think of  
him, still I try to forget him all I  
can, sorry to write thus. what am I to do?  
the best I can, take good care of myself  
no one gives themselves much trouble about  
me, and I am well aware of it.  
but I recommend parents to do what is  
right, in all respects, or I try to do it.  
in my estimation; The weather is ex-  
tremely warm, at this time, that we must  
expect at this season, I trust your little  
girl is much better ere this, it would be  
a sad affair to lose her all you have there

her mother would miss her very much  
but I hope for the best in time to come  
I presume it may be pleasant to hear of  
your aged Aunts Priscilla Angelina  
they are tolerably well send love to  
you and family. John looks like  
father, has a nice good nature of his  
family for you. He will do likewise  
if the girl will ever embark.  
I sent John, man last night to  
see Miss Bridget, I may hear today  
when she will be here she has had a  
letter from her sister lately.  
How is Mon<sup>r</sup> D - well I trust -  
have you heard from Mr Franklin  
I do really esteem him as a person  
of excellent feelings, do give him  
my kind remembrances when you  
write, he will certainly prosper.  
he must have been a true kind  
friend to H. he must have made  
money in Caly I trust he is operating  
with the fruits of his labour first vote  
Man to do that, get it <sup>where</sup> he may.

property in Brooklyn  
advance much not so,  
will these war times  
Congress is in session, &  
what the result is on  
on the war - how poor  
be what a stagnation  
O my! poor families to  
employ some gone to  
to suffer and die poor  
it is not any of my Ch  
called away or I should  
you know J, has ser-  
viment for seven year  
to him unless he vol  
he will not do at pres  
E, continues smart baby  
thus we progress. I am  
days to board while  
you know fathers  
anouring to interest you  
my many little love  
as you may esteem  
you might expect

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property in Brooklyn does not  
advance much not so fast as taxes,  
will these war times, only think.  
Congress is in session, we will see  
what the result is millions to carry  
on the war how soon our country will  
be what a stagnation to business.  
O my! poor families thrown out of  
employ some gone to the war  
to suffer and die poor Men.  
it is not any of my children are  
called away or I should sorrow indeed  
you know I, has served, the Govern-  
ment for seven years which exempts  
- to him unless he volunteers which  
he will not do at present.  
E. continues smart baby good. all well  
thus we progress. I am going in a few  
days to board awhile with Aunt Sally  
you know father's sister, I am ende-  
avouring to interest you all I can with  
my many little communications  
as you may esteem, but naturally as  
you might expect them to be

now my Dear <sup>Son</sup> Recd August 13<sup>th</sup> 1861 I shall conclude on  
this page hoping you are all in good  
health, tell the little ones Grandmamma  
would be glad indeed to see them  
Though your chance within yourself may  
not be so fair, as it has been, a comfortable  
sum put to what you have I think  
might induce you, as you are so dis-  
gusted with the <sup>an</sup> country, to leave, it as I  
say, of course you must design to do  
something if you return home, you attend  
to business there, what is the difference  
I cannot comprehend all your remarks  
all that is why do you think, if you  
had a capital, you could do better than  
ever - you say I have lost my energy  
then, <sup>I would</sup> calculate to bid adieu to such  
a land, not that I wish to persuade you  
against your will, I would be happy to have  
return if you would rather do so, and  
manifest your boyish affection, which I  
remember with pleasure, I hope to hear from  
you soon, I trust your goods may be protected  
from all harm is the hope of your  
affectionate Mother  
R. Thaley

Brooklyn Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - 1861

Dear Son Thomas.

I begin to think strange that mail after mail arrives not a letter from you, it is 5 weeks since I wrote to you last in answer to yours.

I am boarding with Aunt Sally I feel quite at home she makes me comfortable with her family which consists of her daughter Cornelia a grand daughter and husband two children with myself you see your Aunt time to see the fourth generation she is 79 a pretty good age I wish your father had been spared that long with his sisters, Betsy is eighty one, no one thought she would ever make old bones always complaining of ill health. I must now tell you of Miss Budget, who I have not seen since John paid the draft; to her, last time I sent, to know when she should depart. she said in Sept. or Oct, what she means, I am at a loss to know, but I must say, I have always thought she was a comely young girl, I should like to know when she decides to go, as I want her take the things for you as I have taken an interest in her affairs the least she can do for me and you she says she will certainly will come to see me in she embarks she has put off frequent

I wrote in my last that John was blessed with another daughter a fine little dark eyed girl grows nicely. John has had orders so far but how it will be hereafter I can not say, I am fearful that it will sad times this winter, I am sorry that war is in our land: you have peace & quiet, that is the best for elderly people at least. Sunday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> I have been to church this morn Aunt Sally and I, The papers do not say much to day only the Federal have taken Fort Mifflin, The war department are making great preparations I want peace War is so repulsive I trust it will be settled soon some day after a notice engagements all business is at a stand still which makes bad for poor people I was in hopes you would have strong ideas of coming home soon but now I fear you will <sup>not</sup> think of it at present. I hope you and family are in good health, I feel much better as the weather is growing cool. I must run home in a day or two to see how they all come over John was here last Sunday with his son Tony. Angelina & P. viscilla your Aunts wish to be remembered to you often, if I have neglected to do so it is my omission. I hope you receive the papers then you can read for yourself. Thomas, I trust you have heard tidings of Henry by this time, and what he is doing, tell me particularly when you write, also when you heard from Franklin perhaps he gone to the wars, if so I hope he will prosper he has my kind wishes, give my regards to him I have been to F, they are all well which makes me happy. Tell Frank Grand Ma, hopes to see him soon his sister Ametia likewise all this is pleasant to write but when will it be realised I ask. I will go home again ere I

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Mail this letter as one may be in waiting for me  
we all send love to you and family. They talk  
of a great battle on the Potomac soon - they will  
have a great conflict. I trust all will fight  
them. Aunt Sally, and family wishes to be  
kindly remembered to you and hopes you have  
made a pile. Write to us all soon, John  
has his grip taken to send sister also has hers.  
I will send mine by post pretty soon if  
B. does not go. I will learn this week. I am  
growing impatient and so must you waiting  
so long. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> I have been at a stand to mail  
my letter I wished to see Bridget which I did yesterday.  
She has taken the name of the draft she decides to go  
next month. I hope to see her I hope to send the things  
to you. Sister I will write you before I go. I  
think I will see the last three weeks will be better some  
I have not written you yet. we will have a great deal  
of news to you and then I will see you all my  
love always. your affectionate brother  
Wm. M. Kealey

I was much disappointed not to hear from you

As you are I finally will see you in a few days  
and hope the interest will be all yours. I will  
write you. Bridget I will see you to her sister  
The same to you and her father and mother.

Brockport Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - 1861

Dear Tom Thomas.

I have been waiting with the utmost patience to hear from you and I wrote in the last letter I informed you that B. Mummy would certainly sail as I wrote you as she had collected her draft; to my great surprise a few days after I wrote you she called and said the price was higher than she expected consequently she would be obliged to remain until the month of March I asked her if she would refund the money she said she had let her sister have more than that when she left for Cal<sup>a</sup> so I said I must write my son, what you say, I am, much disappointed that she did not go as I was anxious to send the things I had for the little

I am quite put out but she said she -  
would certainly call before she went so  
I shall not write any more about her -  
we are all tolerable well, in Wester  
has not in as you may see from this she  
youm little boy must be some years old  
by my calculation I hope he is a nice boy  
as you was at that age you must take  
great pains with him and not spare the  
chilld I hope he will be all thank good parents  
alive as he will be thankful to the other  
child men. John is working very at the  
English work I must say he is in better  
humour than his little baby called Michael often  
Grantina grows fine, dark eyes she will  
be a fine looking child all the children  
are fine. Henry, I had a fine open counte  
enance Henry children were all good  
to look upon I have the people to look on  
I think Henry when a baby was the handsome  
at child I ever saw, Elizabeth your sister &  
I have not doubt you will come in for  
their share of praise and commendation  
when I see them I had his group taken  
to send. Thomas, you may be inter  
acted to hear when I am at this time  
though you do not imagine I will tell  
you

I am looking with your poor sister  
Sally a good comfortable home some  
the you I will think to go to hand shop  
ing John Henry. but I cannot see a place  
I like so far Conelia often speaks of you  
she is very kind to me, her two daughters  
wishes to be remembered to you, you must  
remember them, both trained pretty well  
I should have thought you would have  
been very desirous to have them from when  
when is preceding, in this society. would to  
wonder that if you had not in some way  
I am tired no doubt I have plenty of company  
you are well informed of all proceedings as  
you doubtless saw the papers and read all  
the news, I hope it will not appear  
you in fall. Charles in city, and Thomas  
announced \$150 for horse Henry but I cannot  
stand it I no thought it would be so  
much just we will see by another year  
money must be raised for the years -  
& hope you are in good business times  
are hand enough here you may be certain  
the husband has not had any thing to do  
this six months to speak of but they  
must do the best they can as others do

I trust times will be better soon as  
people say. Aunt S is all fight to the south  
and believes if we should lose the day she would  
hang herself she is very patriotic I can tell you  
she frequently flours for the stars & stripes  
I want peace I am at a loss to say how it  
transacts the Southerners are good fighters  
and well disciplined soldiers but of what use  
for me to write you are well posted on war  
How is Mr & Mrs Day I have received <sup>letter</sup> answer &  
tell how I should be happy to do so, how is  
Monsieur Denisborough my regards to him  
I would rather get a short letter often  
than a long one and that seldom but you  
must please yourself I have not heard from  
Henry yet I went to Washington a while ago  
he saw Anne's sister she told him that he  
intended to remain in Cal<sup>a</sup> until the two  
eldest children were educated I think he  
has the Flannell business to attend to I wish  
you would write to him and make all the  
inquiries about him you can to inform  
me it is a catholic institution they go to  
of course I should be happy to hear  
from him, have you heard from Franklin  
of late my respects to him he wrote me such  
a nice letter I shall ever remember it  
with pleasure I may see him one  
one of these days

I believe I have written you all that  
I think will interest you my dear  
child I wish you would write to  
your brother & sister as you said  
you would. Thomas, let me con-  
sult you on the telegraph between  
our States and yours I am extremely  
glad to have an opportunity to do so  
J., will send a word if he can  
so be said

Your affectionate  
father  
J. M. M.

I am sure that in writing to you that  
I am sure that you will be  
to write me all your good  
love to you

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*Wm H Heiss  
Supt-*

San Francisco, 16 December, 1861

Mr. H. Heiss

Superintendent

New York

Message received yesterday

All well. Love to Mother and Harriet Swift  
Overland

Wm. P. Thayer