

MAS. George

Ringold

educated by the Government, and nurtured and protected under the old flag, which I have sworn to defend under any and all circumstances, and you must not now ask me to lift a hand against it, for this I shall never do." The other responded in a manner to almost dismay these plotters.

Presuming now that you are getting anxious to know the names of my old and loyal friends referred to, I will give them to you as follows:

The first named was Maj. George Ringgold, United States Army, and the second, General Charles Doane, major general of the militia of California. This latter I immediately took to the Secretary of War (Cameron) who, properly impressed with its importance, immediately ushered me with the letter into the presence of President Lincoln, to whom I read the letter, and the following conversation rapidly ensued between us thus, Mr. Lincoln to me: "General, do you vouch for the statement these gentlemen make?" "I do, most emphatically; I know them intimately; they are both reliable and chivalrous, 'the salt of the earth.'" To Secretary Cameron: "General, who is there near at hand whom we can trust to send out to California? Sumner is in New York; can we send him? If we can not, we have none who can be trusted. Telegraph Sumner to report here to-morrow?" Lincoln to me: "General, when does the next steamer sail?" "Day after to-morrow."

Sumner did report, and did sail on the following Wednesday under sealed orders "to be opened as you enter the Golden Gate," and when he arrived and was entering the Golden Gate he opened these orders and read: "Land at the first wharf and proceed with all haste to the headquarters of the Army and assume command of the Pacific Department United States Army, and relieving Col. A. Sidney Johnston." Sumner landed at the Presidio and was in command before the steamer reached her wharf at the foot of Clay street.

Now, this noble deed of George H. Ringgold, colonel in the Army, your husband, saved the secession of the Pacific States with all that implied, and which no man can compute, and I only wish the committee having your petition in charge would summon me before them that I might render homage to one who was true as steel and ready to make every and all sacrifice to duty and right.

I am, sincerely and truly, dear madam, your friend,

W. C. KIBBE.

Mrs. MARY C. RINGGOLD.

Colonel Ringgold had a brother, Major Ringgold, killed at the battle of Palo Alto, and another brother served with distinguished bravery in the naval service during the civil war. A similar bill was introduced into the Senate and was favorably reported in 1884. The report in that case is hereto annexed, with several letters from his army friends testifying to the value of his military services attached.

Your committee believe that it is but just that the venerable widow of the meritorious officer, in her old age and in her dependent condition, should receive the increase of pension proposed to be given by this bill, especially in view of the peculiarly valuable services rendered by her late husband, and they would therefore recommend that the bill do pass, amended by striking out the word "mother" in the title, and inserting the word "widow," and by striking out the word "mother" in the fourth line of the bill and inserting the word "widow."

An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary Condy Ringgold, widow of George H. Ringgold, late lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general, United States Army.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to increase to \$30 per month the pension of Mrs. Mary Condy Ringgold, widow of the late George H. Ringgold, lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general, United States Army, who died in San Francisco, Cal., April 4, 1864.

[Senate Report No. 301, Forty-ninth Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 516) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary C. Ringgold, have examined the same and report:

The claimant is the widow of George H. Ringgold, late lieutenant colonel of the United States Army (certificate No. 59793). The following certificates and petition of the widow will show the character of his services:

WAR DEPARTMENT, PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., December 17, 1881.

I had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the late Lieut. Col. George H. Ringgold, deputy paymaster general. He was a graduate at West Point, and served in the line of the Army for over three years; was appointed an additional paymaster in 1846, and in the regular service July 21, 1847, and was promoted deputy paymaster general with the rank of lieutenant colonel on the 28th of May, 1862, and was chief paymaster, Department of the Pacific, from 1861 to April 1864, the day of his death.

Lieutenant Colonel Ringgold had the reputation of an accomplished gentleman and faithful public officer.

WM. B. ROCHESTER,
Paymaster General, United States Army.

I heartily concur in the above.

S. V. BENÉT,
Brigadier-General, Chief of Ordnance.

I knew Colonel Ringgold for many years. He was a faithful officer and a worthy gentleman. Great sympathy is due his family for their own sakes as well as for his valuable services to the United States.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army, Retired.

To whom it may concern:

It was my good fortune to know the late lamented Lieut. Col. George H. Ringgold, paymaster United States Army, for some years before his death, and on the California coast. He was an accomplished gentleman and a thorough man.

He was in San Francisco at the beginning of the late rebellion, and as a Marylander opposed secession in its entirety and in the particular. What with speeches and open activity he did much to dishearten the organization of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and in all this secured to himself much enmity from State's people and other Southern people with whom he had before been on terms of local as well as social brotherhood.

He had a large family, entertained hospitably, and died during the war, leaving nothing to them but his good name.

Of one of the best old families of our country, they have left their lives and name written on our battlefields. Ringgold, of Palo Alto, Tex., was the colonel's brother, while the Titchmanns, Keys, and Hayes were all his relatives. The times have changed, and people who once could have come forward to the help of the family have passed away, and its support depends now on the efforts of his wife.

A grateful country could not act in a more worthy place than here in helping her to keep together a body of delicate and dependent children of him who was

so true to his flag when appeals like a litany were being made to every Southern gentleman.

JNO. HAMILTON,
Colonel Fifth Artillery.

Given at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., December 15, 1884.

Colonel Ringgold was an accomplished gentleman and served his country faithfully and well.

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17, 1884.

Your petitioner, Mary C. Ringgold, whose post-office address is Washington, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, respectfully represents that she is a pensioner under certificate No. 59793, at the rate of \$30 per month, as the widow of the late Lieut. Col. George H. Ringgold, deputy paymaster general, United States Army.

Referring to the many cases wherein additional pension has been granted by Congress, none of them more meritorious than hers, she respectfully prays for the passage of a special act increasing her pension to \$50 per month.

The services of Colonel Ringgold were especially valuable to the Government, and as the expenses of living consumed all his pay, at his death his family was left destitute, and your petitioner has ever since been compelled to provide for herself and four children. She is now in declining years, and her two sons, whom she had hoped would be able to assist her, having both died, she finds herself compelled to ask that an increase of pension, which many have received for far less service, may be generously given for the brief period that remains.

She would also remind you that she belongs to a family whose members have all been faithful servants of the Government, and who have all passed away. She is the great grandchild of the renowned hero of Cowpens and Eutaw, and her family wealth was freely given during the Revolution to insure American success.

She asks attention to the papers accompanying this petition, and respectfully prays that the needed relief may be granted.

It appears that Mrs. Ringgold was left in destitute circumstances at her husband's death, with four young children to provide for. Her sons have died, and also a stepson, leaving her without any male relatives, but with an invalid sister and daughter to support, entirely dependent upon her. She is nearly sixty years of age and in poor health.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment as follows: Strike out the word "sister," in line 7, and insert the word "forty" in lieu thereof.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
September 19, 1880.

I cheerfully concur in the indorsement of General Rochester of December 17, 1881, relating to the service and reputation of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Ringgold.

WM. SMITH,
Paymaster General United States Army.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, REGISTER'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., September 22, 1880.

DEAR MADAM: I have read Senate Report 301, Forty-ninth Congress, first session, concerning the services of your late husband, Lieut. Col. George H. Ringgold.

I regret that I am unable to reproduce in detail the facts which came to my knowledge in the course of my correspondence with him and his friends and brother officers, but I remember they showed that his character and services were held in high esteem for very substantial reasons, and that his services were especially valuable on the Pacific coast, at a time when the interests of the Government required such fidelity and intelligence as he displayed.

Sympathizing with you in the struggle you have had since his death and in the losses of your children and stepson, I sincerely hope Congress will increase your pension to \$50 per month, as you desire.

Very truly, yours,

W. S. ROSECRANS.

Mrs. MARY C. RINGGOLD,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. CHEADLE. Mr. Speaker, I make the same point upon that bill that I did upon the others.

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement that perhaps may induce the gentleman from Indiana to waive the point in this case. Mrs. Ringgold is a woman over sixty-two years of age. She is a native of South Carolina. I am acquainted with her, having boarded in the same family that she is now living in for a year and over.

Mr. KILGORE. Is she living here.

Mr. SAWYER. She is living in this city. She has two children, one of them is an invalid daughter, and is supported by the mother. In addition to that, she has a widowed sister who is also supported by this beneficiary and daughter. Her husband rendered exceptional service, and there is a letter from Colonel Hamilton of the Fifth Artillery in the report showing that about the time of the breaking out of the war of the rebellion Colonel Ringgold was very patriotic in his action; and it shows that Colonel Ringgold, who was then stationed at San Francisco, did much to prevent the attempt on the part of California to go out of the Union. I know this beneficiary to be a very ladylike, refined woman, who is very poor, and that she has an invalid daughter and also an invalid sister dependent upon her.

Mr. KILGORE. What pension is she receiving now?

Mr. SAWYER. Thirty dollars a month.

Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, of Arkansas. The objection is not proceeding from this side of the House.

Mr. SAWYER. I know that.

Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, of Arkansas. But you are looking over to this side of the House.

Mr. SAWYER. It is a little more convenient to look to that side. I referred to the gentleman from Indiana at the commencement of my remarks. If there is any case, it seems to me, where an exception

On September 16, 1885, he declared that he was induced by a recruiting officer to go into the second organization, as it made no difference what regiment he was in so long as he was in the Army, "and we thought we were being transferred." He further declared that he received no bounty, and only drew pay by the month for what time he was in the last regiment.

Twelve citizens of St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, presented a memorial in 1885 to the effect that it was their belief that the soldier re-enlisted through the representations of recruiting officers that he was being transferred, and that he is a respectable citizen and a worthy man.

On February 26, 1889, in a letter to Hon. A. T. BLISS, M. C., he repeated the bulk of his former statements.

On July 25, 1889, Mr. BLISS was informed, after citing the record, that as the absence between desertion from the first service and enlistment in the second exceeded four months, the case was not covered by existing law and the application must be denied.

Respectfully submitted.

F. C. AINSWORTH,

Captain and Assistant Surgeon, United States Army.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

The amendment recommended by the committee was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

JAMES BROWN.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 8790) for the relief of James Brown.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to remove the charge of desertion resting upon the military record of James Brown, late of Company B, Sixty-third Regiment New York Infantry Volunteers.

The report (by Mr. WILLIAMS, of Ohio) was read, as follows:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8790), for the relief of James Brown, submit the following report:

The committee have had under consideration the above-mentioned bill, and have carefully examined the same.

From the military records furnished by the Secretary of War, they find that this soldier was enrolled at the age of nineteen years in Company I, Sixty-third New York Volunteers, October 1, 1861, to serve three years. He was transferred to Company F and subsequently to Company B, same regiment. That he re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer on December 22, 1863. The muster-out roll of the company, dated June 30, 1865, reports him absent, wounded May 5, 1864. The casualties of the Consolidated Brigade, First Division, Second Corps, dated August 3, 1864, report him wounded May 5, 1864, at the Wilderness, Virginia.

The records of the Surgeon General, United States Army, show that he entered Mount Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C., May 11, 1864, with gunshot wound received at the Wilderness May 5, 1864, and was transferred May 15, 1864, and entered Jarvis General Hospital, Baltimore, Md., with gunshot wound of left shoulder. On February 6, 1878, the Department dishonorably discharged this soldier, to date May 16, 1864, which was the day succeeding the one he entered Jarvis Hospital.

This soldier swears under date of April 22, 1866, that under orders to proceed to New York, he set out, in the night, with other soldiers, to travel to proceed to the depot at Baltimore; that he with others went to the depot by themselves and went to New York, where he went to his mother's home in New York City. That his wound grew worse after his arrival home and that he was not able to leave the house for many months, or to rejoin his command before it was mustered out, and that he never had any intention of deserting. Affidavits show that he was a brave soldier, and in nearly all the battles under McClellan, Burnside, Pope, Hooker, Meade, and Grant until wounded in action. Your committee therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

JOHN W. YOUNGER.

The next business on the Private Calendar was the bill (H. R. 11348) to place the name of John W. Younger on the pension roll.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John W. Younger, late of Company E, Forty-eighth Enrolled Missouri Militia.

The report (by Mr. MORRILL) was read, as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11348) to place the name of John W. Younger on the pension roll, submit the following report:

Claimant enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company E, Forty-eighth Missouri Enrolled Militia, and was discharged July 1, 1865. On the 14th of February, 1863, claimant was commissioned first lieutenant of the above-named company and regiment, and in June of the same year was transferred to Company L, Fourth Missouri Militia, which company was commanded by Capt. William G. Garth. Claimant made application for pension February 23, 1885, alleging that on or about the 1st of August, 1863, he was in command of a squad of militia, and at Hawdyshell Bridge had a skirmish with guerrillas, which his command succeeded in routing, and that in the pursuit of the enemy his horse stumbled, throwing him to the ground, disabling him by rupture and injury to the left hip and leg.

Capt. William G. Garth makes affidavit that claimant, in command of a squad on or about the 1st of August, 1863, attacked and put to flight a party of guerrillas and bushwhackers, commanded by Quantrell and his associates, at Hawdyshell Bridge; that while in pursuit of the flying enemy claimant's horse stumbled, throwing him to the ground with violence, causing him to be disabled by rupture and injuring his left leg and hip. Thomas A. Harral, a private of the command, also testifies to substantially the same facts. Both witnesses testify to being present with the command at the time the injury was received and to having personal knowledge of the facts as stated.

The claim was rejected at the Bureau of Pensions on account of the disability being incurred while serving in a State organization, which is not a pensionable service under existing law.

The evidence in this claim clearly shows that claimant was injured while actually engaged in the defense of his flag and country against its enemies. Under such circumstances, your committee are of the opinion that justice demands that he be placed on the pension roll, which act of justice will be in line of established precedent.

Therefore your committee make favorable report and recommend that the bill do pass.

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. Speaker, I do not understand that a member of a militia company is entitled to any pension at all.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. Not having been mustered into the States service, he would not be entitled to pension.

Mr. KILGORE. There is no general law under which the members of a militia regiment can be paid pension; and I would ask if it is not going a little too far for Congress to undertake to put men who were in the militia, and who were not in the Army or in the war, on the pension rolls.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. According to the report he was in active service.

Mr. KILGORE. I heard the reading of the report.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. And the report states that he received his injuries while in actual service of the Government.

Mr. KILGORE. In actual service in the militia.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. He was in a militia organization, but in the active service of the Government of the United States.

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I will explain that it has been the practice of the Committee on Invalid Pensions to report favorably in the cases of members of the Missouri militia where they have served and been injured while engaged in active service in the field; and as I understand the reading of the report that was the case here. This man was in the actual service of the United States.

Mr. CHEADLE. That has been the general practice.

Mr. KILGORE. How much does this bill carry?

Mr. SAWYER. It would be subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. He will receive a pension according to the degree of disability.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The SPEAKER *pro tempore*. The hour in which bills upon the Private Calendar were to be called up in regular order has expired, and without objection the Chair will recognize gentlemen on either side alternately.

Mr. SAWYER. Before that is done, Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the several votes by which the various bills were passed, and also move that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

MARY C. RINGGOLD.

Mr. SAWYER. I call up for consideration at the present time the bill (H. R. 12120) to increase the pension of Mary Condy Ringgold, mother of George H. Ringgold, late lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general United States Army.

The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Mary Condy Ringgold, mother of George H. Ringgold, late lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general United States Army, a pension at the rate of \$50 per month instead of the pension she is now receiving.

The report (by Mr. SAWYER) was read, as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12120) granting a pension to Mary C. Ringgold, submit the following report:

The beneficiary is the widow of George H. Ringgold, late lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general, United States Army.

Colonel Ringgold graduated at West Point in the same class with General Rosecrans, was appointed an additional paymaster in 1846, was promoted deputy paymaster general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, United States Army, in May, 1862, and was chief paymaster Department of the Pacific from 1861 to April 4, 1864, when he died.

The beneficiary is now his widow, sixty-two years of age, in feeble health, and is absolutely without any means of support except her pension of \$50 per month, which she is now receiving, and the earnings from her own labor. She has two daughters (her only children), both unmarried. The younger is in delicate health and is supported by her mother.

Mrs. Ringgold has also an invalid sister supported by her and her older daughter. She has no relative to whom she can look for her support in her old age.

Colonel Ringgold was a Southern man by birth, and when the civil war broke out he was stationed at San Francisco, Cal. General Albert S. Johnston was then stationed at this place, in command of the Department of the Pacific.

As is well known, there was a large element in the population of that State that avowed the secession of that State, and plans were being laid, with the knowledge and under the advice of General Johnston, to secure that result. Suddenly General Johnston was relieved of his command and General Sumner appointed in his place, and the efforts to secure the secession of California were thwarted, and that State, and perhaps Oregon, were saved to the Union.

This was before the days of telegraphs and railroads across the continent. The part that Colonel Ringgold had in securing this important result will fully appear in the accompanying letter from General W. C. Kibbe, then and for several years thereafter adjutant general of that State:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 26, 1890.

MY DEAR MADAM: I have great pleasure in stating to you, in connection with your request that I see the Hon. Mr. SAWYER, of New York, that there is a matter of unwritten history which may avail you in the legislation you are seeking from Congress. It is this, namely: Early in 1861—say about the 25th of March—while adjutant general of California, being on business for my State, I received a joint letter from two very dear and loyal friends in San Francisco stating that plans were on foot and nearing completion for the secession of California from the Union, in which Oregon would join, giving me full particulars of the same and stating that the writers, being of Southern birth, had been approached with impunity, the plotters not dreaming but that a simple request was all that would be required to enlist my friends in this bold and promising scheme.

But, to their great disgust and disappointment, one of them replied, "I was

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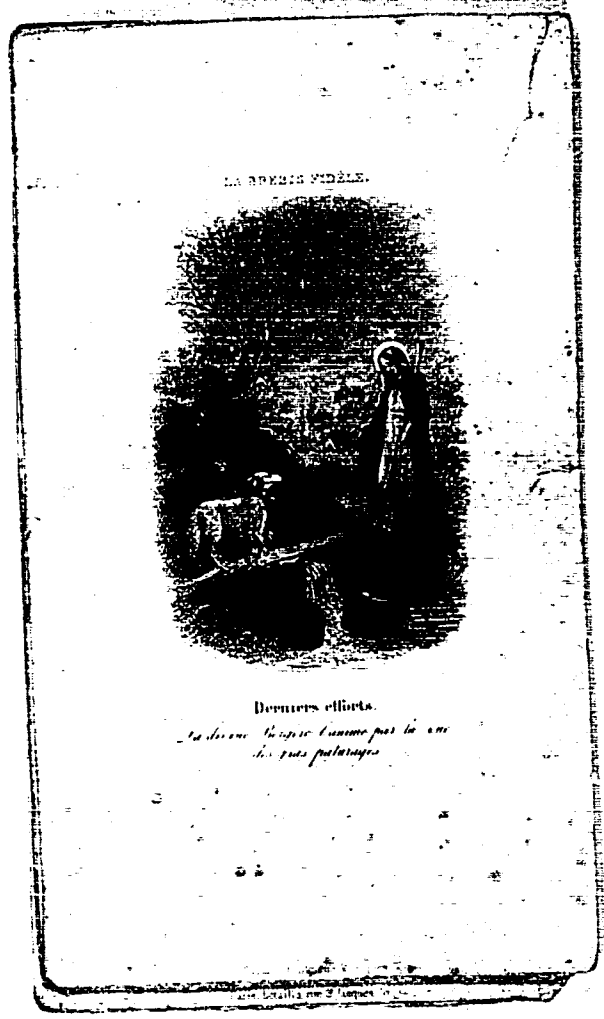
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LA SPERANZA VIDELE.

Demers efforts.

*La deuse l'esperance comme par la vie
 les plus patentes*



JE NE CRAINS RIEN, MARIE EST AVEC MOI!

MARIE :

Tu hésites, ma pauvre broblis, les forces paraissent te manquer; mais vois donc, il n'y a plus que ce pont à passer. La nuit qui tombe te fait peur peut-être, la vue de ce torrent rapide, image de la vie qui s'enfuit, te glace d'effroi. Cependant tout meurt, ici plus d'ombrage, plus d'herbes vertes. Encore un pas... deux pas... et tu verras briller l'éternelle aurore, et je te conduirai aux délicieux pâturages d'un monde nouveau, où la verdure et les fleurs ne se flétrissent plus.

L'ÂME :

O MARIE ! aidez-moi, s'il vous plaît, dans ces derniers moments si difficiles à la nature. Quand il n'y aura plus qu'un pas... deux pas... à faire, prenez-moi dans vos bras; et si mes lèvres, et si mon cœur déjà engourdis par la mort, ne peuvent plus dire un mot à DIEU, faites un acte d'amour, chargez-vous de parler pour moi...

Sous les yeux de MARIE j'affronte le danger.
Ses bras me sont ouverts : qui pourrait m'ébranler!...

Marie, ma chère Marie...

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La terre promise.

*Le divin Sacerdos DIEU y invite pour toujours
sa fille Marie.*

Paris, Lesclapart, rue St. Martin, 10.

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JE NE CRAINS RIEN, JÉSUS EST AVEC MOI !

— « Voyez, brebis fidèles, si vous avez été trompées dans votre attente : cette nouvelle terre aux collines odorantes qui vous avait été promise, est arrosée par des fleuves d'eau limpide, qui feront naître éternellement les fleurs sous vos pas : ici, vous allez recevoir mille fois plus que vous n'espérez. Voici vos sœurs qui accourent, pressées par la diligente Bergère.

« Venez, venez, troupeau choisi, paissez en paix, et à toujours, dans les plaines émaillées de fleurs de mon doux Paradis. »

— Jardin de délices, doux Paradis ! à ce nom, mon âme se foud au dedans de moi-même... elle s'exhale en soupirs, en désirs de feu... elle monte... elle monte... et croit toucher à la porte. Dieu se dit-elle, et, dans un saint transport, il lui semble arriver au terme. O Dieu ! Dieu bon ! Dieu amour ! Dieu mon tout, fais qu'il en soit ainsi...

Amen !

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Après avoir suivi Jésus mon bon Pasteur,
J'entrerai pour jamais au séjour du bonheur.

LA BREBIS FIDÈLE.



Arrivée au bercail.

*La Brebis pour servir obtient asile
dans cette douce retraite.*

Paris, Librairie des Sciences et Arts, 1845.

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JE NE CHAIS RIEN, MARIE EST AVEC MOI

MARIE :

Tu t'es un peu trop éloignée, pauvre brebis ; vois le loup qui ne s'est point retiré encore : il regarde tout effrayé ; il craint, mais il espère. Si je n'eusse été là, il t'aurait dévorée peut-être. Comme te voilà toute hâlante, et hors d'haleine ! Viens, reprends place avec tes sœurs qui reposent en paix, et ne t'écarte plus du bercail.

L'ÂME :

O Marie ! soyez aussi ma Bergère : protégez-moi contre ce loup rugissant, qui rôde sans cesse autour de ma pauvre âme. Si jamais je veux m'éloigner, appelez-moi, et votre douce voix me retiendra dans le devoir.

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Je vous suivrai partout, Mère de mon Sauveur,
Et vous me conduirez près de mon bon Pasteur.





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San Diego Cal
August 17 1858

My dear Mrs Whaley

Mr Morse has offered to be the bearer of a letter to you, and I avail myself of the opportunity of informing you somewhat as to the movements of "The Major" since his farewell day in old San Diego. Mr Whaley must have found me dry and good for nothing when he came on board to say good by, but the fact of the matter is, I was dull & triste, and my mind a little abstracted, - all of which you, dear kind soul that you are, will duly explain to him. Our voyage up was a perfectly smooth one - I went up to Los Angeles and spent two days there. Of the human creatures there I saw nothing, and although the country looked green & refreshing and the grape season was just coming in, I did nothing but make comparisons between it and my old home, (too much to the prejudice of the former) to suffer me to enjoy even what was worth enjoying in the City of the Angels - I cannot describe to you the contrast between the soft dealing climate out of which I had just come, and the raw, blustering foggy reception I met with in San Francisco - I was cold up to my knees - nay up to my very heart, which I much fear will lose all its genialness unless kind fate

shall show up to me a prospective visit to the dear old Spot once more - But I must not deal in the dolefuls any longer - you will not thank me for a letter which, filled only with sentiments of regret, forgets that its business is to cheer your spirit with some of the sunshine that ought to gather about such a metropolis as San Francisco - Well, I suppose it has its advantages - but I do assure you that I feel lost here, I feel the need of my old habits of my daily routine - the sight of the adobes - the plaza - the Cheap Cash store - and all the old familiar faces - to say nothing of South Park, which had somehow or other ~~had~~ managed to worm itself into my affections & make me feel when I had to go away from it, as if it was really my home -

I was in this great city four & twenty hours before I found any body that I knew - Maglee was out of town - Old Parrott had gone home - it being after office hours before I got into the street, after the usual process of getting on "something to wear" - and every one else that I thought ought to be around, was somehow or other out of the way - The following day about night, as Paddy might express it - Boston Ames called - I was out and did not see him till next day afterwards - He appears to be busy about many things as was said of the worldly Martha, and I have seen very little of him - of course one of the matters that occupies him is getting his likeness taken - photograph is the word this time - I dined on

Friday with Mr Parrott - and on Sunday with Mr Cassidy - Mrs Doyle was there, just returned from the country - I have not seen Mrs Wyse - She is staying at the Presidio and as I have considerable to attend to before the steamer leaves, I shall have to give her ^{Madam} the go by ~~mail~~ after her departure - I called to see Mrs Badarous the evening after my arrival - She and the doctor are well, and were as usual very kind & polite to me - I do not think there is any one in the world of whom Mrs Badarous thinks more highly than of yourself - I told her you had intended writing by me, but time had slipped away faster than you thought, and that must make your peace with her for the present - I told her all about little Marnie, and as she has a little girl herself I ran no risk of making her jealous - You ought to write to her, for she is quite sincere I believe in her affection for you - The steamer reached here yesterday & brought among others your old acquaintance Bonny castle, bound for Oregon - I have not yet seen him - I much fear from what I can gather from some of the officers who have just arrived that I am to be sent to the States - Major Beall now in Texas is, they say, to be relieved by Col Coffee who leaves here in perhaps a month - after which Beall will come out, and start me eastward - This will take some four or five months, during which time I hope to be able to pay you a visit, and say good by again

to San Diego - My present ⁴ intention is to come down
on the boat of the 20th of September, & unless something
quite unforeseen should occur I shall do so - I wish
you could have heard the music at the Cathedral on
Sunday, it was grand - Nothing takes hold of one
so perfectly and absolutely, and fills up my whole
soul so entirely as music - for it speaks the language
of every passion and emotion - and there is no mood
in which the mind may find itself, that has not
its own particular musical ~~expression~~, attendant, that
harmonizes & thoroughly sympathizes with it - But I
am discoursing - I commenced telling you about the Cathedral
& I ended by preaching on music - We old fellows ~~can't~~
help growing a little procy - I have not been to a
single place of public amusement since I arrived
here - there are three places where theatricals are done
up every night, but somehow or other I don't care to
go - the truth is I am annoyed by the uncertainty of my
position - I would like to know that I was to remain here -
but to be left in this dubious way is not at all to my
liking - Do my dear madam take compassion on me
and tell me all about San Diego - I especially about
the inmates of South Park - Tom. Frankly & naively &
some little about yourself too if quite convenient -
I had letters from my daughter - & her grandmother -
who tells me Antoni took the gold medal & crown of
white roses & the highest honors of his class - I hope
you received a letter from your Mama - mind & tell me
how she likes the picture - May joy ever rest with
you -

Most truly your friend,

J. P. Ringgold

I fear you'll find my letter
dull -

Whaley to Major
Ringold(?) ^{Oct} 1858

Mentioned troops,
Possibility of their
being stationed
in S.D. offers his
house to the Major
mentions moving
from S.D.

San Diego September 21st 1858

Friend Major,

Your second friendly letter is
welcome to us to day. I have very little
time to write and my w^h has been busy
writing home and to Mr Kellogg having
received news from him to day. He was
in New York. Spoke of leaving in the Steam-
er November. My w^h's mother has received
the portrait and is much pleased with it.
I am disappointed in making a dismission
this steamer having collected very little since
the last only enough to pay you on a/c of
your board and my w^h's a/c rent & store.
I expected Covambay would have paid me
but he is void of all principle. Just now
some of them are pushing him pretty hard and
every thing that can be is attached. I also ex-
pected money from Mutton but he has not
yet paid although he promised to do so
before going to ^{San} F.

I think well of your proposition of going to
Santa Rosa better than of the S. F. business -
You will get all the information you can for
me before you come and then we will see -

side upon something. As for remaining here much longer is quite out of the question. I wish to de-
part upon some business locality, as soon as possi-
ble, sell everything available here and put out.
I know I can get all the credit I want in the pro-
viding I can do the business to warrant it, but the
first place is to decide where to go.
Doyle leaves us on this steamer. He will inform
you in regard to (Spalter?) I made him a propo-
sition to day which he received rather favorably
and will take under consideration while he is ab-
sent and let me know further on his return.
I stated to him that I would probably leave here in
two or three months that I was disposed to rent my
house reasonable rather than leave it unoccupied.
He said he what do you consider reasonable? I told
him \$100.00 per month the same as he had offered
a year ago, and that if he wanted it I would fin-
ish it off immediately that it would cost from \$1200 to
\$1500. to lath and plaster and paint it inside and out
and put everything in first rate order. I think it likely
he will enter into the agreement upon his return and
that I may make arrangements to advance the whole out
or a portion of the rent at least to enable me to furnish.
This would be a great lift to me besides being able to
make something elsewhere in business. I delivered your
messages to Pennington & Mogg. I enclose you

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as note from Morse respecting Edie's unpaid
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Colorado river as yet and give up all hope
from that quarter. You will get all the in-
formation respecting Santa Rosa and Mrs. Rus-
sell.

Mr. Hammond has determined to
accept \$300. in cash and a mortgage on
all my real estate (excepting house & lot) for
\$700.00 pay in one yr 10% per an int
in payment of all I owe him which is do-
ing all that lies in my power -

There were lots of letters for you in the P.O.
which have been forwarded by mail -
My Mr and Helen are very well and feel dis-
appointed that you did not come and that we hope
the more to see you next summer and tell them
you have their best regards. The baby has been
pretty sick and is still unwell, especially a
cough etc.

Hoping to see you soon I remain

Yours truly

Geo Whaley

San Diego Oct 27th 1858

Friend Major,

Your favor 2nd inst is to hand
I am very sorry not to have had the pleasure
of seeing you this boat. Expected you had and
had fitted up quarters for you in the upper
part of our house, which are at your disposal
whenever you may come. Hope you will
decide to take the Station at San Francis-
co and send for your family, and then
we should still have the pleasure of seeing
you. The probability is, that we shall be
obliged to leave here and settle in the
northern part of the State if nothing advantage-
turns up before now and spring. The per-
son remaining here this winter (owing to the
unpleasantness of moving during the inclem-
ent season) unless a favorable offer presents
itself, to go north. The troops may again
be stationed here ~~soon~~ and if I can get
the suttership I would desire nothing better
the law having been so altered as to secure to
the Sutter his money at the pay table, but
in no case can the Sutter trust a certain
for more than \$5.00 per month of his pay
under forfeiture of his office. Should you hear
of any troops being stationed here I know you

will use your influence to get me the position.
but should no troops be stationed here things will
continue very dull and I shall be obliged to seek
my fortune some where else. when business is pretty
bright. The difficulty will be to find such a place
after which I have no doubt of succeeding, having
friends enough in San Francisco who will give me
all the assistance I may ask.

You will please get me all the information concerning
Santa Rosa or any other place where I would be like-
ly to do well. I have not been able to get
any news out of Boyle as yet he being too busy
I'm engaged to our business arrangements I have
no doubts when we meet we can settle ac-
tatisfactory I enclose you a letter from Mr. St.
also one from Capt. Murtow. He was anxious
to send a pay etc but could find no bank
I don't exactly know the purport of his letter
but I proposed he should give me an order on
you for the amount of his bill. He said that
was not quite so much coming to him but
that he would write to you I believe for you to
retain send him a plank and to retain
\$40. and some cents from the amount of his
pay. You will please let me know the amount
when you get it that I may give him credit for
the amount. I can get nothing out of Covarrubias
as yet. He still makes promises - I enclose you an
order on J. L. Ames for the amount of his share of

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which you will please present. I send you
my Welly Largo Red, fifty dollars - which I send
I can do this boat. We have had a terrible
hornado which has done considerable damage
All I sustained was the blowing away of my
skylight. The sunset thing brighter than ever
though we are left still in the dark regarding
what our it is. You please this letter
send you this greetings in return. I have no
like time to say more so

good bye -
Yours truly
H. W. Whaley

San Diego Oct 21st 1858.

Major Ringgold.

Dear Friend.

I am very much pleased to receive a letter from you by this steamer, but I had much rather you had come, I had not made up my mind to see you this boat but fully expect you next. Sorry am I to hear that you are so low spirited, why is it? you must be more of a man and take things as they ^{come}, whether good or bad and make the best of all things. I hope this letter will find my friend in good spirits and well. My dear little Nannie is still very sick with a very heavy cold and very little hopes of her recovery, she seems

to be made up of nothing but phlegm
~~that~~ Hoffman is attending her and doing her
best, which you know does not amount
to much, but Major I pray every night
to have my little one spared me, and
I hope the Lord Almighty - will listen to
my prayer, My heart is almost broken by
one thing and another and I do not
know how it will all end, for the best
I hope. I would like to see you very
much as it will seem like old times to
meet again, will it not Major? I hope
my little one will be well by the time
you come down so that I will have
time to entertain you. I gave Mr Whaley
the note enclosed in my letter, and
let him read my letter, Tambien, He
says he hopes you will get him the
letter ship when the company comes down
and like you to use your best influence
to do so, I hope you may too Major
for poor man he wancies about not
knowing what to do. So it is as I

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thought, you want to wait and come
down with your particular friends, buena
yo no quiero. Mrs Robinson sends her
regards. Several persons called to-day
to hear from you, on business I suppose.
If you do not come next boat write me
a long letter, I ~~am~~ glad to hear your
family are all well, Remembers me to
Walter. Poor little ~~Mamma~~ Mamma is dying
will the cure get well? I am afraid not
she is falling away fast now. but I put
my trust in God and his will be done.

Adios my dear friend
and do not forget - your
true friend

Mrs H. E. Whaley.

Mr W send his regards.

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Maps G. H. Ringgold.
No. 1. et.
San Francisco
Calif.

San Francisco, October 31st 1859

Frank Cured Esq

Sr.

Your 23rd will to hand. Same time
received from W. H. C. Co an other 4th inst. per @ Wm.
With this before me, might as you desire, have dictated my
last differently. Thanks for passing tapes. "Urgent business" &
important! Still hasing was found Shakespear Sept. -
Receipts and Apes received - also balances found - All
Satisfactory. Again thanks -

Now regarding an other portion of your
letter - You appear highly indignant, at what exactly
I hardly know and don't believe you do either except you are
offended at yourself. At something which you write in connec-
tion with a subject which you candidly admit you had no
business to meddle with but which apparently persistently
refuse to withdraw an opportunity offers. The least said soon
is mended is an old motto applicable to the case -
But as you have caused my attention to be directed to the
matter I cannot let the opportunity pass without giving
an expression of my opinion which may have the effect to
cause you to
write things properly. You reiterate the word important no
less than three times in your letter of the 7th inst. and if I

number rightly those persons for some time past contain the
same word. I understand perfectly well to what you refer,
but feeling no accountability, consider it quite unnecessary for you
to discuss the propriety of my actions regarding my family's
welfare; consequently caring nothing for those remarks whose
disinterested acquaintances may make.

I am well aware of the strong friendship and regard which you
you have always entertained for myself and family and though I
appreciated the frank & free manner in which you expressed any
your surprise & pain even pardoning what (if an other had said
I should have considered highly improper) you chose to denigrate such
an impudent and unconsidertent act. An omission with you probably
reminds you said you thought you might be considered in-
judicious. Had you well perceived the prodigious word, ori-
ginated with yourself and my son I indeed you should attend
so far have mistaken its application as to construe it
into an offence, when more certainly was intended to be
given - I think you have made a mountain out of a mole
hill - Had you been so contented to have replied to Mrs W's
last letter and waived all further feeling upon the subject
things would have gone smoothly enough and much unpleasant
business would have been avoided - Enough has however been said
about the matter, I am disgusted, uncomfortable with it.

You seem to think the offence mortal without consideration for
the feelings of others - and that is enough. It is not the

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the first rupture of the kind. I am sorry it is a part of your nature
to be quarrelsome. Perhaps you can't help it - Unfortunate
as it is for you - I don't always cultivate matters which
perhaps you chose to be cranky & cross - it being part of my
whole nature also - ~~to~~ - I don't mean in contact with
steel could produce fire - So to avoid a conflagration, if
which you think there is ~~any danger~~ so much danger, (I shall
perhaps leave it entirely for you to decide) don't let's correspond
at all any more - You need give yourself no further concern
of what is in regard to my affairs in South Kings - They are not of
minute but great importance as to counts me much less, and
therefore probably of less little importance to induce anyone to ac-
t. in - except of the agency of, them. If however you are fully
determined and positively refuse to write to me, or to
be of any attend to anything for me. I have but ~~the~~ one favor to
ask of you and that is to enquire of Mr. Cudworth if he
to be will be troubled with some matter for me, for which
more I will allow him whatever percentage he thinks is right
might be and feel much obliged to him. I trust you will
be of entire happy and prosperous and may you ever find
great friends who will prove themselves indulgent and grateful
to you as the true friends of

Yours Respectfully
Wm. W. W. W.

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Los Angeles
Nov 17th 1858

My Dear Whaley

As you perceive I am at my journey's
end, I was going to say, but it was a rapid
league. I mean I am in the city of the angels.
I have found all your bill men, and
divined them secundum artem. Leighton
denies the two dollar medicine bill - but
says he will pay Walter's ball ticket fee -
Brimley says he has some brandy here that
he is going to send to F. Amer to sell & turn
over to you enough ^{of the proceeds} to satisfy your demands.
Gitchell will hand me the $7\frac{62}{100}$ which I
will send when he does so - Collins says
Lyons owes him a sum of money and he
wants it to go towards paying his San Diego
debt - he says he will try & let me have a
part of the bill - the bill due Morse &
Whaley he says he paid to Mr Morse -
So you see I am as well off as when I
began - I leave for Ticon tomorrow early -
and shall return here - when possible I
shall write to make the creditors shell out -
If not I will, as you directed, leave the matter
to Franklin - ^{with Buggy} nor more sold yet -

Hope soon to see you in S. Francisco

Yours very truly,

G. H. Briggs

Since writing the above I have seen Collins - He says you owe him for repairing your pump and other matters - that he will pay over \$22. which is the balance he owes you, if you will send him a receipt in full - I have also collected \$7.62 from Gitchell - which Lewis Franklin will hand you - Brimley acknowledges the amount due, but says he had no money - I dunned him awful strong, but I could get nothing from him except that had some aguardiente of which he intended to convert into 5 dollar brandy by some

process or other and send the same to Frisco as I stated.

I reminded him of the white wine and he said he did not have it now - &c &c

Collins promised to furnish his bill against you - and Lewis Franklin will get it as Collins failed to keep his appointment with me and give me his account - I return the bill adios Amigo mio -

Very truly yours
G. H. Briggs

Very truly yours
G. H. Briggs

April 6/92

Dear Sir,

I am much pleased to
hear of the death of our friend Mr.
Riggall - can be of any service
I will be glad to be in the way
Yours truly,
W. L. P. ...

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The East P.S.

19th Nov

I have seen Collins. he is a pretty honest fellow - he says you sent your bill to him once before. receipted for \$36 - but that he did not pay any thing on it - he has the receipt yet - He says he will pay you \$22. which is what he owes you - He would like to have Morse pay you but if Morse cannot, you can then send a receipt in full for \$22 - to any one here whom you may see fit and he will pay the amt -

~~I conclude~~ I go via Lejon by land to S. Francisco - hope soon to see you there - in haste -

G.H.R.

Morse has collected some money for Collins of Geo. Myerson -

Oct 22, 1858

Re; Quartering
of traps -
mission in sad
condition

San Diego Oct 22nd 1858

Dear Major,

Your favor 14th inst to my wife was received yesterday. We were very glad to hear from you but sorry to learn you were in so bad spirits. Next boat hope to see you or at least to hear from you. Capt Munton seemed disappointed not to have received a reply to his last and so was Pedro Alrio who had come all the way from Santa Tomas expecting to hear from you through Capt B. You will please retain the amount of the order sent by the Capt & be deducted from his pay & give me credit for the amount in full and what it is. We are glad to hear of the safe arrival of Walter Hunt but hope he will not think of returning to California until such time as he shall have completed his education. When you write to him send us our remembrances and best wishes. I am very glad to hear of the return shortly of Capt Myer Company to this place and shall be pleased to welcome them. Churchill & I will again have a talk with one or two concerning the settlement and think very favorably of it. I hope you will do all you can to have the matter arranged if it be possible with the officers of the Company in San Francisco for the reason if left undecided upon the arrival

of the Company here, my chance of getting the appointment
might be diminished as there are undoubtedly some here who
would be glad to get it and will use their endeavor to do
so. The way I understand the matter it is left to a
board to decide upon, and in this case I think C. J. H.
would constitute such a board subject to the approval
of their commanding officer. I believe Capt. C. J. H.
would give the preference to me over any other applicant.
You will therefore please arrange the matter so as to secure the
approval of Capt. Hyde. I think as you say, there will be
little difficulty about my getting it, and if I do I be-
lieve I shall do pretty well. The Mission is in a sea-
sonably deteriorated condition so that there is every probability
that the troops will be quartered at New Bedford. This would suit
me better as it would endow me ^{with} the dense country trade and
a little wherever the steamer was in port. Should I get this
appointment of Justice it will probably be necessary for
me to go at once to San Francisco in order to get the proper
assignment of goods so that should you not come down next
week I will probably see you there. Little Maurice is
much better to day and there is some chance for his recovery.
I have presented you an bill to Capt. Progent, He says he has
not got the money now but will pay it shortly. He has paid
the amount of the roof over the Store. The quilt I am sorry to
say was burnt up in the fire and so were your mattresses.
I forgot to mention this when I wrote before. I hope you
will send me \$1.00 again, tell him I am very anxious to pay
him and the only way I can do so is from the collection of
outstanding debts. I have paid the enclosed account.

for you

J. J. M.
Bellevue

amount for you. Please credit me with the amount.
 \$2.50
 45.60
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I must now close hoping to see you soon so
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 Yours truly
 W. H. Haller

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Sun Aug 21 November 21 1858

Friend Major,

Your from Los Angeles received.
Thanks for attending to my. Received $\$762$
your Express. Colonel Finck comes land war-
rant with County Clerk Seal. Have given to
Capt Burton your draft for $\$762$. He goes to
S F by this boat.

Yours in haste
Wm Whaley

P.S. Smith has shipped me boxes.
Doyle did not come. See him concerning making
my horse and hand him letter enclosed,
Care

A Republic has sent a check to San Francisco for
something over \$400,000 to get ^{by return} called and have
given Spain the General's note to retain the amount
with interest from said check when called. This is
done with the General's advice and consent so there
is some probability of getting the money ~~paid~~

San Francisco

Dec 1st 58.

My amica mia

On my arrival in this metropolis on Saturday last I was happy to find your letter awaiting me - Next to the pleasure of being with ~~my~~ friends, is to have their own written assurances that all is well with them, and that we still live in their kind remembrance - I am very glad to hear good accounts of little Marie, and that she continues to thrive, she was healthy from her birth and I doubt not she will now do well - I feel the greatest interest in her getting into the age of interesting girlhood, for she will then be such a delightful little companion for you - I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in seeing you and her in that most delightful relation of mother and daughter, when she comes to be a little older, and can sit by your side with her play things & her prattle - girls are worth a great deal more than boys to a mother. But I must not dwell too long on these pleasing pictures of the future, or I shall not have space to record the events of my journey after leaving Los Angeles - After placing my Marc and Buggy in charge of Mr. Banning, I left on the morning of the 21st on the Oakland Coach for Tejon and arrived

there at one o'clock that night, being only 15 hours on
the road, ~~what~~ it had generally taken me three days to
accomplish ^{the journey} & spent two days at Lejon, making up
rolls and accounts & paying off the troops, and being
entertained - The officers there are a very nice set, and
the mines of Captain Davidson & Major Carleton help
I should think in no little degree to relieve the dullness
of that out of the way post - I was sound from a
game of Cribbage with Dr Ten Broeck by the sound
of the Stage horn, and, with a perfectly good will to
be going once more, I lept onto the driver's box of the
great Overland mail stage, & in a moment was
dashing down the "Cañada de las uvas" and en route
for San Francisco - In the space of 4 miles we descended
some 4000 feet and you can readily imagine the change
of climate - From cold wintry weather into a balmy
Spring atmosphere such as San Diego knows so well
how to serve up - The valley of the Tulare, level and hard
permitted us to dash on at a 9 knot speed, till we got
to Kern River Slough, where we grabbed rapidly, & pushed
on again - we had yet 360 miles to look forward to, but
I was not terrified, and after a pleasant four hours outside
with the driver, lit by a fire in the toolies that made every
thing as light as day, I crawled inside & slept the sleep

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of sound health and a cheerful spirit - But I will not fatigue you with any further detail of my journey which I accomplished without the slightest inconvenience - The Pacheco pass is however a matter to be remarked upon - 12 miles through - 5 miles to the Summit & 7 down - the track only wide enough for a single vehicle and often for a considerable distance cutting along the side of the mountain with a thousand feet of precipice above & another thousand below - so that if the slightest accident should occur we were bound to go to Kingdon come in a giddy - we came over the pass like lightning and in a way by no means agreeable to weak nerves - I found my friends and acquaintances as I left them - and entered on my old ways as usual - The want of funds left me but little to do until to day - Now, the steamer having brought me a supply I am beset with soldiers, some of whom I have run off in order to get a chance to write to you - I got letters from the States - and doubtless you will be pleased to hear that my application for an Eastern Station has been denied - Col. Larned has informed me that he cannot give me the Detroit Station because Major McLean has not been there long enough to remove him - and besides he says my services are needed to take charge of the Department on this Coast - So you see I remain in California -

I received also a long letter from Walter - he found
Emitsburg entirely a classical school, and ^{he} accordingly
determined to go elsewhere - He is now at Wilmington
Delaware & likes his position very much - but he says
he is bound to return to California after he gets through
for he is an out and out Californian and can never
like the States any more - My daughter Jane writes
me that she is quite hearty again & is getting horribly
fat - I hope she exagulates for tho' I like plumpness
I hate Obesity - My old mother is as usual flying
about - She went down to Washington the other on
some business or other - She will come out with my
folks next spring - Boston Ames is married again sure
enough - I made an appointment with him to go & see her but
he didn't keep it - Why he did not "Queen Sabé?" - They were
married pretty soon after she arrived - He returns by
this boat - as also Doyle & his wife - I have been
remiss in not calling on Mrs. Baderow - I shall do so
probably to night - Why don't you write to her? Major
& Mrs. Wye left for Oregon yesterday - I did not see
them - Adios my dear friend - I hope soon
to see you in this village - Write to me all of
interest that you have for me - tell me when you
think of coming up - Present my regards to your
better half - I shall probably drop him a line to go with this -
Adios - and may your heart always be at peace in the presence of
your old friend - G. H. P. R. W.

San Francisco
Dec 2^d 58

My dear Whaly —

I have just the smallest possible
amount of time left to write you.
being chock full of business with
the discharged soldiers of the 6th
Regt — Doyle was in the country
with madam and I only got
sight of him night before last
— I gave him your letter, but thought
better to let it work than to write
things myself — I got the olives
"muchas gracias" — Your affidavit
goes per steamer on the 5th —
and also inquire about Riding —
I cannot get out without I go on
leave — that I shan't do — So I am
a fixture in California for some time
longer — When do you think of

Coming up — Business is
very bright here — Some
4000 people have arrived
in a few days & beds are
scarce — Buildings are going
up in different parts of
the city and prosperity
seems to be spreading over
the people of S. Francisco —

Adios —
Most truly Yours
W. H. Ripley

San Diego Dec 6th 1852

Friend Major,

Yours received. Have seen Doyle
Nothing can be done with him as he thinks himself very
importantly situated where he is. This will determine me
to leave him sooner than expected. Nothing keeps me
now but the settlement of an aff^r with Benjardillo and
that will not detain me long even though I get nothing
Much to my surprise Cooks has paid his note
which enables me to pay Mrs. Kesson the balance
due her for rent, and the Surpluses are completed
to return for the present. Mrs. Henry Whaley and
Children have arrived. Don't think she will find
the town quite as pleasantly as formerly. Sudden
Aunt and wife did not come. I think you
had better get an order from him ~~you have~~ merchant
for the amount due him ~~the~~ and if ~~the~~ the amount
of one him I will pay when he returns here. You
know how slow pay he is and may be it will be
some time before he pays after he comes. I am glad
to hear that the prospects are so good for doing
business in San Francisco, I am willing to take my
chance. The probability is that you will if
main some time in California. So that we
shall not lose you. The express is closing
Yours truly
Wm. H. Hall

An Oigo, Dec 22nd 1858.

Friend Major.

We did not hear from you to day
My Est thinks you must have written however and
that your letter must have miscarried in some
way. Where I am arranging all things
with the view to leave next steamed and get
just to be ready to get away by that time so
you will be on the look out with the probability
of putting us on the wharf the next trip of the
boat but don't be disappointed should we not
go.

Mr Robinson wishes me to request you
to forward Mrs Ewins pension paper for their
signature as Mrs E is indebted to her for and
and that is the way in which she hopes to
get it.

We are all well. I send my love
a kin to the Major and, my Est has a
numb in an eye — Please write.

Yours truly
H. W. Wheeler

We have had considerable rain but the
crop of barley you were expecting does not
appear.

March 31st, 1859.

Dear Major:—

Please say to Mr Whaley that I would
be glad to see him at Maj Lee's office, on
California St. near Sans I believe tomorrow
morning at 9/2 o'clock, and much
oblige,
Yrs very truly
Wm. D. L. Pillsbury

Maj. G. H. Ringgold
U.S. Army,

to D.L. Simpson
"re - Whalley's
service Quarter-
master corps,
1859

Andrew Pickens 20th 1859

Letter May 1859 about purchasing lot for John \$500 -

Have written to Henry about balance of B. S. draft

Thomas wife not here

C. H. Palmer not

Not in Brooklyn

Write a note, buy lot, don't wait for me

My \$500 -

Write a dozen lines

My situation and prospects

My children moved from Henry

Stating movement

Presently to children

Reason why have not written

All well - weigh 157 -

Franky talks plainly

Annalia begins to speak

Have purchased lot for Julia Swartz \$500

How much paid, but not taxes &c

Henry in San Francisco - hear nothing

Uncle Annis lives with Simon

Party of grand children

John & Mary Alexander born in S. C.

Robert Sallee Belter - Conductor

Henry Hurd - 78 -

John Bourget, lot will write given him

\$500 - want an acknowledgment

Oct 30

When will you return home?

Are you prospering - C. S. Switzer for

Need of Henry

All well -

Annalia is in marriage -

Have you seen Mr. Deary

Solon \$100 - large attachment \$10 given \$500 to eye camp \$50000

Mother & John Hilling - Hunt and - Harrell and -

Central Park, Camp &c

How do you like S. C.?

Write to Henry -