

1849

CORRESPONDENCE

Algeria 1849

The amount of the sum of the  
 little distance. Do not be  
 When my arrival find out the  
 State of the market. Beware  
 of the price of cotton, sell at once  
 if you buy it at the present  
 which is well, unless you are  
 sure you will sell best. See a  
 list of the prices of goods that  
 in the market. The things  
 sell well.  
 To the persons for the  
 we give of the goods, and if  
 you are not that the prices  
 will be higher at a certain  
 price of delivery in a  
 time.  
 At present the price of the  
 for the cotton is one dollar  
 is worth the \$35. It is worth  
 20000 for the fine quality  
 price of the goods, with some  
 kind of goods \$10 extra.  
 The of the goods is worth about  
 50.  
 In receiving orders be par-  
 ticular as to the height of the  
 and the price, and the quality

width, length or height  
 body & with full height  
 list of quantity & whether  
 it had better be a chop cut  
 etc or of the best kind.  
 Strike the lowest rate of wages  
 for a blocksmith, carpenter  
 or waggon maker.  
 That the timber is to be had  
 easily, the soil & quality.  
 Pieces of boards brick & stone.  
 His object is to carry on the  
 wheelwright business & these  
 desired to know all he pro-  
 bably can in relation to it.  
 Make about the health of the  
 country, morals of the peo-  
 ple &c.  
 He intends sending my waggon  
 per Barb to Griffin in the care  
 of Mr Pickett with instru-  
 tions to sell them in case I am  
 not to be found. Barb had  
 from New York about Feb 19  
 1840 her wagon for selling.  
 which will inform you  
 he intends to send me one  
 good.  
 Recommended as one to answer

He might wish some one to  
 write a  
 letter as sending cards.  
 Directions for putting up the  
 box in a wagon.  
 The boards for the top are mean-  
 sized corresponding with the  
 cl marks upon the top of the  
 body, in the edge of the board  
 the distance from the brace to  
 any mark.  
 The cover is supported & made  
 by the use of the box length  
 by with the wrench.  
 You had better put the  
 down to get the end first on the  
 supports, the board cover  
 and tie it down with strong  
 lashing rings upon the body.  
 The back part of the cover  
 must project beyond the  
 body a little.  
 The harness is made of  
 No 1 or 2 loose sides  
 No 1 or 2 fast sides.  
 It goes with any harness  
 and which kind to select  
 H. J. Hop 59th Street  
 New York City

Mexico or and a firm J.P. King  
his letter dated Dec 27. 1849.  
Tells of him up in my arms  
in California. Said a circular  
was given 1st Sept 1849 stating  
the prospects of starting business  
there. I think I speak favorably  
for the prospects of business  
with him. I think Francis  
Lloyd has with the poor. I am  
satisfied and I think it will come  
out in him. To be understood  
to us. The profits are half  
the amount of paying a price  
of land on the bay which  
is what I think he is making  
be established near the vicinity  
of a good anchorage.  
Price and opportunity of loading  
for hides, tallow etc.  
He intends writing that I may  
write him with reference.

Mexico or and a firm J.P. King  
his letter, dated Dec 27. 1849  
When arriving in California with  
business that kind of goods will  
pay best. That the prospect  
of business on the coast of a

good vessel 163 tons will  
be calculated, coppered and  
in good order and what  
such a vessel will sell for  
together with particular views  
of the currency and the future  
prospects of our islands.

Mexico or and a firm J.P. King  
his letter, dated Dec 27. 1849  
Recent proceeds every January  
and July, unless when a  
great sale for merchandise  
occurs in the islands. In such  
cases, in either side I shall  
require. From time to time  
I shall be established a good  
understanding. In the box  
my share bills and Almanacs  
the first to post up and the  
letter for your letters distin-  
guish in writing my name  
is given at the bottom of  
the page.

Mexico or and a firm J.P. King  
his letter, dated Jan 23. 1849  
Will dispose of goods to the best  
advantage and send around proceeds



Memoranda from Morgan  
Halter & Smith, Ill. Dec 29, 1928.  
Each box glass contains 50 feet  
8x10, 90 lights, 10x12, 60 lights  
Then paint in 14 lbs cans & is an  
essential article for most painters.  
Culic in bottles of several weights.  
Copies varnish, good article  
for furniture, carries good  
Boiled Oil is a prime article  
The Sashes are in plain common  
Sashes desirable for any market  
Should there be good demand  
we can upon receiving firm order  
forward anything in such  
line and in such shape and  
quantities as shall be required.





The said wagon by her  
body will be voted up  
in the smallest on the  
direction. Not to accept  
money unless certain it  
will go safe. In case  
I am not to be found  
Mr. Flintoff will dispose  
of the wagon.











Invoice of Waggoner & Co. of N. C.		Invoice of Oyster & Co. of N. C.	
1 box Cal. Spring wares		2 doz. Salt Brandy Pickles	
4 " " " " "		2 " " Mixed Pickles	
1 Brass work book		3 " " Brandy fruit	
24 Handkerchiefs		2 " " Plain Pickles	
4 Jam wine dishes		4 " " Cans fresh oysters	
1 lot of new hays		1 " " " "	
16 Papers tobacco		1 " " Cans Pickled Onions	
2 Large Locks		3 " " Cans fresh Pickles	
4 Pipes & 1 Coffee mill		1 " " Food to Catsup	
	2.11	1 " " Walnut "	
		2 " " Cans fresh Pickles	199.00
Invoice of Beef & Co. of N. C.		Invoice of Glass & Co. of N. C.	
6 to Bble family beef		50 boxes 8x10 glass	
		50 " 10x12 "	
		3 boxes 8x10 window glass	
		28 per ea 12 lbs 336 lbs	
		3 boxes 10x12 window glass	
		176 per ea 12 lbs 2136 lbs	
		Amount carried over	

Glass No. No. 21. 22. Continued.	P. 4. Continued.
Amount Bought Forward.	Amount Bought Forward.
1 1/2 lb Copal varnish 37 gal	2 7/8 tin Look
1 " " " " " "	1 1/2 " " Latch
2 1/2 lb putty in Blackies.	21 6 in Mortar ad band
420 - 18	16 6 in " " "
426 - 18	25 6 in deep Look
846 - 36 - 210 lbs.	6 6 in Run top of
1 Basket of Green	1 6 in " " "
41 brass nails - 5 1/2 lb	2 6 in " " "
588.00	2 5 in " " "
	3 1/2 in " " "
	10 5 in Brass Shif Look
	6 3/4 in " " "
	535.50
Summary of Looks of P. 4.	
2 1/2 lb Black. edupile	
4 10 in deep Look	
2 9 in " " "	
1 7 in " " "	
1 8 in front " " "	
9 8 in tin " " "	
11 8 in " Latches.	
Amount carried Over.	

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I have hunted all through your papers on the tin box and they and I must have seen the name of Shepard, I will take up the book tomorrow.

Enclose a letter from your friend "Destinville" with hints again for the Shepard and any other officers

pay accounts I can find.  
The heavy outside is tarred  
it is just like an oven  
and the whole car is full  
of thick smoke. With  
George says one  
he would like a very good piece  
bridge for his boat. He  
says they only cost 100. He thinks you

the  
piece  
is  
very  
good  
for  
the  
boat

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Robert Detamerville - Arch.

Merchandise 4020.00

July 21 ✓ 1 Cash 125.00

July 31 ✓ 145.00

July 31 ✓ 1850. P. Whaley Cr.

July 31 ✓ 40125.00 July 21 ✓ 4010.00

July 28 ✓ 25.00

July 31 ✓ 20.00

July 1 By Cash 40125.00

Balance 170.78

Gave him a receipt July 6 ✓ 30.00

in full when last Sept 11 2.00

in full for same. " 5. 2.00

1852 Tho' W. This is all I can do 106.00

July 8. To Cash 25.00 the rest I can do 12.80

" 24 " " 1.50

Sept 11 " " 2.00

Nov 6 by order 180.00

Jan 28. To Cash 5.00

July 5. To sundries 10.00

1.50

July 30. To Cash 245.15 20.00

" " " 1.65

" " " 25.00

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July 6 " " 20.00

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New York, July 19, 1849

Cousin Tom:

Having good opportunity of sending a few lines to you to inform you how things are going on the city of New York William and I was at your mothers the day before yesterday afternoon, Sunday, and took tea found her and your dear sister well. They said they would send you a letter by this person who is the bearer of this. I not having recieved none I thought best to write to you as it is ten o'clock a.m. a few hours before the steamer Empire City leaves for Chagres. Mr. James Bell the bearer of this letter has just left as head clerk for Mr. George C. Snow The place where I am engage. He like many others has started for the land of promise. Thomas I I expect you fall in with a number of young Men with whom I am acquainted with . John Spear, Edward Mercediz of Acquackamuk, New Jersey, Schuyler Anderson and many others I do not think of. If you should meet with any of above named Gents inform them there Parents all well. The only thing we have to fear at present is the Cholera. But by prudence and in our course of living and avoiding excesses we hope to escape. We are very anxious to hear from you. Your health & prospects and do (not) fail to write on the reception of this. May health health and prosperity attend you I shall ever pray

Yours affectionately

S.M. Pye

Tom let me know what the prospects are for persons of mechanical *coming out* and perhaps I should come if good offers were held out No more as I am oblige to close Wm sends his best wishes to you he has the gold feaver nothing strange for youths of his age

Farewell

New York July 17/49

Dear Tom

Having good opportunity of sending  
a few lines to you to inform you how  
things are going on in the City of N.Y. <sup>at present</sup>  
I was at your Mother's <sup>at home</sup> yesterday afternoon <sup>(Sunday)</sup> and  
took tea found her and you dear sister well  
They said they would send you a letter by the Pedlar  
who is the bearer of this I not having received none  
I thought best to write to you. As it is 10 o'clock  
a few hours before the Steamer Empire City leaves for  
Chagres. Mr. James Bell the bearer of this letter  
has just left. ~~His~~ <sup>His</sup> head clerk for Mr. Jett is now  
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ever remain  
Your affectionate  
J. M. Jay  
116. Broadway N.Y.



Received Feb 21 1849

Per Mr James Bell

Mr. J. S. Whaley  
San Francisco  
California

Mormon Island, August 10, 1849

My dear Sir

Before leaving San Francisco on Thursday the 26th ult. I had not the pleasure of bidding you good bye altho' I made an effort to see you. I hope, however, that before this time you are safely "going ahead" and that your prospects in California are unclouded.

You kindly promised to take my letters out of the Post Office after the arrival of each steamer - and I write this for the purpose of inquiring the name and location of your firm; so that, when opportunity offers, I shall know where to send for my letters. I intend to forward this by Capt. Whiting of the schooner "Olivia" to the care of Mr. Ross in San Fran o which will no doubt be sufficient to find you out. If anything should have arrived for me by the last steamer you will be good enough to keep it till you hear from me again. It is quite uncertain when I shall be in San Francisco for I am determined to remain in the mining country during the approaching winter. I have been nearly two weeks, and have made out tolerably well; but the place is becoming so crowded that I shall soon leave for the upper country - either the middle or North Fork. In some places about this island the gold is abundant - a man can make from two to four ounces a day, but the average is probably not one ounce a day. I work with a partner, with a machine - yesterday we made something like one hundred dollars, but this is much above our ordinary success. As we are learning our trade (for it requires some practice, like everything else) we are not dissatisfied with our receipts thus far. The work, as you may guess is very hard particularly in cases where the earth has to be carried from a distance - but a good yield of "dust" induces the operator to lose sight of his trouble. If it should be perfectly convenient to you I would like to hear from you by Capt Whiting upon his return to Sacramento City. I will not ask you to write as your time is no doubt taken up in business, and it may not be convenient to send your letter on board the Olivia

Thanking you for your disposition to oblige me, and wishing you much success in your undertakings,

I am

My dear Sir

Faithfully yours

Jas Pullman

Mr. Thos Whaley

P.S. In case you should write by Capt Whiting when he returns to Sacramento City, you will please direct to me care of Mr. Stout, Mormon Island.

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Morro Bay Island, — August 30, 1849.

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My dear Sir,

Respectfully Yours,

J. S. Pullman

Mr Geo Whaley.

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New York August 23rd, 1849

Dear Son:

I have long been waiting for the arriveal of the Falcon, which I expected to bring me the glad tidings of your safe arriveal at San Francisco to my very great disapoint I have not heard a word of you since youres of the 20 of May from Valparaiso how happy and thankful I was when I heard that you was safe arround the Cape, O! Thomas how many anxious moments I have endured for your safety, it was a comfort to me to hear that your spirits was good, and that you enjoyed yourself in the way you name at sea, in your 8 & 9th of Feb. your letter was welcome from Rio, I hope and pray you will continue firm in your resolution of well doing and hope your are connected with the Wardles as Thompson must have changed his mind, I am certain you will try to do the best you can. Your letter from Rio gave us great pleasure-It is with feelings of gratitude and thankfulness that I write to inform you that we have escaped the direfull epidemic which has prevaile~~d~~ in all parts the Cholera, it did not reach Harpers F, though in many parts of Virginia, for my part I was fearful, still I did not like to leave home, or wither to flee it prevailed to a considerable hight at Newark I did intend to go to Brothers S, but M.H. came to town and was taken sick and returned home again the same day and did not return untill the 16th Inst during which time we were kept in suspence Wm Pye would call up occasionally here in the American Exchange Bank people did not appear near so much alarmed as they were in 32 it has been a trying summer Sister and me have been extremely carefull in all respects. We go to Newark tomorrow as we have not been out of the City scince we left Newark on the 25th of Mayoout situation is very pleasant, in 24, s# No. 34, near to Broagd Way but the Cholera rages up town along the north and East Rivers, as high up as 42nd, Mr. W. Smith and family has been out of town a fortnight I spent a day with them a week previous to their leave.



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their leaving the city I heard from your brothers Henry, and family has been five weeks at N Y. paying John a visit Johns daughter is seven months old intends coming home in the fall, very anxious to hear about you, but H is still more so they say tis best according to reports it would be best for them so wait and see how you make out. I hope you will be permitted to return home safe, and pay us a long visit, never to return to California. I told the Postman to be very careful of all California letters that were for mothers. Thomas if you have heard that the cholera is making such destruction, how concerned you will feel for our safety that we are alone. I hope the most high will watch over us all in this world that changes. What a severe time you must have had after you left Rio. I think you would live first rate after you left Valparaiso I reasoned the matter of your going away and say I would rather he would have gone to California than married any person I did not like how I long to hear from you and how your making out. Here I sit writing up in the third story. Sister has gone to bed You have her best wishes at heart for your good success and hopes we will all meet in peace and quiet, rich or poor and hopes to be prepared to be married to some cleaver fellow, as you recommend at N. Kensington when you return home Yes long will I remember your last farewell your tears were very lasting invitations of your filial regards to me though you did swerve from your duty at times and how frequently I have chid you for your neglect We no doubt both know that we were valuable to each other but time brings forth all things and I pray and hope to see you all a fond mother would wish to see her son as you well know I am passing along in life, and cannot expect to remain a long time even though I be spared the time alotted for mortals to tarry here below well as I am truly apprised of this it becomes my duty to submit to the vicissitudes of life without too

much murmurings consequently your absence has prepared me for great difficulties which I may have to encounter but we will leave this subject. Henry is not doing much at this time but times will improve, as soon as Congress sits. I believe Henry will not be rich until he comes to California I would like him to join you, only he is married and what would become of her she has a father for my part if sister ever gets married I will not keep house alone, and I am fully assured that no one could take her place. Your grandfather, is pretty well considering, feels quite anxious to hear from you of your welfare and goldmaking. Thomas, I have a mind to settle a lot in 27th st. as I only have to pay interest and perhaps can never realize it again, Mr. H thinks it would be best as I do not improve it, now if you will bring home money to build them it might do, they are some most splendid houses going up in 23rd St., but that is not the thing. Madison Park looks beautiful I came through it today, as it has been shut up so that the grass will grow I wish you would tell your correspondents to call upon me in case my letter did not come. I feel quite relieved as the epidemic is on the decrease 44 cases yesterday here has been as high as 200 a day, I am quite sleepy and you will not be able to read such a scrawl. Goodnight. Let me tell you Miss Bushnel is quite absent minded and grew much worse so that she was ordered to go on a voyage as the only remedy so she went some months I called to hear if they had received letters saying she was much better she went in company with Mrs. Sherwood and cousin not a gent may return this fall. B said he would call he may they went to Marseilles and would return by traveling through Switzerland and return by Paris I hope you have received my three letters ere this by Steam and one from Newark by private hand and papers by steam I hope all the folks has received their letters tis immaterial if you pay postage on note in America by the Falcon I wrote you all the particulars concerning the lots

out of town last time as they have only allowed us but \$275 for one lot and a half of land People are very kind to enquire after your welfare. John Henry and H-rriet joins me in great love to you I need not say write everyone remarks how correct you have been in writing and may God protect my child is the prayer of your affectionate mother,

R. Whaley.

I would have written a longer letter but I go today to Newark.

RW

On side of page 1.--I confide this letter to William Pye to mail on Monday 27th once more I beg you to remember me. I often look upon your likeness and sigh Ahhhh. Our case has been argued before the judges but not decided upon I left my address at Baileys lived on our place yet a fine day the 24th cool Thorps all well. They have success Thompsons likewise Sister wants some Coco nut oil if it is handy to get but do not give yourself much trouble to send anything as you did in Europe Goodbye and take good care. I wrote to California John and Henry do write to you Thomas I will keep the third page for a memorandum

PAGE THREE MEMO:

I was at Mr. Thompsons a few days ago the servant informed us they would return home on Wednesday as Mr. Hunter was to be married today at the 4th st. church. Today I called upon Mrs. Thorp I saw Adaline who informed me, that she has not received any letter by the Falcon I had hopes that their vessel w.s a faster sailer than yours they might have heard but to no purpose alas poor me no letter we will keep a good look for your dispatches by the Dale I expect you was much surprised on seeing Mr. Thorp and, Thompson. Charles T has not deigned to call on us or Charles Harris or Dr. Rand has not been to see us Dr. John Thompson has gone to Europe George Thorp brought up Richard's letter which was very interesting, do give our kind remembrances to Mr. R. P.

and to Mr. William P and say we often speak of them Where did you  
get your likeness take? Tis good. We called on Mrs. Chisolm who has  
been very ill is now perfectly restored lives near to me in 21st St.  
near 8th Avenue heard from her husband last week. Has a beautiful  
little daughter, Mrs. C sends the enclosed card, which Gent and lady  
she wishes you to seek as they may be of information to you. Did you  
write to Mr. Cornwall? I should be pleased to hear of him. Mrs.  
Kimmel and family are well ~~talks~~ talks of going to California  
Isaac Varian was married last week to a young lady in 21st st I forget  
her name his mother and sister was here a few days ago I presume  
Charlotte is to be an old maid. Mrs. Peshine has a new son likewise.  
your cousin Mrs. Brown has a son I was at Mrs. Clarks as Mrs. Jacksons  
child is very sick. It may recover have not heard of Mr. Bruce in  
sometime did not go around the Horn. I will see George T about the  
locks as I have not been downtown. Henry says he will try to procure  
you an agency if possible but thinks New York is the best place I  
hope Mr. Thompsons health is much improved I will pay Mrs. Waddle a  
visit when I return from Newark <sup>I heard</sup> / The South Carolina is at San  
Francisco. Your landlord knows a young who went out with her what  
excitement there is and has been <sup>to Newark with me</sup> I will take your letters/All the stock  
is sold in the isthmus railroad we will all go to California. Mr.  
Heiss of Harpers Ferry sends his kind remembrances to you we esteem  
him for his kind attention to us while we were at Harpers Ferry he is  
from Phila.



have been extremely careful in all respects. We go to Newark tomorrow  
as we have not been out of the City since we left Newark on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May  
our situation is very pleasant, in 24<sup>th</sup> St<sup>h</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, near to Broad Way -  
but the Cholera raged up town along the North and East Rivers, as high  
up as 42<sup>nd</sup> St<sup>h</sup>, Mrs. W. Smith and family has been out of town a fortnight  
I spent a day with them a week previous to their leaving <sup>the</sup> City  
I heard from your brother Henry, and family has been five weeks at  
paying John a visit - J<sup>r</sup> daughter is 7 months old intends coming  
in the fall, very anxious to hear about you but H<sup>r</sup> is still more so;  
they say tis best according to reports it would be best for them  
to wait and see how you make out, I hope you will be permitted  
to return home safe, and pay us a long visit, never to return  
to Cal, I told the post man to be very careful of all Cal letters  
that were for Mother - Thomas if you have heard that the Cholera  
is making such destruction, how concerned you will feel for our  
safety, knowing that we are alone. I hope the most tight will watch  
over us all in this world of changes - What a severe time you  
have had after you left Rio; I think you would have first rate after  
you left Valparaiso. I reason the matter of your going away and say  
well I would rather he would have gone to Cal, than married  
any person I did not like - how I long to hear from you and how  
your making out - here I sit writing up in the B story Sister gone to  
you have her best wishes at heart for your good success, and hope we  
will all meet in peace and quiet rich or poor and hopes what  
be prepared to be married to some leanon fellow, as you recommended  
at H. Ferry, when you return home - Yes long will I remember your  
last farewell your tears were very lasting indications of your filial  
regards to me, though you did swear from your duty at  
times, and how frequently have I chid you for your neglect, we  
doubt both know that we were valuable to each other, but time

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brings forth all things, and I pray and hope to see you all a fond  
Mother would wish to see her son, as you will know I am passing  
along in life, and cannot <sup>expect</sup> to remain a long time; even should  
I be spared the time allotted for mortals to tarry here below, well  
as I am truly approved of this, it becomes my duty to submit to  
the vicissitudes of life, without too much murmuring, consequently  
your absence has prepared me for greater difficulties, which I may  
have to encounter, but we will leave this subject as Henry is not going  
much at this time but times will improve, as soon as Congress sits  
I believe it will not be tick until he comes to Cal<sup>a</sup>. I would like him  
to join you, only he is married, and what would become of her she  
has a father's son my partly sister even gets settled, I will not keep  
house alone, and I am fully assured that no one could take her  
place your Grandfather, is pretty well considering, feels quite am-  
ple to hear of your wellfare and gold making. As I have a mind to sell  
the lot in 27 Sts, as I only have to pay interest and perhaps I can never  
realize it again, Mr. H<sup>o</sup> thinks it would be best as I do not im-  
prove it, now if you will bring home money to build them it  
might do, they are some most splendid houses going up in 2<sup>7</sup>  
but that is not the thing, Madison Park looks beautiful I came  
through it to day, as it had been shut up so that the grass could grow  
I wish you would tell your correspondents to call upon me in case  
my letter did not come. I feel quite relieved as the Epidemic  
is on the decrease 44 cases yesterday there has been as high as 200  
a day, I am quite sleepy and you will not be able to read such  
a several good night. Let me tell you Miss Bushnell is quite  
absent minded and gives much remorse so that she was ordered to  
be voyage, as the only remedy, so she went some months, I called to hear they  
received letters saying she was much better she went in company with Mrs. Ste-  
wood and cousin not a gent may return this fall B- said he would call he may  
they - meant to Marsales and would return by traveling through Switzer-  
land and then to Paris. I hope you have received my three letters one by  
by Steam and one from Newark by private hand and papers by Steam, I hope all  
father has received their letters, tis inevitable if you pay postage on out in America  
by the Falcons I wrote you all the particulars concerning the lots out of town  
as the have only allowed us but 2 7/8 for old iron half of land. People are very kind  
to inquire after your wellfare John Henry and Harriette joins me in great love  
to you I need not say write any one remarks how correct you have been in writing and many  
guide and protect my child is the lawyer of your affectionate Mother P. W. Healey  
I would have written a longer letter but I got to start to Newark - 27

N.Y. Sept. 2, 1847  
R. W. L. - to J. H.

Received December 4th, 1849

New York, September  
2d, 1849

Dear Son:

My grateful emotions, can be easier conceived than expressed, when I learned from the papers that you was safe around the Horn, we were rejoiced when we recieved your letter from Valpariso. Your details of the loss of Mr. S was a very thrilling one well may say it left impressions not to be forgotten. I was thankful that you was not one who encountered the difficulty and those who was so kind and brave to enlist in the humane undertaking of aiding and assisting those who were in such imminent danger of being drowned and they you write was like to be swamped what a most calamitous circumstance) Accidents frequently happen at sea. I am happy to hear that such excellent order is preserved on board, I hope to see Mr. Wadsworth one of these days as you appear to value him so highly Thomas I hope and pray that you conduct like a gent as I am confident you are competent to do so and now that you are so far away and the greatest security and passport to preferments and honor you so much desire. You full well know I was much disappointed on your return from Europe. I hope you will never occasion such keen disapprobation again. I trust your age will be of great avail, I know and feel, that you do, and will, remember my kind admonishments. I am all excitement - while I write and hope your ~~situation~~ situation corresponds with the mild sun shiny weather we now enjoy today tis beautiful, second day of autumn, in a few days it will be just one year since you placed me and sister in the car for ----- undergone considerable change of feelings scince that \*\*\*\*\* time, to content my agitated mind I endeavor to -----for the best, and that I must submit, at the same time I can look arround and see many who have greater troubles to surmount than poor me but I have not forgotten you last farewell at H Ferry though I am far more reconciled to

your departure than at the time. We often dream of you which occasion us to surmise, I took your likeness to Newark they think it very good. Thomas I wish you could behold our situation oposite Mrs. Varians in 24th St..I would not have been willing to have remained in N Y had I lived in 21st St. Each person pays Thomas we'll do well, God knows, I pray fervently that you may therefore be of good faith and buckele on your armour now that you are past the Horn. I read and read again then sit and thinkkwhat a great mercy you have recieved from the most high and hope you will appreciate the blessing..Thomas you wished me to keep a cirtain communication a great secret, why I have been asked three or four times concerning it, but I tell them I do not believe a word of it to be in truth, as I am not willing to hear of it I wish it was a secret for my part I have us I, think you had better put an end to it, as you say you are perfectly free, I know no harm of the girl but her family would be a great incumbrance Still worse than John, if you take a person let them be opon a par with yourself if you return in good circumstances there will be girls enough to be ready to have a gent like you. I think you might, try to please me a little, as you know I have been much disappointed in that way I may live to see you return, a wise and good man, at your age as me and Mrs. Thompson are to celebrate our sons return what could have thought when you first saw T, and T, me and Harriett often speak, of it and laugh. I said to Mrs. Thompson that you would give up writing to her son Wm now she appears to think well of you I see Varian is married I have not seen Harris, Dr. Band or Roberts. Bushnell promised to call upon us has not do write us a long detail of all thinkgs a there are many waiting for it. Mr. Heiss at Harpers Ferry wishes to give you his best wishes for your prosperity and happiness, he is intimately acquainted with your Mr. Cutters Brother, Cutter has something to with the line of Telegrapp, Mr. H, was in NY in July appears to be a fine young man..let me tell you they have just getting up a petition

for opening Anthony St a man brought it to sign, I declined saying it would not be any benefit to me I took the stage next day and called on Dr. Drake he was not in I wrote on the slate any business and my address he has not called the St just grazes the corner of our lot next to Chattam St. I am fearful it may pass-----way home----- on Devoes Aun-----and hurt her hip on the 25 of May been confined to room ever since I think it will be a long time ere she recovers. I hope you will write to John D. soon there we saw Aunt Sally Frere she her son Aly<sup>n</sup> has gone that way she speaks very indifferently of him they all send their love to you) Mr. Paine John Bickles Brother in law left yesterday on the Empire City of Chagres I was told by Mrs. Watson whose husband and son went out in the Robert Bond he is a painter) Mr. Piswell acquainted with him your surprise must have been very great when you saw Mr. Thomason and Mr. Thorp I hope you are quite well and happy so distant as you are from me. I read in the papers there is measures being taken to organise a government at San Francisco, I hope it will be succeed with, I read an address made in public My Mr. Mc Allister of Georgia when Father was brought home from Savannah there was another body brought on the same time. I presume it may be some relation to Mr. McA's who spoke as that was the name of the person boxed up I hope you will read my letter over frequently that you may understand it well I have not recieved a letter from John in some time I heard that ~~there~~ they were all (well?) yesterday I think John is not a well pleased as he might be..Sister will write this time to you as she says she has a subject to write upon. Thomas I sincerely hope you will give great satisfaction to those who has confided in you as that is the only way to gain others do not confide to quickly in people on what they say I hope you will abstain from -- liquors only a a medicine you must take some medicine on your arriveal as it is absolutely necessary I see by the papers that many have died on their

passage how grievous to their friends.

My dear Son

I have received your letters from San Francisco Aug 1st No 1. I am rejoiced to hear of your safe arrival God knows and hope you meet with the prosperity you write, I am much pleased to hear that you are connected with the Waddles and no doubt felt much disappointed concerning T, treatment to you never fear follow the rules you have adopted on you will prosper I will lett you Uncle know all you desire and Mr. W. Smith Thomas I not mind your taking the things as it was my request for you to do so when I saw you last only I thought, hard to take both glasses and leave me destitute of any) I not know but what you had put them at Mrs. Ogdens and she charges me \$5 more therefore I did want to hear what had taken I did not miss the tumblers as I have not used them) To Mr. Smiths cash I never made much ----- account-----I have done all-----if I had they might have considered you unworthy-----no cause to explain anything about you to them, You in one of your letters that you had got \$10 from Mr. S and collected ballance rent from Salon but I trust all will be right I will write word all you say but I am sorry to say he betrays but little feeling for you and us not as much as you do for him never writes kindly to me or about you I will tell all when he comes home perhaps he wants me to give him something I intend to soon as I get through with your responsibilities.

Memorandum page September 2d, 1849

I wrote you by Falcon April 19th, May 25th post paid 3/4 each) July 28th not post paid al by Falcon and on 27th of Aug with papers Wm Pye mailed them cannot say if post paid untill I see him--Mrs. Cooper and Charlotte called yesterday they have visited but little on account of the Cholera like myself your situation was perilous by sea and ours on land let us be thankful for our merciful preservation. We

went to Newark on 23 and remained until 28th I heard the Dale had arrived, I rejoiced at that news but was exceedingly sad that I had not received a letter by the Falcon arrival, informing me of your safe arrival at San Francisco how patiently I did want I went to Friend Thorps, not anything new I heard T vessel was a faster sailing one than yours as they reached Valpariso in 91 days. Mr. Cooper Charlotte Uncle John and son has sailed for Cala in the Salem--you must look him up as he is a very great machinist. Mr. Vandewater who I live in the house with is acquainted with one of the passengers in your Sutton Atkinson) I wrote that Mr. Bracket son had gone to Cala I was to have called upon the family but have omitted on account of the Cholera the much to be dreaded Epidemic is nearly passed away. I am certain you will feel much concerned for our safety and our friends in general until you receive the welcome intelligence of our health and happiness Let me tell you Sister has lost one of her birds, it died about 3 months ago just 4 year old we quite regreted it. I frequently tell my friends that the ladies will go to Cala/<sup>now</sup>the railroad across the Isthmus is commenced Mrs Clark has not heard from her son, in some time, at one time she heard some news, which caused her to entertain great fears, for his safety or has it been contradicted, she waits a letter like myself. Uncle Henry will not send any more things until he hears from you, I presume you may obtain-----those-----confidence in -----pone you will have to wait, the event. Henry will do all he can for you and did his wife know that Hen let you have \$75 on your note I sent him the ballance of the \$19 you owed him for castings, as he was much in want of money, I lost \$45 by Mrs. Hofman the tennant in No 3 Mott St. Mr. Harsel said it was not any use to send good money after bad as she was not worth any He received the \$250 from Mrs. Taylor she is keeping boarding house I presume I write one thing frequently, as I am fearful that you may not get my letters so I wish/<sup>to</sup>you inform me how you receive them. I

will go to Tappans I hope you will sell the locks for a good prise  
double the mony they will bring here.now that they are round the  
hown zigzag you must have sailed by the map I may send the others  
do not forget to say where you had your likeness taken I will go to  
Myersons myself and ask him for an agency  
sell

God bless you my dear child and received this from  
your affectionate mother and sister, R. Whaley.

I am much please with your kind offer in your letter



Received December 4th 1849

New York Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1849

Dear Son,

My grateful emotions, can be easier conceived than expressed, when I learned from the papers that you was aboard the Floriss, we were rejoiced when we received your letter formal address. Your detail of the loss of almost a whole whaling one will may say it left impressions not to be forgotten. I was thankful that you was not one who encountered this difficulty and those who was so kind and brave to enlist in the mercantile undertaking of riding and assisting those who were in a difficult situation of being provided and then you wrote was like to be swamped with a most calamitous (circumstances) accidently frequent by happen at sea. I am happy to hear that such excellent order is preserved in the vessel and hope to see also that with you of these days as you inspire to a great deal of safety than as I hope and pray that you consider it likely as I am confident you are competent to do so and now that you are so far away and the greatest security and passport to preferents and honor you possess desire. You will well know I was extremely disappointed on your return from Europe. I hope you will never experience such here disappointment again. I trust your age will be of great avail. I know and feel that you do not will remember any these circumstances. I am alone & determined while I write in hope you and education corresponds with the mild sun shining weather we now enjoy to day the beautiful second day of autumn in a few days it will be just one year since you placed me and sister in the Camp for three have undergone considerable change of feelings since that time to content my irregular mind I endeavor to turn for the best, and that I must submit, at the same time I can look around and see many who have greater troubles to surmount than I have. I have not forgotten you last journal at Flushing though I have far more reconciled to your departure than at the time of your departure of year which occasion us to sorrow. I took your like with I was not excessive but they think it very good. Thomas I wish you could have been willing to have remained with us here and us.

each person says Thomas ~~will~~ <sup>is</sup> a ~~truly~~ <sup>truly</sup> ~~good~~ <sup>good</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~generous~~ <sup>generous</sup>  
that ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~there~~ <sup>there</sup> ~~love~~ <sup>love</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~good~~ <sup>good</sup> ~~faith~~ <sup>faith</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~such~~ <sup>such</sup> ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup>  
arrows now that you are past the storm I read and read again then  
let and think what a great mercy you have received from the most high  
and hope you will appreciate the blessing — Thomas you wished me  
to help a certain communication a great secret why I have been washed  
three or four times considering it but I tell them I do not believe a  
word of it to be in truth as I am not willing to loose of it I wish  
it was a secret for my part I have been sufficient assisting us I  
think you had better put an end to it as you say you are perfect  
ly free I know no harm of the girl but her family would be a great  
inconvenience still worse than John if you take a person let them  
be spared a year with your self if you return in your circumstances  
there will be girls enough to wedded to have a girl like you think you  
might try to please me a little as you know I have been much disappointed  
in that way I may live to see you become a wise and good man at your  
age as some as Mrs Hamilton is to celebrate her son's return what could have  
surprised when you first met Thomas J. Allen and Harriet's often speak  
of it and laugh I said to Mrs Hamilton that you would give up writ-  
ing to her son I know now she appears to think well of you I saw Maria is  
married I was not long here in hand or feet I should promise to call upon  
Mr Hall at Harlow's Field wishes to give you his best wishes for your prosperity  
and happiness he is intimately acquainted with you Mr Cutler's Brother  
Cutler has been coming to with the line of telegraphs Mr H was in N.Y. in July  
just getting up in the afternoon after opening the office I think they have  
it to be done I desired something it would not be long in coming some  
I took the stage next day and called on Mr. T. at his house in London  
one the State my business in the way he has not called on the St just  
says he comes of our lot next to be done I am happy to hear of your  
your way home on the 25th may have been compelled to come even sooner I think it  
will be a long time ere we meet I hope you will write to John D. soon  
There was no news about my father's son they had gone that way  
she speaks very kindly of you and says they all send their love to  
you I also believe John's business is not so bad as last year in the Empire  
City for Chicago I was told he had been before he had been out in  
the Probient Bank he is a painter Mr P is well acquainted with him  
and Mrs Hook I hope you are quite well and happy as that is as you are

My dear friend  
I have been thinking of you  
and of the many  
kind words you  
have written me  
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times I have  
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This letter in LMB





c Miss Ann C. Lammay.  
No. 5 1/2 Fourth Street  
East of the Bowery  
New York.



Miss Anne E. Lammang.  
No. 7<sup>1/2</sup> Fourth Street  
East of the Bowery  
New York.

P. W. to L.

N. York Oct 4 1949

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transcribing



is very surprising indeed Mrs. <sup>W</sup> said she heard he wanted to go to  
Cal<sup>if</sup> but she did not she did not know says he is with his sister Cope  
and had your name as Merchant in the paper, you sent me W said it on  
to the Ferry, to your mother giving these an offer kindly to see what  
an important part you are commencing, and send them a letter offer-  
ing them to write to you and inform you what they think of coming  
as I am tired of writing and not receive an answer, so that I can  
tell you what they decide upon that they may speak now they see you  
are established. Thomas and habits I do feel, to hear that you are  
wishes to do well for heaven sake, be very careful of your health,  
I was surprised to read that your wounds were atracted, do ably some  
and oil on grease of any kind take tustor oil, keep flannel on your body  
certain, and breathe frequently with brandy and salt, I depended upon your  
recollection of what I used to prescribe when at home what would  
you do if you was to get sick, I again beg of you to be careful of your  
health, to be one of the boys will follow your advice, and have written  
to them to that effect, I did expect to be on this side but I understand  
his wife has been in Washington for a month and more, Henry will  
be from the most of his time writing and selling different articles of date  
paid him the \$10 I owe him on your account, he sent to Linnas \$25  
I sent him \$20 saying I would use, for the \$10 when I wanted it, which since  
did not he send you \$20 it did not write to ask him, as I was fearful he  
did not about it - and I would not wish it to come through me, that  
was the cause I did not have the \$20 I would have seen some of your  
friends to do  
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tell you, and  
you can, in  
and if you go  
your name, I  
we have recie





Recd May 22 1850

Thomas H. ...

1850

Dear Mother

I received your letter on 14<sup>th</sup> day  
 which in regard to your instruction to health it  
 is true that you are able to attend to business  
 yesterday we had purchased this book of Martin Van Buren  
 with the extra paper \$5.00. Henry was very much surprised  
 that he has not received any letter from you as he writes you such  
 frequent dispatches to write to him from Washington having decided to do  
 if you had sent one word in our letter taking Mother to him no then  
 there was not any message in time. The Washington ...  
 since it was not in expectation of the expected to occur as the ...  
 thank you very much for not paying your cousin's the ...  
 since we received the ... and think he will make an ...  
 and plenty when he shall see what he can do and by the way and well  
 then credit of the just occasions with brother ...  
 but not content upon his day and had a long chat upon the ...  
 Wanda's ... concluded by saying if he was happy she was satisfied  
 We are much obliged to you for the gold pieces they are ...  
 quite as ... who have seen them ...  
 many who have them. We have not seen anything of  
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 ... to hear of his death we hope his ...  
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yet though we  
 for all things  
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Newark October 13th. 49

Mr. Thomas Whaley Dear Nephew

Up to this time I have not received a word from you only a little information from your mother that you had arrived safe and that you would write to me by the next mail, it did arrive and Capt Wardel came home safe, and brought a package for your mother, but nothing for me, and he said he saw you sell the wagon for 1000 Dollars and one barrow for 40 dollars, but you did not say anything about me but he thought you would send me by the next mail, which arrived in New York today, and I shall know before I close this letter ~~within~~ whether there is anything for me, but I expected you to write to me as soon as you arrived and to have sent for more wagons I could have made a great many before this time and it would have been a benefit to us both, I have got the best and handsomest form on Bagage wagon in the fair at New York which is now open that even was made in the United States, and Capt Nie a great gentleman, and a man of great taste and Exsperiance said he was at the great fair in England where theres where a great many wagons Exhibited and was said to be the best ever exhibited and he said that the best of them Could not compare with mine atall, I have sold it to Mr. Wardle and am Building more for him, he expects to get another ship ready to sail for Sanfrancisco in about one month, and if all is well you will see in Calafornia the best wagon ever built. I saw your advertisement in a Calafornia Paper and Capt Wardle says you are a doing well, but I think you had ought to have had more goods on the way to you before this time... any of your friends will send you anything you want but you should be very punctual in the begining till the things got a little established and then they would not be so particular, Mr. Thomas Wardle read to me a part of the first letter he got from his son that is in Business there and he was very much pleased as well as myself to hear that you had agreed together not to drink any intoxi-



cating drink while you remained in Calafurnia and that you where keep-  
ing Bachelors Hall to save expence, I see you have some marriages  
there but I think you had better wait till you get back to New York  
where there is a greater variety let me know when you do write after  
receiving this letter who of my Newark acquaintances~~of~~ you have seen  
and try and make time to give me all the information you can about the  
prices of jobing at my buisness, and the probability of the stability  
of the Country XcXc, I have notheing of importance to write you from  
here, the Colera has visited us verry severly this summer and it  
has been very sickly, I have had more sickness this summer than I have  
had since 32 when the Colera was here before, but it is quite healthy  
now and I enjoy good health again, my son John was 21 years old the  
3d day of July last he still works for me. Richard is 18 and went  
last March to new Bedford to studdy and practice for a Doctor, he has  
got a first rate place goes in the best company in the Citty, and  
visits his Teachers Patients occasionally with great success, and is  
pleased to death with the buisness, I will finiah my letter after I  
have ascertained wether there is anything for me in the last arrival  
.....Monday Evening 15th. I have received no letter yhet from  
you I am going to new york in the Morning to enquire of Mr. Wardle  
& Mr. West to see if any boddy has got anything for me, before I close  
this letter wich must be msiled by 12 o'clock tomorrow as the steamer  
leaves in the afternoon, if I do not get any letter nor any remittance  
I shall feel very much disappointed, I have herd today from Mr. Flintoff  
that she received a letter from Mr. John Flintof her husband and among  
other things he says he is a going to leave all his goods with my  
nephew Mr. Thomas Whaley to see, now Thomas I told Mr. Flintof before  
he left here that if he wished to leave anything in your hands that  
I would be accountable for your honesty ability and faithfullness and  
I have given you the same connecter to others that have gone from here,

and I hope you will be verry particular in keeping your accounts  
strait and giving sadisfaction, if so I could have any thing sent to  
you that you wanted, if you write to me after this you had better dir-  
ect to me at Newark if you send any dust I think you had better send  
it to the care of Thomas Wardle 88 South St New York as he is the  
nearest by and the best known and beside you may send it at the same  
time that his son sends to him, Please send your account in ~~ack~~  
shuch away that I can see what each artickle Brought separate and what  
the expence was on each, I must close till tomorrow 16th now close  
my letter to you in Mr. Wardles office, he has just told me that he  
knows of Nothing sent for me by the Ohio & your Mother has had her  
package so many days that I suppose she has no word for me or I would  
have herd from her before this time, I can say no more on the subject  
And remain your freind & uncle

Henry I Kip

Wagon Maker Newark N J

39 Broad Way

Received Dec 4. 1849. Newark October 13<sup>th</sup> 49

Mr Thomas Whaley Dear Nephew

Up to this time

I have not received a word from you  
only a little information from your  
mother that you had arrived safe  
and that you would write to me by  
the next mail, it did arrive and Capt  
Wardel came home safe, and brought  
a package for your mother, but nothing  
for me, and he said he saw if he sell  
the wagon for 1000 Dollars and one horse  
for 40 Dollars, but you did not say any thing  
about me but he thought you would send  
me by the next mail, which arrived in  
New York to day, and I shall know before  
I close this letter whether there is any thing  
for me, but I expected you to write to me as  
soon as you arrived and to have sent for more  
wagons I could have made a great many before  
this time and it would have been a benefit  
to us both, I have got the best and handsomest  
~~package~~ frame or Bagage wagon in the fair  
at New York which is now open that ever  
was made in the United States, and Capt  
Nis a great gentleman, and a man of great  
taste and Experience said he was at the great  
Fair in England where there where a great many  
wagons exhibited, and was said to be the best  
ever exhibited and he said that the best of them  
could not compare with mine at all, I have  
sold it to Mr. Wardel and am building more for  
him, he expects to get another ship ready to sail  
for San Francisco in about one month, and if all is  
well you will see in California the best wagon ever built

I saw your advertisement in a California Paper  
and Capt Waddle says you are a doing well, but  
I think you had ought to have had more goods  
on the way to you before this time —  
any of your friends will send you any  
thing you want but you should be very  
Punctual in the begining till the thing gets  
a little established and then they would not  
be so particuler, Mr Thomas Waddle need to me  
a part of the first letter he got from his son  
that is in Buisness there and he was very much  
Pleased as well as myself to hear that you  
had agreed together not to drink any intoxicating  
drink while you remained in California  
and that you where keeping Bachelors Hall  
to save expence, I see you have some marriages  
there but I think you had better wait till you get  
back to New York where there is a greater variety  
let me know when you do write after receiving this  
letter who of my Newark acquaintance if you  
have seen and try and make time to give me all  
the information you can about the prices of  
going at my buisness, and the probability of  
the Stability of the Country &c &c, I have nothing of  
importance to write you from here, the Colera  
has visit us very severely this summer and  
it has been very sick ly, I have had more sickness  
this summer than I have had since 32 when the  
Colera was here before, but it is quite healthy now  
and I enjoy good health again, My son John was 21  
years old the 3<sup>d</sup> day of July last he still works for me  
Rich and is 18 and went last March to new Bedford to  
Study and Practice for a Doctor, he has got a first  
rate place goes in the best Company in the City, and  
visits his Teachers Patients occasionally with great success, and  
is Pleased to Death with the Buisness, I will finish my

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I will finish my

letter after I have ascertained whether there is any thing for  
me in the last arrival  
Monday January 16th I have received no letter yet  
from you I am going to New-York in the morning  
to enquire of Mr Wardle & Mr West to see if  
any body has got any thing for me, before I  
- close this letter which must be mailed by 12 o  
clock tomorrow as the steamer leaves in the after  
noon, if I do not get any letter nor any news  
I shall feel very much disappointed, I have heard  
to day from Mrs Flintoff that she received a letter  
from Mr John Flintoff her husband and among other  
things he says he is a going to leave all his goods  
with my Nephew Mr Thomas Waley to sell,  
now Thomas I told Mr Flintoff before he left  
here that if he wished to leave any thing in your  
hands that I would be accountable for your  
honesty ability and faithfulness, and I have  
given you the same connection to others that have  
gone from here, and I hope you will be very  
particular in keeping your accounts straight and  
giving satisfaction, if so I could have any thing  
sent to you that you wanted, if you write to me  
after this you had better direct to me at Newark  
if you send any dust I think you had better  
send it to the care of Thomas Wardle 88 south  
st New York as he is the nearest by and the best  
known and beside you may send it at the same  
time that his son sends to him, please send me  
your account in such a way that I can see what  
each article brought separate and what the  
expence was on each, I must close till tomorrow  
16th now close my letter to you in Mr Wardles  
office, he has just told me that he knows of  
Nothing sent for me by the Ohio & your  
Mother has had her package so many days that  
I suppose she has no word for me or I would have

from her before this time, I can say no  
more on the subject. And remain your  
friend & uncle

Henry J. Hill

Wagon Maker Newark N. J.  
38 Broad St

Received Dec 4. 1869

from H. J. Hill

New York Oct-16<sup>th</sup> 1849

Mr Thomas Smith

Sir

We have received two  
papers by different mails, which signified  
that you were in the Grand Gold  
Country, one of which had the note on  
the margin that you would write  
by next steam that mail is in  
and we were somewhat disappointed  
in not receiving a letter from you at  
least in a business way, you must  
have been there some time and  
we supposed that you would have  
had something to say even if nothing  
had been done with our goods &  
we are inclined to send your goods  
and were waiting to hear from  
you but not hearing, we shall probably  
send to some extent. We have heard  
from other parties that goods in  
our line were in demand, and others  
particularly were bringing a large  
price. We hope you will do well with  
our goods and that we shall soon have  
the account of the same.

Your obedient servant  
Morgan & Co

Received Oct. 4. 1879

Mr. Jos. Whaley Esq  
Care Geo. J. Wandell & Co  
San Francisco  
California





Wm. W. Phelps  
Monday, Oct. 8, 1849.

My dear Sir,

Some time ago I wrote to you requesting that you would be good enough to keep such letters as you might have received for me, in your possession, until further notice. My friend Mr. Loeb, who leaves for San Francisco tomorrow, kindly promises to call on you for the purpose of receiving any letters you may have for me. I hardly expect that you have anything for me, as we hear the last steamer brought no mail; but if you have, by handing over to Mr. Loeb (who will pay all expenses) you will much oblige.

My dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Wm. W. Phelps

Mr. Whaley.

P.S. I shall direct this to the care of Geo. S. Ward, Jr. - which I suppose will find you out readily - If you have leisure I should like to have a few lines from you by Mr. Loeb, who will return to "these diggings" without delay.

Received  
Oct 27. 49

From J. J.  
The Lotak 3

Mr. Mrs. Whaley.  
Care Mrs. Geo. S. Wardle & Co.  
San Francisco







Mr. C. C. Lawrence  
410 395 1/2 South St  
New York.  
N. Y.



Thomas, let me tell you I met Mr. Goring in the Bowery a few days  
since, I was pleased to see he looks now well, and as pretty as ever  
with his mild countenance, he promises to call upon us, soon, I in-  
quired of Dr. Plann, he said he was flatulent & lame, I inquired of, practiced  
He inquired, if that his brother has gone to Cuba he inquired very  
particular a you. The day or two ago I called on Mrs. Chisholm  
who in for the death of her husband, brother at a Democrat  
Wholesale Thompson was very ill of a bilious fever, a week  
on so, June 10, soon and God bless I spent the evening with us, Mr. G.  
named his in us and states intention of calling soon I went down  
next day he is better but extremely weak, Mrs. G. spoke of Mr. G.  
great feeling, I think she is a strong minded lady, I hope by the time  
you have been away as long as you was in Europe you will have  
made a fortune for life - I will help the by the best I can there  
are buildings going up all around there are 5 or 6 houses building  
opposite as and lots sell for \$3000, I would rather chase mines, water  
you build upon it, if you can, you must not come home to soon  
as the Capt says it cost him \$500 for his traveling expenses, a great  
price they will make in a hurry, I have a man I will send you some  
Sixteen shillings, no hope you will prize them as highly as we do ours  
each person says it is the best they ever saw, you did not write who took it  
as I shall want to have mine taken away, I wrote you a long letter by the  
Ohio in answer, your No 1, I suppose the Gents will be glad to receive  
a remittance, I hope you will be exceedingly careful of your money  
was I you, I would rather go on with Wardens than take a stranger partner  
you appear to think Mr. W. a good friend and one who you may con-  
fide in, has George & I upon a partnership, a stranger might take all  
you had if any thing was to happen to you, and W. would not  
I have well a to your brothers but have not received any answer  
possibly they intend writing to you, I sent them the paper in which  
your adventures were and their paper to write upon and send it to  
do that I might enclose it in mine, I believe you & your own addy  
sister will make some quina belly and preserves & dried cake to  
send by Capt W. - Sister wishes you to invite them and his bro-  
thers if any of them should be there to partake of them with our  
best wishes and congratulations for their safe arrival in  
California, May God grant it will be my joy as having seen  
Capt I will ever remember his looks and then you can daily land  
at your place of destination and kindly treated by them all, my  
kind respects to Mr. Wedgworth for his part, I do not intend  
to you







1849

Dear Zeph Chas 10<sup>th</sup> 1849

Mr H Whelan

I thank you

My last steamer I wrote you  
 as you may consider rather short. the truth  
 is I expected to hear from you as you stuble  
 on the margin of the newspaper. We had intended  
 to send more goods and were only waiting to hear  
 from you. I saw your mother two days  
 ago when she showed me a letter from you reporting  
 her to inform us of certain matters which had  
 I known before would have altered matters  
 somewhat from what you say in that  
 letter. The goods will be seized, something if  
 the charges do not hold all up. I have seen  
 some people who have sent goods to you  
 market and the charges were enormous  
 that nothing was left the result is  
 the parties will not receive any more  
 goods and their business must soon  
 come to an end. The only way for  
 parties in California to do is to get  
 as good a ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ as possible, have an  
 object to give instruction, fairness and  
 justice with industry and judgment will  
 make any ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ in California with in  
 a reasonable time. So many there are trying  
 to keep all in their own hands that

Merchants here are becoming disaffected  
The fair honest & man full be found  
out and appreciated. This is not meant  
as a lecture, but it is the firm belief of  
others as well as myself. I think you  
have a good chance to do well.

All I have to say is to be fair, make  
quick returns and let all changes be  
made as light as possible, and make  
none except what really occurs.

Your consignees will then be inclined  
to send freely and when full confidence  
is established you will have all as  
much as you can attend to.

What I say is as a friend without  
regard to any small interest. I may have  
at stake. Write to me freely, any thing  
you may wish in relation to business.  
Any thing you may want attended  
to here, I will do.

I have sent by express some cards  
1000 which I hope will reach you  
in safety. I expect to hear from you  
at the Steamers soon. I will be glad to  
do all you can ~~send~~ send  
as much as possible in the way of  
Gold dust or equivalent.

Yours respectfully  
J. S. Smith

Received Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1819

from Isaac Smith esq

Weymouth

25

New York Jan 13 1849

Mr & Mrs Miller

I rec'd Sir

We send you  
reinstated by mail this will be  
sent with the package of cards and  
Gold but perhaps some drawing paper  
you will do well to sell us for as little  
take the value as it comes. for the state  
of things now existing cannot last long  
we shall send good goods to you in  
a few days. Make the charges as low  
as possible the lower they are the more we  
shall be inclined to send goods.

Our goods seem to be doing well and we  
should like to see some of the yellow  
stuff. write to us by every steamer and if  
you can send money or anything else to  
be applied here we will attend to it - I would  
be kind enough to give me but a little time  
to write as it is now late. we wish you  
success and health and safe return.  
With all the success you may want -  
I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully

Wm. G. B. Co. & Co. Boston

J Whaley Esq  
San Francisco  
California

Received August 5 1850









New Brunswick, March 18th 1849.

Dear Anne,

I would write you a few words though this is hardly  
a moment left after the coffee sleep. I received no letter  
from you by the last three mails. The latest date I have  
received is up to Sunday. I cannot imagine the reason. How  
long you must have written and the letter in disarrangement  
and so desired to hear from you I would give most any-  
thing for a scrap of paper with a few lines written upon it by  
your hand. In the absence of letters I have received some  
evidences in an other way. I had decided to change my  
boarding place and went to the Tavern Hotel. I sat  
with several people at a table near the kitchen door when  
I heard some one singing and laughing wildly. A historical  
incident when I was here a week or two ago. I called one  
of the waiters and asked what was the crowd name. He  
said it was right in my supposition. It was very  
glad to see me and to hear that I was in town. The  
singing and laughing were all apart together and to the  
subscribing the fact. I heard some more from them  
that conversation there indicated how you were in a degree  
letter for no love me of thought which in your own words  
indicate to me in a degree better evidence of your  
fidelity and love towards me. I had intended to write you  
instantly a stroke of illness. I was not had. I was not  
in doubt what was your name. I had heard I have heard more  
that had three months after my departure. What suffering in

must have endured on my account! But you must not be pained  
any more. I shall return home soon. I did intend going by  
the next steamer, but as Mr. G... has three or four to visit  
lands to pass the winter you see health I may need health to  
do so before his return some time next spring. I shall how-  
ever endeavor to go by the steamer of the 1st of January.  
I write you ~~to~~ that it was my intention to start the first  
of next month. I am sure you will have done so, as it will keep  
you in continual suspense until you see me. It would  
have been better and given you more pleasure had I taken  
you by surprise. In my last I enclosed you three an-  
kers of California tobacco and interested the letter to a friend  
who promised to deliver it to you. I hope you will receive  
it together with the other pieces of Hawaiian tobacco. You will  
be glad and appreciate them. The tobacco in the second directed  
I don't know what purpose I think if they had been  
delivered in this way but you would have seen it in  
middle between our things. You may feel reluctant to ac-  
cept of such small gifts but do not show the least dislike.  
I do not intend to offend you in any way or offer you the least  
insult. I know your position in life, otherwise I would not pre-  
sume to act in the manner I do. Let my motives be mit-  
igated. You know my intentions towards you. I wish to  
assist you with the necessary means to accomplish your-  
self in every respect that you may desire all I desire.  
I regret exceedingly not to be able to visit you in  
person. My expenses this month have been very heavy,  
some thousands of dollars for which I shall receive no return  
till after the first of January. I hope to find you

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Mr. Anna C. Murray,  
No. 37, Fair St. East  
New York.  
M.S.

Chateau Chucie, Broomingdale  
November 25<sup>th</sup> 1847.

Dear Sir. Let me introduce to your  
acquaintance Mr Holland and all  
the other persons who go to your country  
this partment. There are many things  
which a person settled can furnish to a  
new comer which will be of use. Any  
distance in that way given to others  
my friends would feel worthily bestowed  
in them and gratefully acknowledge  
by your friend John D. Griffin

Yours very respectfully  
John D. Griffin

California

John A. Logan  
Dec 21 1855

Thomas W. Kelley  
San Francisco,  
California.

Montgomery near Little St.

Amherst Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 -

My dearest Howard.

Perhaps you will be a little  
puzzled when you run to the sale of my letters,  
at my late having written you, but I can  
give you the full of it. I was surprised  
to get one letter from you since May 11<sup>th</sup> and  
that one was headed "Howard". This one I  
received since your date of Nov 25<sup>th</sup> in which  
I found enclosed three lumps of gold valued  
at \$400.00. A gentleman of the name of [redacted]  
presented them to me in person. You say in  
your letter to me you sent me and consulted in  
to the care of [redacted] but as I have  
not received it the necessary inquiries have  
been made at the office of the [redacted] but  
neither [redacted] had not [redacted] know anything  
about it. They told me you sent but one letter  
and [redacted] and that was directed to your  
mother. I thought perhaps if a gentleman called







you but it is no use getting you some said it  
must not be so sad one year, and I must  
wait patiently until the time expires.

It is true I have your portrait to gaze upon  
but it is nothing like the original to me.

My dear dear Thomas in your letter you never  
told me if you <sup>Received Jan 25 1867</sup> had you do not  
all that consoles me is, that you asked me  
for my portrait, and that you saw it  
with you. Oh Thomas if you love me at all  
love me, but love would be pure enough.

Yarden the dearest girl that gives way to my  
dad's feelings, but I feel sometimes it is not  
for the want of company I can receive  
you. We have not yet our old friends. They  
have also started for California, with the  
exception of Mr. Thorne. I suppose you remember  
him, but I don't. He was very much taken up  
with me, but when he found out that we  
were parted, he said it was useless, and  
with that in his eyes set me a chain and  
gave me his blessing, wishing me all the  
happiness possible. I was not in the

New York, Nov 25th, 1849

My dearest Thomas,

Perhaps you will be a little vexed when you refer to the date of my letter at my not having written before, but I can give you the best of reasons. I have recieved but one letter from you since May 19th and that one was headed Valparaiso. The one I recieved since bears date September 30th in which I found enclosed three lumps of gold valued at \$23.75. A gentleman by the name of Mr. Reed delivered them to me in person. You refer in your letter to one you sent me and confided it to the care of Capt Wardle. That one I have not recieved, all the necessary inquiries, but neither Capt Wardle not his father know anything about it. They told me you sent but one letter and package and that was directed to your mother. I thought perhaps if a gentleman called they might be more willing to deliver whatever they had directed to me but they still adhere to what they told me and that was that no such letter had been confided to the Captain's care. As soon as I recieved your letter Mother and I took a walk down to the office of Mr. Wardle and made inquiries but as the Captain was not in we spoke to the Old Gentleman at first he said his son had not any letter for me but after thinking a little he said I do remember my son had something for Fourth St. and I shall see about it and that is the last of it. I forgot to mention he gentleman's name that called on Mr. Wardle it was my uncle (Capt P.C. Dumas from New Orleans.)

You must not think my dear Thomas that I wish to make any trouble about that letter, but I think that when a gentleman is intrusted even with a letter it ought surely to be delivered to the one to whom it is directed. What would I not have given to recieve a letter from you about the time you state you wrote it. No matter how I have one from you now and I am overjoyed to hear that you enjoy good health, and

that you enjoy good health, and that you are pleased with everything around you. But you say you are not doing as well as you expected. You must have patience and no doubt you will soon realize your wishes. My own dear Thomas you have indeed been true to your word in sending me gold and I really cannot find words to express my thanks to you. I have disposed of the gold as you told me but could not procure the same amount of money as you stated. The highest I could procure was at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  an ounce, which makes it all together \$43.75. The money shall be appropriated as you wish and I shall try and improve as much as possible in music & dancing, and singing <sup>it</sup> if/is possible. When do think of returning. You told me in one of your letters that I may expect to see you at the end of one year, you must indeed let me see you ~~then~~ or I fear you will see me then. Not one day dear Thomas passes but that I regret not being near you but it is no use fretting you have said it must not be for one year, and I must wait impatiently until the time expires. It is true I have your portrait to gaze upon but it is nothing like the original to me. My dear dear Thomas in your letters you never tell me if you love me. I fear you do not. All that consoles me is that you asked me for my portrait and that you have it with you. Oh Thomas if you love me as I love you our love would be pure enough. Pardon me dearest for that giving way to my sad feelings, but I feel lonesome. it is not for the want of company I can assure you. We have lost all our old friends. they have also started for California, with the exception of Mr. Sercier. I suppose you remember him. Poor fellow, he was very much taken up with me but when he found out that we corresponded he said it was all over, and with tears in his eyes bid me adieu and gave me his blessing wishing me all the happiness possible. It was not my fault was it? My heart is with another and as I have not heart enough for two, of course I give what little I have to the one I love most and that is

to you whether

to you whether you will accept it or not I do not know. But I live in hopes and may I never die in despair.

Do tell me what has got into all the young mens heads now a days. I had not the remotest idea of Mr. Thompsons being with you it quite surprised me when you told me. But the fact is that the young mens heads now a days are turned every way but the right way. You are an exception (of course)!!! I must now close my cwn dear Thomas for I am afraid you will have too many corrections to make if I do not. But let me assure you that my love for you is such that absence ne'er can quell. Do write to me often and write very very long letters. All the family join in sending thier love to you and wish you success Once more dearest, Adieu.

And believe me yours in constancy

Anna Lannay

Harpers Ferry Nov 27<sup>th</sup> / 49  
Brother Thomas

It gives me pleasure to  
introduce to you Mr. Groff any favour  
shown him will be kindly reciprocated  
by me give him all the information  
you can for his future welfare and  
benefit. and oblige I. Thomas Whaley.

we are all well as you have heard  
ere this <sup>by mothers letters</sup> you will hear from me be-  
fore you receive this as I intend writing  
to you often all wish to be remembered  
to you. Take care of your self and we  
shall all meet again as this is going by the  
Horn it is only intended as an introduction  
of Mr Groff to you so wishing you  
prosperity and health I remain your  
Affectionate Brother

I. Whaley  
11

you can find I expect at  
the San. ... house in  
this ... to the New  
York ... May be ...  
...  
...

Recd Mary et al. 11/30

you will please call on Mrs  
Whaley at No. <sup>24</sup> Twenty Fourth  
St a few doors from Broad Way  
possibly she may have some com-  
mands for him and oblige me



New York June 30 1844

Mr. Whelan

Dear Sir

Your letter is to hand and  
is far more satisfactory. We wrote you by last  
Steamer and sent Maria in company with  
with some parcels for you. We intended to have sent  
the package by Express but the firm would  
not take it. We shall send it with the package  
from your Mother by the Sarah Sands. which  
will reach you in good season. or  
We have shipped you this day by the Rhode Island  
(she is to sail the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec) one box of putty in  
small tins in fine order and no doubt will  
sell well. We shall send some goods by the  
Montana or Delaware of the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  
the services will come by the next mail  
we hope to receive a letter from you with  
some news - by the next steamer.

Your Uncle Ben's ship has been here and seems  
much chagrined at not hearing from you  
The Capt. Wendell told him you had sold  
certain quantities of his as soon as you got  
where and he thinks hard of you for not  
at least writing to him. He has sent consi-  
derable and is now sending more by  
the Greenpoint - consigned to G. M. W. & Co  
all of which you would have had

if you had but written him. We are sorry  
for this visit - is important - for you to  
have a vessel coming in to keep up the ap-  
pointment. you have some houses in not-  
building. & every one who had an interest in the  
adventure. Surely stating your own views and  
prospects and sale of goods if any.

We ourselves should have sent several  
lots before this and all together would  
have made a good apartment. We here  
in this part of the world are anxious  
to know what is doing in California  
when we have something at stake  
even if we do not at the present -  
the least. We wish you would see  
what neat good two story houses  
18/36 and 24/36 with stores on the first  
floor. the 2<sup>d</sup> story fitted as a dwelling and  
the attic for sleeping rooms the houses are  
neat - panel doors and trimmed very pretty.  
making a handsome appearance  
inquire what such houses would sell  
for quickly. We have some idea of sending  
four or six if we can them ready in time  
We shall send some such of large glass  
which we think would sell well.

The Spaniards sent in the package ought  
to bring a large price. as there cannot  
be any there. We wish you would close  
our present lot of goods in your hands

as soon as you can. A Gentleman  
known to us is coming out in the  
January Steamer and will bring you  
some small articles. We wish you all  
success and no doubt with industry  
and punctuality you will do well  
Let us hear from you by every mail  
Yours respectfully

Wm. Gardner & Smith

This letter is very poorly written but  
am in a great hurry  
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Received May 20, 1881  
H. W. Morgan & Co. Inc.

New York, Nov 30, 1849

Mr. T Whaley

Dear Sir

Your letter is to hand and so far proves satisfactory. We wrote you by last steamer and sent invoice of sundry articles with ~~the~~ <sup>articles</sup> for you. We intended to have sent the package by express but the parties would not take it. We shall send it with a package from your mother by the *Sarah* ~~send~~ which will reach you in good season. ~~xx~~ We have shipped you this day by the Rhode Island (She is to sail the 3rd <sup>Dec</sup>) one ton of putty in small kegs in fine order and no doubt will sell well. We shall send some goods by the *Monterrey* or Adarondack of the 15th <sup>Dec</sup>. The invoices will come by the next mail. We hope to receive a letter from you with some ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> by the next steamer. Your uncle Mr. Kim has been here and seems much surprised at not hearing from you. The Capt Wardle told him you had sold certain property of his as soon as you got there and he thinks hard of you for not at least writing to him. he has sent considerable and is now sending more by the Greenpoint consigned to G *Hardle* all of which you would have had if you had but written him. We are ~~xxx~~ sorry for this as it is important for you to have goods coming in to keep up the shipment. You have done wrong in not writing to everyone who had any interest in the adventure merely stating your mind and prospects and sale of goods if any. we ourselves should have sent several lots before this and all together would have ~~xxx~~ made a good shipment. We here in this part of the world are anxious to know what is doing in California when we have something at stake even if we do not at the moment get the ~~duet~~ <sup>duet</sup> we wish you would see what neat wood two storey houses 18/~~36~~ and 21/~~36~~ with stores on the first floor then the 2nd story fitted as a dwelling and the attic for sleeping rooms the houses

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Yours respectfully

Morgan W. Smith

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Lib Anna C. ...  
No 358 ...  
New York.  
H. S. O.



New York 1st December 1849

Mr. T. Whaley  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

You will allow me to be the interpreter of my Niece Miss Ann E Launay, who feels very much disappointed about a small Package containing 2 ounces of Gold dust valued here about \$37 which she has not yet received from Capt Wardle's hands as your kind letter of 30th Sept says. Your Friend Mr. Reed has had the kindness to hand said letter to my niece in which was some Gold valued at \$43. And if said letter had not come she would not have known that Capt W had something for her. I have called on Capt Wardle's father and informed him that his son had some things for Miss A.E. Launay and that he never went near her. Mr. W answered that his son had a small package and a Chinese letter stamp directed to your Mother and nothing for Miss Anna. I then told to the old Gent that I thought very strange that Mr. Whaley would write to my niece thus. Via- I send you a small Package containing 2 ounces Gold dust valued \$37 together with a Chinese letter Stamp which shall be handed to you in person by Capt Wardle who promised me to do so. Said Capt told me that it was a mistake, that he never rec'd anything from you, for Miss Launay and that he would call on your Mother to know if the Package and Letter Stamp were relayed to her address. Thinking that something was going wrong because said Capt Wardle, nor his Father have called on your Mother as they had promised me to do. I thought then proper to go and see her myself. Entering the House I have explained to your Mother the object of my visit and was politely received. She felt pleased to see me on that account, and instantly had the kindness to show me your letter which was a proof that the Package of Gold

and Chinese Stamp were for her. The contents of her letter was words for words a Duplicate of Ann Letter which would be a proof that you have sent 2 packages of gold dust and 2 chinese letter stamps and told your mother that you would write to my niece that you had sent her such & such; and not sent it. We did not like to make any fuss about it, and I thought it was more prudent to write you about it, and your answer to me, or to Ann my niece would decide the whole. All what I know is that she did not rec said things and feels very much disappointed. In case you write to me or to her, address to Capt P.C. Dumas care Foster & Nickerson, 25 South Street. We have a line of Packets which runs to New Orleans. Put her letter under an envelope to my address and be sure to reach her.

Your most Obt Servant

P.C. Dumas

New-York 1<sup>st</sup> December 1849

W. J. Whaley  
San Francisco

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wrong, because said Capt Wardle, nor his Father have  
called <sup>on</sup> your Mother as they had promised me to do.  
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any fuss about it, and I thought it was more prudent to write  
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would decide the whole. All what I know is, that she  
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In case you write to me, or to her, address to Capt P. C. Dumas  
care Foster & Mickelson 25 South Street we have a Line of Packet  
which runs to New-Orleans. Put her letter under an envelope to  
my address, and be sure to reach her.

Your most obt servant,  
P. C. Dumas

Received July 25. 1850

Wm. W. Whaley  
San Francisco  
California

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Received Dec 4 1849.





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New York, Sept 16th 1849

Dear Brother:

We were happy to hear of your safe arrival at San Francisco, and do not doubt but you-----delighted when you beheld your place of destination after such a long----voyage, according to the accounts in your journal your situation must---very perilous at times. I would not liked to have been with you, if I had you would have wished me home many times, although I think I should like to see California very much as I hear so much of it; all the young ladies are complaining as it has taken all their beaux from them but we will try and have patience untill they return but they must not unless they have plenty of gold as that is all that keeps them in any kind of humour, I think they will not have them in New York if t is is not the case, but send them back again it is a great comfort to think that the railroad is in progress you remember what you told me when you left that I must get married before you return, if I can find any one that is clever enough, perhaps I may, And take that for my marriage tour if I can prevail upon my better half if he is not able to pay for it you can, a s gold will not be of any importance to you; I wish I had a little of it not not to commence with. Mr. Thorp and Thompson must have chnaged their minds very soon after you left Mrs. Van Doren did not wish Mother to inform you that they had left, Mr. Thorp has never written in my Album, if he will write a piece of his own composition I will put it in, it will be more valuable written in California; his brother George brought his letter sent from Valparaiso and read it to us quite interesting We did not yet get ours from Mr. Smiths until he had kept it two weeks, it did not look very obliging, Mrs. Clark had some unfavourable news some time ago, this was an account that eight of the Gordon company had left, and went in a fishing smack it capsized and some of them were

drowned, he wrote that he would leave this company and go in the boat. He thinks that one of them must be him, they have not had any letters from him since. She expected to have a letter by the Empire City, I have not seen her-expect she feels quite bad. The Brothers was not mentioned as arrived, in the list of vessels at San Francisco up to the third of August, cannot say if Mrs. Thorp has letters. Niblos heatre is again rebuilt and commenced with their performances; I was there one evening this summer, it is much improved in appearance, Madison Park is finished which improves our part of the city. Mother thinks something of selling out lot in 27th st, as she does not see much use in retaining it the.e another six months interest due, Mr. Dooly was here to see if we wish to sell, but he would not give but two thousand, his own he values at four, joins ours, on -----st. Mr. Harsell thinks we better have a sign painted and put up and see what we can get for it during November. We have not seen Mr. Washington Smith he has been out of the city for six weeks I do not -----t at they have received your letter from Valparaiso. We were to visit Uncle Simeon ----- think that we shall as we have much to attend to, we have not been---- returned from Virginia. The cholera has kept us quite confined this summer---were fearful to travel about much, our situation is very airy and pleasant we did not think it needful to remove, we would000 we had many cases immediately in our vicinity. Mr. Thompsons--sister looks much thinner than she did, when at school, I would have known her she says she did not remember me. She appears to be very pleasant and promised to call, and see us. Mother says it is well that you are safe there as she thinks you would have gone had you remained until now, it is becoming quite general for everyone to have some one gone to California, you must take care of your health to enable you to make a fortune and return home wealthy. William Eys wishes to know if you will secure him a situation if he comes, he is at the American Exchange

Bank at present. Sylvester at Swords hard ware store. I have sketched off the entrance of your vessel at Rio de Janeiro to send to one of my friends. One of Mr. Bridgeman's the florists sons has gone in the Salem. Mrs. Thompson regretted very much that her son's letter was so very short, and thinks something must have the matter with him, he refered them to Mr. Thorps letter for the news. Mr. Hyatts brother Caleb sent on a piece of gold the value of fourty eight dollars the papers says that there were a number of little bags of gold directed as letters came through the post office, said that they supposed thier friends were quite willing to give American Silver for California gold, as postage. Do you think that we must expect you next May, we will give you eighteen months from last May to come in; no use to come unless you have grown rich. I have not my locket fixed yet with your likeness there has been a great many things to be bought. I shall do so as soon as convenient. I recieved the piece of poetry composed by Mr. Palmer September 20, think it very pretty and appropriate also the flower from Rio and Valparaiso. Will keep them as mementos of their native places. I will not have time to write much more as the mail closes at 12 o'clock, now it is after 9. Receive this from your only and affectionate sister,

Harriet

Thomas, September 11, 1849, Mrs. Hyatt informed me that her husband's brother intends leaving for Cala on the 20# and offered to send a letter for me to you, people do not like to take things for other persons, this is the 3d brother gone to Cala. Why did not pay for the insurance as you promised me you would in your memorandum you say tis done, and I thought the policy was at Mr. Smithuuntill I sent for it, then Sm Fye went to the office, and inquired they said it was ma----but it had never been paid for or called for. So you see it was unin---- a whole year, which was a great risk to run. Mr. Harsel charged---

which Lee Smith lent you I was much surprised and would -----paid it only I did not wish to offend Mr. Harsel between my losses and ---spon- sibilities for you, I shall

Mrs. Hofman owes 45 dollars, which we never shall not get unless Mr.

McJay returns from Cala a rich man. I think you ha---tter connect with the Wardles, if possible as, Thorp and Thompson do not understand business like them, I hope you are on the most agreeable terms with all the gents in Wardles, concern, as you have little but you good conduct to depend upon and well you can behave if you keep your good determination which I hope you will, how gladly would I p for you if it was possible. O! Thomas with what pleasure I look forward to your prosperity, we called upon Mrs. Thompson on Saturday and had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Munsell with whom I was very much pleased, Sister was with me we had a long chat, they were delighted with your letter from Valparaiso they are to read your journal, Aaron Y has been very sick is convalescent. + hope you will pay the \$19 you owe T, as it is totally out of my power. Henry wrote me word last week he thought of selling out at and moving to Harpers F he will not gather moss, I will inform you what he does next. I think if you was to write him a letter and inform him how you are pregressing he might make up his mind to join you, by way of Ishmus, I shall be much rejoiced to receive a letter from you at San Francisco I wish you to write one for publication, not containing any family concerns) according to all accounts the articles which you took out, will be very saleable) I was at Mrs. Shisholm yesterday all well I sent you in my last 27 of Aug the card of Mrs. Atwood given me by Mrs. Chisholm, for you, she said you had seen them at her house. Antoinette wishes me to give you her best regards, Mrs. Jackson Little child is very poorly for the last six weeks, Mrs. Clarks health tolerable, Susan is at board yet. John thinks of coming home this fall I hope he may

his child grows finely so they say. I am much pleased with your Maps and sketches.

Brother

Mother has written four letters previous to this, you had better direct your letter to our own abode No. 34 Twenty-fourth Street fifth house from Broadway. Send for any little thing that you wish and if it is in our power we will send it. Mrs. Clark has not received any news yet. Mr. Hyatt brother was not able to purchase tickets therefore can not go we will be obliged to send this by mail. I am sorry to leave this blank space but time will not----me to occupy it

Your sister,

Harriet

Newark, Dec 1st 1849

Mr. Thomas Whaley

Dear Nephew I have written a great many letters to you, but I understand there is some uncertainty about letters that are sent with the mail and as I have an opportunity to send to you direct, I wish to repeat many things that I have already written I want you to account to me in some way for the manner you have treated me, now you know you promised me faithfully that you would ascertain what was most wanted in the California Market as soon as you arrived there and get all the information you could and send me word immediately and I promised to send you anything you wanted on condition that you made prompt returns, which if you had done we might both have been rich, but on the contrary you have up to the date of this letter never sent me one word, I believe your Mother sent me word that you had sold the barrows for 30 dollars a piece and the reason you did not write to me was because you had not time to write to all, a poor excuse indeed had not time to attend to the most important part of your business, you had time to write to your mother about things of no importance, and to send Gold dust and letters to some little French girl in New York you have sent newspapers, all round and you have written to Mr. Smith, but not a word to me, and if it had not been for Capt Wardle and Mr. John Flintoff who left his goods in your hands I should not have known anything about my things up to this day, But Capt Wardle told me he saw you sell my things before he left that you took out in the Suttan and that you got ten hundred Dollars for the wagon and fifty Dollars a piece for the wheel barrows, now Thomas Mr. Thomas Wardle told me that the whole expence on my things that you took in the Suttan to land them ashore was only 70 dollars 59 Cents, and according to the agreement I made with you that my Bill



must be paid first, that is the cost or value of the goods delivered on board the ship, according to the bill I gave you, and the insurance and the freight to land them in Sanfrancisco, and for whatever else expence or trouble you had you was to have one half of what they fetched or sold for after deducting those bills out first, now according to this agreement you had in your hands of my money before Capt Wardle left Sanfrancisco over seven hundred dollars, why did you not send it to me by him you never could have a safer creaser or better oportunity, if you had done so and sent on orders for more goods I should have had means to make or buey and it would have been greatly to your interest as well as mine, but you have deprived me of the privilege or advantage, Capt Wardle said you received the goods I sent you by the John G. Costen before he left all in good order and by the Bills and letters with the goods you saw that the freight on them was paid and also the amount of first cost the insurance and freight, I want you to send me a bill of Particulars what each article sold for the goods that was left with you by Mr. Flintoff was all by my telling him that you was honest and capable to do anything he chose to intrust you with, and there are hundreds now in Newark that I could get to send goods to you, if I could tell them that you had made quick and faithfull returns to me and that I would be security that you would do the same by them, but when I am asked about it I really dont know what to say, the one fourth of those carts and harnesses that Mr. Flintoff left with you are mine, I should be glad if you would send me a statement of what they sold for, and what the expence was of getting them ashore independent of the rest of their goods and what your commishions is on them for selling, if you have not sent my money when you receive this letter I hope you will do it without delay and be sure to get it insured and get a bill of lading so that it cannot

be lost, I have shipped in partnership with Thomas Wardle on board the Bark GreenPoint James E. Wardle Master Bound for San Francisco Cal, 7 wagons, 7 Barrows stovewhare, earthen ware, oats, carpenters tools, consigned to George W & Son to the amount of first cost about 15 hundred dollars, please to send me word what the prospect is of their selling, dont let me hear any more that you have no time to write, for that is no excuse for me atal, for I can set up after bed time at anytime to write a letter if it is of importance I have sent no doubt the best lot of wagons by Capt Wardle that even sailed from the port of New York 4 Common lumber on baggage wagons, one Philadelphia truck wagon one spring wagon with indian rubber cover complete, the common wagons have common covers, one premium wagon an extra wagon which took the premium in Newark and New York this fall, and allowed by all good Judges to be the best piece of workmanship ever got up for proportion Beauty and durability. It has no spring, but has an indian rubber cover with curtains to raise or fill, I will leave the Balance of my letter to write after the arrival of the next steamer.

Dec 10th The steamer arrived here on the 8th inst and I received your letter written with a pencil, and it has given me a worse opinion of you than I ever expected to have, I think you have treated Mr. Flintoff most shamefully, and your treatment toward me no better, now I have a request to make, for argument or reasoning is of no use, my request is that you send Mr. Flintoff his money at the time you have agreed, and the interest and pay the expence on it, without fail, as to my wagon, I am satisfied that you have either got the money or could have had it, wich Mr. Wardle will testify to if he is called upon and on other gentleman from New York told Mr. Flintoff that he herd you refuse nine hundred Dollars for it, now if you have not got

the money you have kept the wagon at that price yourself to go in the staging business with and I shall expect you to account to me for it, and you must not return home without selling or accounting to me for every single article I have sent you, let the price be what it will and have the dust with you to pay over on the spot for I am determined to have the matter closed up, and I shall keep pretty quiet untill you have time to comply with those requests, but if I am obliged to investigate the matter, it will be a thorough one, I have no doubt you will think that I am verry severe, wich I always am when I am imposed upon, I still remain your well wisher

Henry I. Kin

If you send me the procedes of my things before you come yourself I want you to send it by Mr. Wardle express to the Care of Thomas Wardle, I intend today to carry the dust you sent to the french girl myself and give it to her, and the letter to your mother.

Newark Dec 1<sup>th</sup> 1849

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Whaley

Dear Nephew I have written  
a great many letters to you, but I understand there  
is some uncertainty about letters that are sent  
with the Mail and as I have an opportunity to  
send to you direct, I wish to repeat many  
things that I have already written, I want you  
to account to me in some way for the manner  
you have treated me, now you know you prom-  
ised me faithfully that you would ascertain  
what was most wanted in the California Market  
as soon as you arrived there and get all the  
information you could and send me word  
immediately and I promised to send you  
~~sent~~ any thing you wanted on condition that  
you made prompt returns, with if you had done  
we might both have been rich, but on the contrary  
you have up to the date of this letter never sent  
me one word, I believe your Mother sent me word  
that you had sold the barony for 30 dollars a piece  
and the reason you did not write to me was  
because you had not time to write to all,  
a poor excuse indeed had not time to attend to  
the most important part of your business, you  
had time to write to your Mother about things  
of no importance, and to send Gold dust and letters  
to some little French girl in New York you have  
sent newspapers, all round and you have written  
to M<sup>r</sup> Smith, but not a word to me, and if it  
had not been for Capt Waddle and M<sup>r</sup> John  
Flintoff who left his goods in your hands I should  
not have known any thing about my things  
up to this day, But Capt Waddle told me he  
saw you sell my things before he left that  
you took out in the sutton and that you got  
ten hundred Dollars for the wagon and fifty

Dollars a piece for the wheel barrows, now Thomas  
Wardle told me that the whole expense  
on my things that you took in the Sutton to land  
them ashore was only 79 Dollars 59 cents, and accord-  
ing to the agreement I made with you that my  
Bill must be paid first, that is the cost or value  
of the goods delivered on board the ship, accord-  
ing to the bill I gave you, and the insurance  
and the freight to land them in San Francisco,  
and for whatever else expense or trouble you had  
you was to have one half of what they fetched  
or sold for after deducting those bills out first,  
now according to this agreement you had in your  
hands of my money before Capt Wardle left  
San Francisco over seven hundred dollars, why  
did you not send it to me by him you never could  
have a safer cheaper or better opportunity, if you  
had done so and sent on order for more goods  
I should have had means to make or buy and  
it would have been greatly to your interest as  
well as mine, but you have deprived me of the  
privilege or advantage, Capt Wardle said you received  
the goods I sent you by the John G. Caster before  
he left all in good order and by the Billy and  
lettery with the goods you saw that the freight  
on them was paid and also the amount of  
first cost the insurance and freight, I want you  
to send me a bill of particulars what each article  
sold for, the goods that was left with you by  
Mr. Smith was all by my telling him that  
you was honest and capable to do any thing he  
chose to intrust you with, and there are hun-  
dreds now in Newark that I could get to send  
goods to you, if I could tell them that you had  
made quick and faithfull returns to me and  
that I would be security that you would do  
the same by them, but when I am asked about it

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I really dont know what to say, the one fourth  
of those carts and harnesses that Mr Flintoff  
left with you are mine, I should be glad if you  
would send me a statement of what they sold  
for, and what the expense was of getting them  
ashore independent of the rest of the goods  
and what your Commission is on them for  
selling, if you have not sent my money when  
you receive this letter I hope you will do it  
without delay and be sure to get it insured  
and get a bill of lading so that it cannot be lost,  
I have shipped nine partnerships with Thomas  
Wardle on board the Bark Green Point  
James H Wardle Master Bound for San Francisco  
Cal, 4 wagons & Barrowy Stone wharf Eastman  
wharf, oats, Carpenters Tools, &c &c, <sup>consigned to George H W K</sup> to the amount  
of first cost about 13 hundred Dollars, please to  
send me word what the prospect is of their  
selling, dont let me hear any more that you  
have no time to write, for that is no excuse  
for me at all, for I can set up after bed time  
at any time to write a letter if it is of importance  
I have sent no doubt the best lot of wagons  
by Capt Wardle that ever sailed from the  
port of New York 4 Common lumber or log  
gaze wagons, one Philadelphia truck wagon  
one spring wagon with indian rubber cover  
complete, the Common wagons have Common  
Covery, one premium wagon or extra wagon  
which took the premium in New York and  
New York this fall, and allowed by all good  
Judges to be the best piece of workmanship  
ever got up for proportion Beauty and durability  
it has no springs but has an indian rubber  
cover with curtains to raise or fall, I will  
leave the Balance of my letter to write, after  
the arrival of the next steamer

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 49 the steamer arrived here on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst and  
I received your letter written with a pencil, and it has  
given me a worse opinion of you than I ever expected  
to have, I think you have treated Mr Flintoff most  
shamefully, and your treatment toward me no  
better, now I have a request to make, for argument  
or reasoning is of no use, my request is that you send  
Mr Flintoff his money at the time you have agreed, and  
the interest, and pay the expense on it, without fail,  
as to my ~~part~~<sup>you</sup> I am satisfied that you have either got  
the money or could have had it, with Mr Hardie will  
testify to ~~be called upon~~ and another gentleman  
from New York told Mr Flintoff that he had you  
refuse nine hundred Dollars for it, now if you  
have not got ~~the money~~<sup>the second sample</sup> you have kept the wagon  
at that price your self to go in the staging business  
with and I shall expect you to account to me for  
it, and you must not return home without selling  
or accounting to me for every single article I  
have sent you, ~~but~~ the price be what it will  
and have the debt with you to pay over on the  
spot for I am determined to have the matter  
closed up, and I shall keep pretty quiet until  
you have time to comply with these requests, but if  
I am obliged to investigate the matter, it will  
be a thorough one, I have no doubt you will  
think that I am very severe, wish I always am  
I am imposed upon, I still remain yours  
well as ever

Henry J. Kemp

if you send me the proceeds of my Thiers before  
you come your self I want you to send it by Mr  
Hardie, expressly to the care of Thomas Hardie,  
I intend to day to carry the debt you sent to the  
French girl myself and give it to her, and the letter  
to your mother

New York, Spt 16th 1849

Dear Brother:

We were happy to hear of your safe arrival at San Francisco, and do not doubt but you-----delighted when you beheld your place of destination after such a long----voyage, according to the accounts in your journal your situation must---very perilous at times. I would not liked to have been with you, if I had you would have wished me home many times, although I think I should like to see California very much as I hear so much of it; all the young ladies are complaining as it has taken all their beaux from them but we will try and have patience untill they return but they must not unless they have plenty of gold as that is all that keeps them in any kind of humour, I think they will not have them in New York if this is not the case, but send them back again it is a great comfort to think that the railroad is in progress you remember what you told me when you left that I must get married before you return, if I can find any one that is clever enough, perhaps I may, And take that for my marriage tour if I can prevail upon my better half if he is not able to pay for it you can, as gold will not be of any importance to you; I wish I had a little of it not not to commence with. Mr. Thorp and Thompson must have chnaged their minds very soon after you left Mrs. Van Doren did not wish Mother to inform you that they had left, Mr. Thorp has never written in my Album, if he will write a piece of his own composition I will put it in, it will be more valuable written in California; his brother George brought his letter sent from Valparaiso and read it to us quite interesting We did not yet get ours from Mr. Smiths until he had kept it two weeks, it did not look very obliging, Mrs. Clark had some unfavourable news some time ago, this was an account that eight of the Gordon company had left, and went in a fishing smack it capsized and some of them were



drowned, he wrote that he would leave this company and go in the boat. He thinks that one of them must be him, they have not had any letters from him since. She expected to have a letter by the Empire City, I have not seen her-expect she feels quite bad. The Brothers was not mentioned as arrived, in the list of vessels at San Francisco up to the third of August, cannot say if Mrs. Thorp has letters. Niblos Theatre is again rebuilt and commenced with their performances; I was there one evening this summer, it is much improved in appearance, Madison Park is finished which improves our part of the city. Mother thinks something of selling out lot in 27th st, as she does not see much use in retaining it there another six months interest due, Mr. Dooly was here to see if we wish to sell, but he would not give but two thousand, his own he values at four, joins ours, on -----st. Mr. Harsell thinks we better have a sign painted and put up and see what we can get for it during November. We have not seen Mr. Washington Smith he has been out of the city for six weeks I do not -----t that they have received your letter from Valparaiso. We were to visit Uncle Simeon ----- think that we shall as we have much to attend to, we have not been---- returned from Virginia. The cholera has kept us quite confined this summer---were fearful to travel about much, our situation is very airy and pleasant we did not think it needful to remove, we would000 we had many cases immediately in our vicinity. Mr. Thompsons--sister looks much thiner than she did, when at school, I would have known her she says she did not remember me. She appears to be very pleasant and promised to call, and see us. Mother says it is well that you are safe there as she thinks you would have gone had you remained until now, it is becoming quite general for everyone to have some one gone to California, you must take care of your health to enable you to make a fortune and return home wealthy. William Pye wishes to know if you will secure him a situation if he comes, he is at the American Exchange

Bank at present. Sylvester at Swords hard ware store. I have sketched off the entrance of your vessel at Rio de Janeiro to send to one of my friends. One of Mr. Bridgeman's the florists sons has gone in the Salem. Mrs. Thompson regretted very much that her son's letter was so very short, and thinks something must have the matter with him, he refered them to Mr. Thorps letter for the news. Mr. Hyatts brother Caleb sent on a piece of gold the value of fourty eight dollars the papers says that there were a number of little bags of gold directed as letters came through the post office, said that they supposed thier friends were quite willing to give American Silver for California gold, as postage. Do you think that we must expect you next May, we will give you eighteen months from last May to come in; no use to come unless you have grown rich. I have not my locket fixed yet with your likeness there has been a great many things to be bought. I shall do so as soon as convenient. I recieved the piece of poetry composed by Mr. Palmer September 20, think it very pretty and appropriate also the flower from Rio and Valparaiso. Will keep them as mementos of their native places. I will not have time to write much more as the mail closes at 12 o'clock, now it is after 9. Receive this from your only and affectionate sister,

Harriet

Thomas, September 11, 1849, Mrs. Hyatt informed me that her husband's brother intends leaving for Cala on the 20# and offered to send a letter for me to you, people do not like to take things for other persons, this is the 3d brother gone to Cala. Why did not pay for the insurance as you promised me you would in your memorandum you say tis done, and I thought the pollicy was at Mr. Smithuntill I sent for it, then Wm Pye went to the office, and inquired they said it was ma----but it had never been paid for or called for. So you see it was unin---- a whole year, which was a great risk to run. Mr. Harsel charged---

which Lee Smith lent you I was much surprised and would -----paid it only I did not wish to offend Mr. Harsel between my losses and ----spon- sibilities for you, I shall

Mrs. Hofman owes 45 dollars, which we never shall not get unless Mr.

McJay returns from Cala a rich man. I think you ha---tter connect with the Wardles, if poss ble as, Thorp and Thompson do not understand business like them, I hope you are on the most agreeable terms with all the gents in Wardles, concern, as you have little but you good conduct to depend upon and well you can behave if you keep your good determin- ation which I hope you will, how gladly would I p for

you if it was possible. O! Thomas with what pleasure I look forward to your prosperity, we called upon Mrs. Thompson on Saturday and had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Munsell with whom I was very much pleased, Sister was with me we had a long chat, they were delighted with your letter from Valparaiso they are to read your journal, Aaron Y has been very sick is convalasent. + hope you will pay the \$19 you owe T, as it is totally out of my power|. Henry wrote me word last week he thought of selling out at and moveing to Harpers F he will not gather moss, I will inform you what he does next. I think if you was to write him a letter and inform him how you are pregressing he might make up his mind to join you, by way of Ishmus, I shall be much rejoiced to recieve a letter from you at San Francisco I wish you to write one for publication, not containing any family concerns) accord- ing to all accounts the articles which you took out, will be very saleable) I was at Mrs. Shisholm yesterday all well I sent you in my last 27 of Aug the card of Mrs. Atwood given me by Mrs. Chisholm, for you, she said you had seen them at her house. Antoinette wishes me to give you her best regards, Mrs. Jackson Little child is very poorly for the last six weeks, Mrs. Clarks health tolerable, Susan is at board yet. John thinks of comeing home this fall I hope he may

his child grows finely so they say. I am much pleased with your Maps and sketches.

Brother

Mother has written four letters previous to this, you had better direct your letter to our own abode No. 34 Twenty-fourth Street fifth house from Broadway. Send for any little thing that you wish and if it is in our power we will send it. Mrs. Clark has not received any news yet. Mr. Hyatt brother was not able to purchase tickets therefore can not go we will be obliged to send this by mail. I am sorry to leave this blank space but time will not-----me to occupy it

Your sister,

Harriet

Newark, Dec 1st 1849

Mr. Thomas Whaley

Dear Nephew I have written a great many letters to you, but I understand there is some uncertainty about letters that are sent with the mail and as I have an opportunity to send to you direct, I wish to repeat many things that I have already written I want you to account to me in some way for the manner you have treated me, now you know you promised me faithfully that you would ascertain what was most wanted in the California Market as soon as you arrived there and get all the information you could and send me word immediately and I promised to send you anything you wanted on condition that you made prompt returns, which if you had done we might both have been rich, but on the contrary you have up to the date of this letter never sent me one word, I believe your Mother sent me word that you had sold the barrows for 30 dollars a piece and the reason you did not write to me was because you had not time to write to all, a poor excuse indeed had not time to attend to the most important part of your business, you had time to write to your mother about things of no importance, and to send Gold dust and letters to some little French girl in New York you have sent newspapers, all round and you have written to Mr. Smith, but not a word to me, and if it had not been for Capt Wardle and Mr. John Flintoff who left his goods in your hands I should not have known anything about my things up to this day, But Capt Wardle told me he saw you sell my things before he left that you took out in the Sutton and that you got ten hundred Dollars for the wagon and fifty Dollars a piece for the wheel barrows, now Thomas Mr. Thomas Wardle told me that the whole expence on my things that you took in the Sutton to land them ashore was only 70 dollars 59 Cents, and according to the agreement I made with you that my Bill

must be paid first, that is the cost or value of the goods delivered on board the ship, according to the bill I gave you, and the insurance and the freight to land them in Sanfrancisco, and for whatever els exspence or trouble you had you was to have one half of what they fetched or sold for after deducting those bills out first, now according to this agreement you had in your hands of my money before Capt Wardle left Sanfrancisco over seven hundred dollars, why did you not send it to me by him you never could have a safer cheaper or better oportunity, if you had done so and sent on orders for more goods I should have had means to make or buey and it would have been greatly to your interest as well as mine, but you have deprived me of the privilege or advantage, Capt Wardle said you received the goods I sent you by the John G. Costen before he left all in good order and by the Bills and letters with the goods you saw that the freight on them was paid and also the amount of first cost the insurance and freight, I want you to send me a bill of Particulars what each artikle sold for the goods that was left with you by Mr. Flintoff was all by my telling him that you was honest and capable to do anything he chose to intrust you with, and there are hundreds now in Newark that I could get to send goods to you, if I could tell them that you had made quick and faithfull returns to me and that I would be security that you would do the same by them, but when I am asked about it I really dont know what to say, the one fourth of those carts and harnesses that Mr. Flintoff left with you are mine, I should be glad if you would send me a statement of what they sold for, and what the exspence was of getting them ashore independent of the rest of their goods and what your commishions is on them for selling, if you have not sent my money when you receive this letter I hope you will do it without delay and be sure to get it insured and get a bill of lading so that it cannot

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the money you have kept the wagon at that price yourself to go in the stageing business with and I shall expect you to account to me for it, and you must not return home without selling or accounting to me for every single article I have sent you, let the price be what it will and have the dust with you to pay over on the spot for I am determined to have the matter closed up, and I shall keep pretty quiet untill you have time to comply with those requests, but if I am obliged to investigate the matter, it will be a thorough one, I have no doubt you will think that I am very severe, which I always am when I am imposed upon, I still remain your well wisher

Henry I. Kip

If you send me the proceeds of my things before you come yourself I want you to send it by Mr. Wardle express to the Care of Thomas Wardle, I intend today to carry the dust you sent to the french girl myself and give it to her, and the letter to your mother.



Oct 13 1849  
Dear Sir

We were again disappointed by the last steamer in not hearing from you. Why you will persist in believing to write I cannot see. I can find in rather an unfavorable light - having taken your part and made excuses of all kinds to those to whom you ought to have written. The best, your Uncle Am. Gil, and my Cousins among others. From your letter of Oct. 1. we inferred that by the last steamer we should <sup>have</sup> come away even a small amount. We have shipped some goods to you, the bills of lading are made out. The Dept. of Justice but my Cousins hesitate to send them to you. We are now sending a large lot which I suppose you would have had if you had been prompt. I am sorry for this on your

as well as my account.

The only way now is to make  
an effort - send a general balance  
with every one as far as possible  
explain the delay, and do all you  
can, to make every invoice foot  
as large as you can even to your  
own disadvantage. You would  
by this time have had a large  
amount of goods on the way,  
if you had. Truly, written to each  
party interested, without - even as  
now, sending one dollar all the cost  
would have been a few sheets paper  
and a few hours time.

You may be upset at me and  
say its none of my business,  
but still I will run the risk  
and speak plain. There are  
those here who think my hand  
of your course, and hint this and  
that thing which is not favorable to  
your credit. I am very that it  
is so, for your sake and that  
of your family. They see no reason  
why you could not give them  
some explanation they suppose  
that you are doing something

else than a legitimate business  
and using their funds for that  
purpose. I always have, and  
do yet believe that you will  
do all you can for each one, and  
will account for every cent in  
your favor. I am sure, and am  
not to learn that you would  
under any circumstances  
appropriate one single cent  
to other than right use.

Thomas I am writing freely  
as a friend, and am persuaded  
it will be received as such.

By the return mail after the receipt  
of this note to me and let me  
know all about matters with  
you, as a friend, anything you  
may say, confidentially shall be  
considered so, and I will do all  
I can to place matters in a favorable  
light. You must consider this as  
private between us. Let me  
know the price of Lumber, boards  
14/24 & studs, 14/31 studs, 20/31 studs  
with studs under each also, party, oil,  
Sash Glazed, and any thing else in our  
line or a little out of it.

If you don't send before this letter  
arrives let us have some clue  
it would be as well to send some  
sums by Livingston's express.

~~And~~ close our invoice as soon  
as you can even at a lower than  
Market-rates, and send us the  
Balance <sup>Received Aug 25</sup> in our favor. We wish  
to send more goods but must  
see some prospect of the present  
Cot. first. My Cousins will not  
consent without. Hoping

to hear from you by the next  
return

I remain

Your friend

J. Lee Smith

San Francisco, December 31, 1849.

Dear Anna,

How cruel and unkind you can not write to me often. You last heard date March 7<sup>th</sup> forwarded by Mr. Foley. Previously I never had in time acknowledge mine from Rio. You must have received an other seal from Valparaiso and a host more besides. I have written by every steamer since my arrival. Why is it I get no answer? Either the letters have never reached their destination or you have grown cold and indifferent - perhaps found an other upon whom to bestow your affection. All well and good but not sanctified by in the matter. Tell me do plainly and I promise never again to trouble you with breaking my seal. I would esteem your frankness a favour and be relieved from present suspense. I dare not tell the pleasure a letter would afford in the fruitless endeavours made at the post office by offering the clerk high rewards and requesting them to look particularly at their list - we after standing hours at the delivery and being told she was nothing! Have I not borne this disappointment long enough? Can I bear it longer? What must I think? To what conclusion must I naturally come? That you no longer can forgive perhaps have forgotten such a being exists! But this I can not will not believe. Will you love me as fondly as ever. Yet still I am in doubt.

London December 31<sup>st</sup> 1819.

Dear Anne

You want and indeed you are not likely  
to enquire. The last bears date March 7<sup>th</sup> forwarded  
by Mr. Tolson. Presumably I must be omitted in some  
enquiry, my name put in. You must have received  
my share sent from Calypso and a list were besides.  
I have written by miss Thomas since my arrival. Why is  
it I get no answer to. Either the letters have never reach-  
ed their destination or we have given cold and in-  
different - perhaps found an error upon which to bottom  
your affection. All well and good but not sanctified  
by the matter. Tell me the pleasure and I promise  
never again to trouble you with looking my seal on  
I would return me perhaps a few more but be subject  
from present suspense. I dare not tell the  
pleasure a letter must be affected by the spiritless criticisms  
made at the post office. The officers the clerks high rewards  
and requesting that the particularity of their busi-  
ness after standing hours at the station and being told  
they were nothing! How have I ever been this disap-  
pointment long enough. How I have it long!  
What must I think! To what conclusion must  
I necessarily come? That you no longer can for me  
perhaps have forgotten such a long exile! And  
that I am not well not believe. I'll see how we  
get on first in our own but still I am in stocks.

circumstances of the fact it necessary. — Wait a moment  
Allow me to read over your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> June.  
I neither think I am of a jealous disposition nor  
do I suppose you capable of inconstancy.  
But what does this mean at the conclusion? I mean  
Comment and perhaps it will explain the reason why  
you do not write "The Spectator is quite a frequent visitor  
now." Yes, yes, I recollect that with "The Spectator," an old  
beamy of mine. Well, I suppose I must respect your  
rights. There's no contesting the matter should you  
give him the least encouragement. — These few  
words which appeared so insignificant at the time  
of receiving your letter, have since grown to sufficient im-  
portance to solve the mystery, settling upon my mind.  
I have no further comment to make. Time is the  
great recorder of all things. You are at perfect liberty  
to act as you think proper, there being no engage-  
ment between us either implied or understood.  
I can scarcely entertain the idea that time and  
distance should have alienated or entirely destroyed  
your affection. There remains unaltered if anything  
your strength. The reader may perhaps be attributed  
to local causes. We are not overburdened with  
badly society. Besides, my time is so much oc-  
cupied describing the story, I have little or no incli-  
nation to look it. I hope spending my evenings  
in thought, reminiscing over reminiscences of the  
past, recalling to mind too many happy hours  
we have spent together and wondering if ever again

we shall be permitted to exchange such feelings  
of mutual joy and sentiment. I think well that  
I have had I feel relying upon your eloquence, for  
a "treasure I'd not exchange for gold." While now  
I look upon it my heart melts with compassion for  
the wrong I made clear. I had paid you af-  
fecting. Why did I hesitate and appear so  
faltering? Could I not have addressed you of my  
love and given a pledge that the vow made  
would be redeemed? The letter from Ned was  
an equivocal one and might least have led to  
hope or mistrust. I fear that that has de-  
cided my fate and there is no longer hope.

Love is not love,  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the removed to remove;  
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken  
It is the Star to every wandering bark,  
Whose worth, in hap or chance, no light can take;  
Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

And it is impossible any could have forgotten an attach-  
ment so dear even though impaired with the idea of being  
so sacred for you; I was a love that could not  
have been so slight loved. I feel in distrust



erable. It was my intention to have returned home  
in this steamer or at least had you something hands  
some to enable you to carry out my plans for  
your future welfare but in all I am seemingly  
frustrated. I will not rest upon an uncertainty.

This letter I intended to a friend to deliver ~~to you~~  
~~in person~~ but I shall positively know you have  
received it. My Mr Charles S. Palmer

a worthy young man in whom I repose the  
fullest confidence. His object in returning to  
the States is to bring out his lady and the wives  
of two or three of his friends. I wish I could

Commission him to manage you by proxy and include  
you among the number. But I cannot consent

to at present think of passing every thing to make  
you comfortable and happy. Mr C. S. P. will  
tell you what a fine man I have and every other

particular concerning me you desire to know. Feel  
at liberty to ask my friend what you think prop-  
er, he is authorized to answer. The steamer ar-  
rived early Saturday day morning but the mails

are not yet entirely restored. I trust I  
shall receive a letter from my dear friend that

will tranquillize the disturbed state of my mind  
I have said before there is no longer hope and  
despair to ruin me. My love to you and all  
believe me, dear asst.

Yours sincerely,  
Wm. H. Channing,

New Haven, December 30: 1849.

Dear Miss

It pleased to give my particular friend, Charles S. Palmer Esq. a hearty welcome. You him you may place every confidence. Any information you desire to learn concerning me, he is at perfect liberty to give. You need not therefore feel the least embarrassment in asking him questions. He has been ever speaking of you so often that he must by this time feel acquainted with you.

Yours Respectfully

H. C. Whaley

Miss Anna C. January.

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