

1851

Family Correspondence (Jan - Dec)

JAN

1851

Dear Son

Albany Jan 7th 1851

I received your favoured ^{of the} by Mr McCreive ²⁴
of Nov 1st I was at a loss to the true reason of my having
received yours of the 16th of Nov previous, it really grieves me
sadly to read in your letters that you have not received any
letter from us since Aug 26 - what construction will you
put upon not doing so, it must not be neglect, as this is the
fourth or fifth letter I have written since within six
weeks I would be sorry indeed to forget my maternal
duty, as you have been so filial in your ^{to} your attention
to us, what would I have done had you have been
indifferent as some are to their friends? Dear Child of our
Commence yours of the 12th of Nov by saying that your
becoming more impatient to hear from us, I have only
sent letters by Lorenzo Dow with ^{all others by Mail or Express} my likeness which I hope
you have received, as it will please you very much to look at
that I sent on the 11th Oct. I should have been much pleas'd
to have seen Mr McCreive but my being at Albany will
deprive us of that pleasure, I am sorry to learn that your
friend Mr Franklin is ill, hope he is restored to good health
I am happy to read that your health is good the only hope
I have for your prosperity. You say the weather is fine
but soon the floods will descend, which would have been
the case by this time, it gives me comfort that you are
prepared for the season - I am rejoiced to learn that
you are fast paying of your debts, I hope to soon hear of
the last one being paid, you need not feel dismayed

indeed, having paid so much, I would let the buildings
 go if you can only hold on as long as you anticipate
^{some} day you are very fortunate to have the suit pro-
 crastinated as you have a chance to revive it. I shuddered
 to read that one of your Bernards had died of cholera but
 how mercifully you have been protected, only think!
 I presume your suit is decided by this time ~~is~~, likewise
 I am thankful to hear that the Epidemic has subsided
 and you are safer. Mrs Thompson informed me she expected
 her son to return home soon, but I have not heard of the fact
 no doubt you will feel the loss of Puffer and Wm J, as you
 were have been on such terms of intimacy, I feel sorry for you
 indeed, you are really under some obligation to Bill but you must
 have paid them great interest at 150 dollars per month, more I
 should say than you could know it; I will not name it to her
 or his family. We should be pleased to see George Puffer if he
 has been your kind Companion and confidant, He and Sister's sons
 our best complainers of the season and wish you a happy return
 though you did not come home, to cheer our solitary life
 you did not name Anna in your two last letters, I have not
 heard from her since, I saw Mr. Baines, who said he would write
 you his ideas and the knowledge he had gained from Anna
 which I hope you will meditate upon duly, as I think her Mother
 likes you to continue to bestow on her daughter, you need not care
 to keep her up to attract the company of others, that you
 should have been mighty careful of, doing from the first
 still I know your intentions towards her was good, and as
 you wrote the particulars to me I was willing to receive ^{her}
 and wrote to her, ~~the~~ inclination was not to see her or
 she would have jumped at the opportunity, as I do not consider

no write her
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 the best
 she will
 she will
 she will

this so often
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 bring, as you send
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 you hear from
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 if your Sisters
 would have been
 intended but, as
 if I had not been
 not have been
 with you and
 excellent I would
 as you had
 your wife's
 you news as to
 day Georgia
 has not sent me
 private hands
 a paper at you
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 Jan 12th I want
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I do not consider

him so extremely delicate if she does but they ought to
decide what they intend to do, now whether will not let her go is
long as you send her to see Mr. P. you are that information
I have not the least doubt of it, but you will understand when
you hear from your friend Palmer. Thomas I hope you
have some of my former letters so that you have been informed
of your Sister's intentions towards Mr. Heffs, how pleasant it
would have been for Sister to have ^{gone} ~~been~~ ^{as you}
intended but, as she was the best pleased, ^{not to do so} I ^{never} knew that
if she would had treated Mr. P. in what way Mr. P. would
not have been pleased in the end. I presume all will be well
with you and Anna, as you think she is so many ex-
cellent I would have been much happy to have seen her
as you had made up your mind to select her for
your wife, we will go to city to morrow & go to have
good news as two Steamers has arrived within the last two
day Georgia and the Empire City and Sylvestra in Mr. Palmer
has not sent me up any letter faithfully they have come by
private hands. Thomas I often say I should be pleased to take
a peep at you in Cal. The representation of Washington
is to be exhibited in Denmark for a week if I could only see
you how happy I should be to attend the night. but I
live in great hope to see you with the next ounce more
and I leave the world, in fact we all feel extra
ordinarily anxious for you. Mr. B. nows brother has returned
home Mr. B. lately was convinced, your Grandfather is very
sane but perhaps not more so than might be expected.
Jan 12th I wrote the former part of this letter by night thinking
to mail it on the 10th as I was going to city on seeing Sylvestra I did not
bring so as had sent up yours of Jan 10th which ^{we} read with great
pleasure

This letter is so much crumpled being in my pocket I could
not send it had I had time to write a rather the George
sailed yesterday, one sails tomorrow therefore I cannot take
opportunity to write Mr Wm Watson and son has determined to take
family he is a friend of Francis Lippard a Lawyer ^{in Calif} Mr W was at
Sacramento he was to have seen you but he did not get his
wife last letter I have a room and bed room to put my furniture
in at his house in 6th Avenue I was disappointed on seeing him
that he had not seen you they are very clean men people
their place of business is near Joseph West in Fulton St
I must write on a rather direct this will not do

Recd Mar 5 1857
Andel Apr 15

I was happy indeed to learn from yours of the 30th of Nov that ^{5 page}
you had received the letter written on your birth day at least; as you
was entitled to others you will be satisfied without writing if you
only received them all it is a great pleasure to me to communicate to
you all the intelligence I possibly can and comply with all your requests
and am sorry there is one that I have endeavoured to accomplish but failed
by Anna or her Mother refusing to accept of ^{our} proffered invitation; you
cannot conscientiously condemn me and sister of course we certainly
though she would be pleased to call on us or were we excuse her
only Mr Palmer said she thought it was her Mother's fault as she talked
differently to him whether Mother was by but writes as I may you will
form your own opinion and be most favourable towards Anna
consequently I hope you will wish all the kind and true love from the
ladies, trust your kind attention, however, I shall not all pass if she
treats you well and reciprocates your kind love as you say she
promises to do what more could you ask or I desire? I hope you ^{will}
not think raising your buildings until the point is decided it would
be doubtful pay a good interest if you was certain to retain the property
the street must be much improved by plumbings but time brings
forth's & I would not desire you to come home until all
your debts are paid as anxious as we are all to see you, I hope
you will be placed in a situation to do so one of these days as I must
I think you will do well in Calico. Your love is great & so on
& my! hold on then let go if you think proper I would not care
if I did sacrifice the buildings I do understand your position to a
certain degree, but keep your good cheer I do pray that Mr H
is a man in whom you can place great confidence. Why is
your garden so prodigally sowed on a thanksgiving day, you
must be a pretty good cook or people appear to think so, I
hope you insist on their paying up frequently as I would not
wash and dishwash for no one person unless they did I think, if you

I presume it is small, take I think you are well aware
 that hard money is hard to come by. It please me to know
 that you pass your evenings at home, and not at saloons.
 I presume you will amuse your income if possible I should
 say of an and Mr. Houghton make a sofa very good, I do indeed wish
 could behold you at your desk as you desire I I did not know
 you wanted another likeness of sister she says she will write ^{and}
 as soon as you write that you have recovered mine, it gives an
 infinite pleasure to ^{hear of your excellent health and the}
 good come again take of it, I think if only some of the ^{even}
 has died out of ^{in few} you John has written two letters with love
 her and family as well and in good spirit. Thomas I succeeded in
 finding father's papers relating to his being an ^{accident}
 being seven years and in the war of 1812 I was fearful as I could
 not find them. What yesterday I am willing to have the land in
 Cal. or Oregon as you say. I am glad to hear that you are joyful
 in sensation and I presume your friends will say so if they give you
 no doubt you still them favours. Thomas I do not doubt but he
 has shown a great attachment for you but her mother may
 interfere therefore if you send me many let it not be obtained un-
 less for that certain purpose as you say she may have changed
 greatly in two years I would have sought that knowledge from you
 if I had not been deceived by him I hope and pray your friend in
 whom you have confided - will attend ^{you} faithfully and impartially
 all you desire. It would be the most pleasant to you to come home
 and take Anna with you to which you have my full consent if all
 is, as you say. I deeply thought of Mr. P. J. but made a pitie I hope your
 affairs are safer in his and Puffen hands as you state. I do not take
 all the business to be conducted in Mr. F. name you must be careful
 how you do. Mrs. G. is a stranger to you so indeed I hope she was ^{not}
 with you made with ^{Thomas} I will not say one word of ^{your} ^{affair}

from the letter written concerning me in Boston in 1817

Recd Mar 5. 1857
 And Apr 15

I do remember the lot at Pincon Point and
hope you will hold on to it. I hope Bill will
prove more of a find than I will ever be interested
for here as you know he was always a favourite of
and hope he will prosper. I will be happy to see some
and it will be pleasant to receive news as usual a friend
of yours. I will write to Henry in a few days
with the information concerning you as they feel for you
and your prosperity. What did do with these parcels
and being worse than in your way to use I will tell
when I write again. I hope you will be pleased
with your success as much as your wife and the family
the Mrs. P. is going to Mr. P. to see by Express name
it in your next. I always think you are not
independent consider alive. I will remain an
ever your friend. I am so glad to hear of your
travels. They have done well and they are in good
care of them. I hope we are later some of your
love with the compliments of the season - I was
with the child. We commenced to speak of to you had
informed me that the law respecting the payment
of interest to the month of Oct after which incident
of returnable 15 then I was and so on I was not aware of it
I immediately started off to the bank. The money I had
was not enough. I had paid they amounted to 99
and 50 cents including the interest of more than
\$100.00. I was to pay one
extra it was well I had the cash. I know not
the reason why Mr. H. himself did not pay for 1873
my husband in. I can be told Mr. H. to inform

He did not wish to continue to keep the
use any longer than February under circumstances
was very sorry indeed my being about to leave
with your sister Sarah. I saw a note requesting
her to keep it for one year if that was
longer than he wished to for 5 months but
then he might have paid the taxes to save
on the interest I have had an answer from
her yet I felt mean to solicit him to do so
In Sept I wrote a note to Charles Thompson
requesting him to get my tax bills and send
them to H. had he did not do so or I should
have seen the notice on the bills it would not
have obliged him to have done so.

Your sister had a very polite invitation
to spend the year with Mr. H. Smith and
in consequence of the death of the
Mrs. M. she could not attend which was
a great regret to her and Mrs. Pickens
it was a splendid day she received 100. calls for
good the very first day I came and
been great rejoinders to Mr. H. B. and children
blew down and many other experiences
that it took nearly all my funds to pay taxes
as you may suppose I am at considerable
expense with Sister at this time nothing more
than what I assure you owing to other expenses
on the property I did not expect so I let
she must be written etc as you know she
always is and I hope will continue to be!

Thomas you wish to have
event is to take place of
she say the best of you
should prove not for trouble
to eat and spend my days
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to collect as Mr. P. from
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being about to leave
in a note requesting
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hand-mailed but
the tapes to save
I am assured from
select him to do so
to Charles Whittington
tax bills and send
not do so or I should
the bills it would not
and so
of private institutions
Mr W. Smith's
appointment of the
to attend which was
and Mrs. J. Johnson
received 100 calls per day
I am sure
Mr. H. B. Smith
these expenses are
tapes to keep tapes
are at considerable
is time nothing more
ring to other expenses
not expect so I tell
to advise how far
will continue to be so

Charlotte before is married to a Mr. Spalding the son of a lawyer

Thomas had wish to know when the
event is to take place I have asked her
she say the best Gracious Heaven
should prove not for the best I will run
to Cal^{to} and spend my days - My God
prosper Thiers undertaking is
ardent prayer she will go to
Wattinson I presume often being
married I cannot realize it to be the case
though I am writing to you all will
be plain according to arrangements at
present as she leave the City, I am not
certain where it will take place at all
on Newark it will be in a Church
I will inform you in my next as
I wish to take this to the office to day
as the steamer leaves tomorrow
I gave Pansell's draft to Mr West
to collect as Mr P. promises to cash
and pay it and that I think he will
I will get it on soon it to you Thomas
I do think you will like Mr. Higgs very
I consider him a candid person and much
to be depended upon when appears to
opposite him very much his age 25
is enough to be good I would write more
but I must close and May his friends you
as it leaves us on the enjoyment of health
is the hope of your affectionate Mother
and Sister R. H. H. and R. H. H. H.

Recd Aug 27
And 28

London 17 Jan 5 1857

Rev D Edinborough

My dear Sir

Your letter dated 1st Aug 1850 I
have this moment recd from the hands of Mr. Nisby of this
place who recd it from Mr. Bell. The terms in which
your letter is conveyed give me at once the greatest satisfaction
and most acute pain. Satisfaction to find that you still
regard me with feelings which it shall be to my pride
to deserve and pain to find that my messages & letters have
not reached you. I sent you private hand letters once
- twice and to all the friends with a full
draft of the same, accompanying the occasion with
you were acceptly of the same on the matter also with
regard to my lot at the Mission which I thought to recd what
the letter may have recd. I am long to you might not
have come into possession till early in the date of
your above mentioned letter. I am long to you will be satisfied
in these points. - I returned to the place in London

I have spent the winter in a manner which I think and
 like a Renegade on the face of the North - My success
 has been but indeed so bad that I am myself in bad
 off as well as my Detachment, but I could not war to return to
 the 2^d of January I was exceedingly pointed here by a letter
 from the State not being able to minister myself since
 when I left place I proceeded to Upper River Am. River
 there entered into a Party of 600 men for 2 Mo. I was
 for my capture & if it was a failure, broke it out of spirits, I
 determined to make for the 1st of March that for a short
 time at least I should have a better return my friends I
 abandoned that I might have a chance to proceed again to the
 River, week after what became of me since that I have been
 struggling and pursuing through the most undesirable
 all kinds till unfortunately I was Indian hunting was
 made I am not for my Hon. Co. Discharge & since have been
 moving about till I have a mind here to finish my way further
 North - during my peripatations I have traversed the whole
 Country from the New Albany to the North part of the
 River and it is my intention to proceed to the North part of
 the Origin if not I shall return to the 1st of June in default of
 finding employment go by water to that place. You have heard

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 Hawley
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a recent life of my past present & future seems
I so justify much the death of Newton
when I could not see through his sickness - The
Battles of the American - they seemed but as I expected
they would not do the honor with us & I was surprised not
do the first thing with an American Law glad to hear of
Hawley's success & should like to know the final result
He had them on all sides I should like also to know the
final result of the suits in which you are interested, even
at this late date - I regret to hear of your absence for my
apparent neglect in not writing but if you consider
my situation you will surely forgive me in various ways
a neglect for this business will be something if I have
often been at a shamble to know where my mechanical was
to find firm to know how to buy my way home I have
even neglected her who was under to me with the apple of my eye
My Mother, be that that my own fault & God knows
I have no more to say for ever been contented to you
states since & I am present in the system I am in fact
New York. God bless my father's are as they love it
but perhaps all is for the best -

If you receive this in due time & answer it
immediately directing your letter to Nevada City I shall receive it
as I pass through, I send my Mother's letters & all the
news which will interest you, you have a long letter to write
I wish to communicate. God bless you my dear boy
& prosper you that more than I have prospered & may not
see me again I hope till our misfortunes over a full
trumper of good lucks

If I succeed in finding good mines you
shall hear from me & we will fare good if not respect me
don't show the present I have discovered the fertility of this
search & I will consult with you of my future plans

God bless you remember me as
I've your constant friend & well wisher
D. Ester

Let your business men or lawyer to bill \$3 for me to Elgin
I've been under the impression we are to have \$4. will be the time
I can put that matter through on the my sister's you & myself

If you receive this in due time & am not
immediately directing your letter to Nevada City I shall receive it
as I pass through, through my mother's letter & all the
news which will interest me. You have a long letter to write
I wish to communicate. God bless you my dear boy
& prosper you that more than I have prospered & may we
soon see you again & happy of all our misfortunes, even a full
trumper of good looks.

If I succeed in finding good mines you
shall hear from me & we will forego if not respect me
elsewhere he knows. I have discovered the utility of the
search & I will consult with you of my future plans.
God bless you & remember me as
ever your constant friend & well wisher
D. Ester.

But you have a mind to say you to ally & 3 for me to Eliza
I am sure I will be with you when we are both in N.Y. will be the time
I can put that matter through with my sisters you & myself.

New York Jan 10th 1851.

My dear Thomas.

Word of the 13th November came to hand safely. It pleased me very much to hear from you. But you are rather hard on me about my letters. They do not seem to please you as much as you would like. I assure you Thomas that what I write you, comes from the bottom of my heart. But it seems that is not what you wish. Now I tell you Thomas that I cannot change my style unless I cease writing all together. Enough of this, it hurt my feelings somewhat, but it is passing off. Then something else, you have said that very much depended upon ^{what} ~~my~~ ^{my} S. had gained (with respect to "accomplishments, whether the consummation of a certain event would take place." That simple sentence almost changes my flow of feelings towards you. If you, my dear Thomas should not be pleased with me when we meet again, as dearly and as sincerely as I love you, I will resign my claim upon you without a murmur. Do not think my dearest that I am changing towards you

No not I. My feelings are the same and
ever will be until death ~~shall~~. But I hope
nothing unpleasant will ever take place
between us two. You know Thomas that it
would break my heart. Forgive me one
more, dearest, I have unburdened my mind
to you, but how I have expressed myself I
can hardly tell, do not criticize my Complaint
too much.

Recd Dec 1. 1857

Love
Mrs G. & L.

Your friends Mrs G. & L. Puffer have not
yet called upon me, probably they have
not yet arrived. I am anxiously awaiting a
letter from you, and that handsome friend
you have been so kind as to send me.

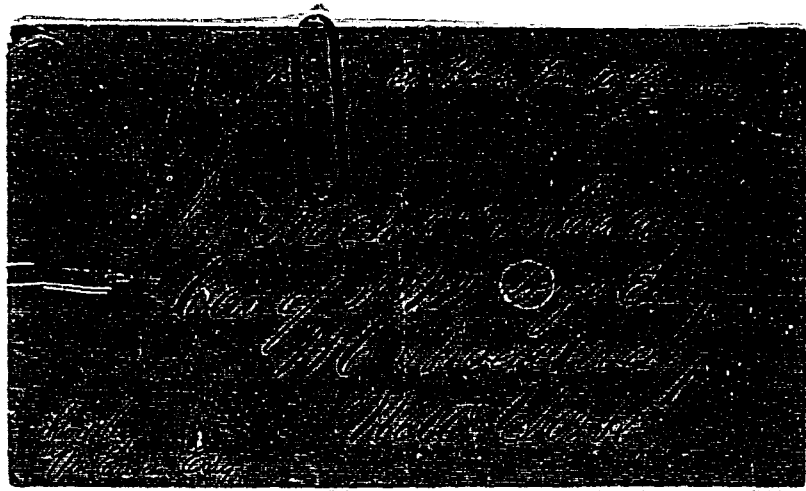
It will please me no doubt my dear, for anything
they come from you I prize as much as
my life. Pardon me for not sending you
my likeness before. You must have received
it ere this. I sent it through Gregory's Express
but forgot to put the full direction, as regards
the street in which you reside. My visit to
Hempstead was not as pleasant as I expected
I was very much disappointed. For that reason
I did not mention it in my previous
letter. I am delighted to hear that you have
met with Mr Warner. I hope you will become
intimate. I am now writing at my Cousin's Mrs
Warner. She often speaks of you, and wants
to see you very soon. Thy My dear Thomas

to return
you to
well
friends
I know
at the
me I do
refused
I hope
sent on
Thomas
want my
and letters
You must
pleasantly
forget
I thank
do not
for me
still I was
another
far away
could
I must
to take
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regard's Express
as regards
my visit to
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I now have
will become
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I want
Thomas

to return as soon your business will allow
you to. I am so impatient. I still continue
some of my lessons and get along pretty
well. I am awaiting the arrival of your
friends with a great deal of pleasure, and
I know that Mr. Puffer, and myself will
be the best of friends. If he proposes to
me, I do not think that he will meet with a
refusal. We will agree nicely from all accounts
Mr. Thompson will be well received when he
calls on us. I can assure you. How my dear
Thomas and you progressing in your affairs, you
must not forget me lately. I hope well. Try
not to let up your courage, and spirits.
God must take all that I have written
pleasantly dear Mr. Puffer and all. He did not
forget to advise your health on it when he
I thank your health and speedy return. How
do not know what a sad day it was
for me. Although we had some collo-
quy it was still very sad, to think that
another year had passed and we are still
far away from each other. Would that I
could be with you before this year runs out.
I wish not to close by dearest, by entreating you
to take good care of yourself and keep us
in the news. You will hear from me again by next
letter. I love you dearest. Adieu.
I love truly - Anna.

Received from 1.01 1/69
Cousin " 5 a
Jan 1 1869



London January 10 1857

My dear Mother
I received your letter of the 7th inst. and was
glad to hear from you and to hear that you
were all well. I am well at present and
hope these few lines will find you all
the same. I have not much news to write
at present. I am still in the same
situation. I have not yet received any
news from you since I last wrote. I
am sure you are all well and happy.
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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the proposed road. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to obtain the necessary information from the local authorities. I will endeavor to assist you in this regard. I have consulted with the relevant departments and will provide you with the information as soon as it is available. I am sure that you will find this information helpful in your negotiations with the local authorities. I will keep you informed of any further developments. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John Doe

Dear Tom

Monday Jan 17. 1857

I have just finished breakfast after the old style consisting of some nice beef steak & fried potatoes & a cup of prime coffee, finishing up with a pipe of tobacco. As I was out wishing you were here to enjoy it with me. I think that I have been able to get my property but hope to do so shortly.

I am very anxious to get up to your great City. I have arranged my affairs & everything is going on smoothly. I suppose you have received letters from Frank & Lou let me know when you write me, how he is getting along. If Mr. Gurley has any letters for me be kind enough to forward them to me.

This office is No 2 Gold Street please send my tools blanket & saddle skin down, direct them

Edwin Gomez Monterey. I am looking up a nice young Senorita for you to bring up on my return. I do not think there is any thing to speculate on, as produce is very scarce. Nothing more to communicate. I remain your friend

Edwin Gomez

Edwin Gomez

{Do not trouble your self about the trunk I sent the letter I gave you

into your mother say to this. Surely she can have no other. What
will suit the wife and friends. Mr. & Mrs. Starnes will be here and
shall you and Mr. Elvick. I cannot think of your mother's
property and building two cottages. I am so kindly and the
other to accept for me with the right of purchase and from
what he has told me I think in case he sends for his wife
he will write for you to come. I shall have no objection on
the contrary in willing to pay and you as paid as soon as it lies in
my power. They almost have written similar papers as I may
not be doing right in letting you as simple as I have.
Oh say. And you do not wish to disturb me in any thing but
in regard to the foundation of an agreement with my family.
And you have also kept me. Surely displacing me very
much. But I will say nothing more. Of your own presence
to this in my heart and I have you to say it. I am sure that
you will keep up your spirits. My dear girl, be at
my feet in the least that has turned. I am succeeding
wonderfully well in every thing and the time will pass
away. I hope you will be able to see an other and perhaps
of the joy which you are to expect. I expect you must
be long and the intelligence of your dear Mr. Starnes as received
the parcel of dust. In case you should want things to be
able to come. I am writing you about the price of the hand
but Mr. Puffer to give you some little money. I hope

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you it is worth at least \$100.00 but you may not care for it for
anything more than \$10.00 and I can buy an other when I am
flush. Perhaps before you make any final arrangements
to come I may be in a position to remit you some thing. I
have during the past month spent over one thousand
dollars making my buildings tenanted and as they
are now vacant I have vacated a dollar to be
my sub. but still an eighth day in time for us
both I trust. Now dear Anna I bid you adieu
wishing you to remember me to Mrs. Grained and
your own family. Yours affectionately

Wm. G. Walling

Del. To Mrs. Walling I have enclosed this letter. Peter will be good
enough to deliver immediately the love ~~over~~ as a good subject
and mail the other to the Post Office. Since writing the above
I have ascertained that Mr. Wm. Estlin, a friend of mine is about leaving for
Horn thus fore instead of enclosing the letter to you I will give them to him

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Feb 11, 1851
Description of
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size of rooms
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San Francisco. 1st February 1851.

Dear Anna,

Due to the multiplicity of my correspondences and
importance of my affairs - I must ~~not~~ wholly neglect the when I
shall have than ever considered - I may lose everything, be entire-
ly ruined, yet there is something I shall never lose and that is
the faithful heart which beats within your bosom. I have only
a moment to communicate my true being wholly occupied with
building, law and business of every kind. So commended. My chief
study is the prosperity of our country may be secured. I shall make
every one effort more to save than ever if indispensable let them go
without the least regret. There are a series of much trouble & expense
and at present without the least profit. It is true I should even
them as they prevent me from engaging in other things which may
prove more profitable. Do not think Anna that I do not dis-
courage me. I am quite glad to get rid of them. The business
which I am establishing down the coast bids fair to prosper and
will require all my time and attention. I consider my chances
just now better than ever they were and I am determined to give
myself of the inducements offered. The house at Rivera Point is
nearly completed and when finished will present a hand-
some, cozy, like appearance. The wife be please with it. I am
sure and since the quarters extremely comfortable if ever you should

How do you like the house for my mother the way you receive things

make it a piece of sediments. It is being worked at the expense of
Mr. Haines and myself. We have somewhat changed the plan and
intend it for a dwelling instead of a store. Upon the first story
there are a parlor 20x12 Dining room 10x12 Kitchen 8x10 and
upon the second floor four bedrooms ten feet square. There
is a balcony five feet wide and in the rear another ten
feet wide commanding from the high bluff upon which the house
is situated a beautiful view of the bay. There are in each
of the gables over two windows. The roof projects over and
it ornaments it. getting put work with the balcony to extend
The house is 20 ft square two stories high and will cost about \$1000.00
I paid Mr. Haines a two pound note, to do any thing for me
a man whose skill I never met with but I attribute a
great deal he does for me to your being his promoter. I have
left my name (though all my things are there) and am sleeping with
Haines at his fine apartment on Montgomery St. It is needless
to say we are much together and pass our time very pleasantly.
He informs me that Mrs. Haines intends coming. I wish she may
and bring you a bag with her. The house at New Point
will be sufficiently large to accommodate all hands. Haines
is now busily engaged to day and may not be able to write and wishes
me to communicate a word or two to his lady. Tell her he is well and lives
well, wishes her well to her and a kind to the children. So the rest of the world he shall be
best respects. (I can be seen with respect to all
I have not received the ticket nor any letter by the last steamer. I shall be
to see if something can be done.)

Feb 11, 1851
Loss of Buildings
in S. F. -

Partnership with
Lewis Franklin
consignment of
goods to S. D.

Mr. Maclean
Care of Wm. Dyer Esq
No. Broadway
New York

St. Louis, Mo. 1st 1857.

Dear Mother & Victor,

My time is so much occupied I have barely a moment to communicate a few words in reply to the ever long letters of the 24th November and 1st December but I must write you something. The information in my last will make you sure than ever anxious to hear from Mrs. Harriet's letter is long and interesting. I shall be pleased to receive her favours as often as she can make it convenient but she must not expect replies particularly addressed to her. What I said you is equally in need for her. It concerned my property in Mississippi which is in the possession of the Sheriff and as he is sued by an illegal procedure I am determined to have a writ to have it reinstated. I hope to succeed in the same and if I do I hope to make some favourable compromise otherwise they must obtain possession by legal proceedings. This would take considerable time to effect therefore I believe they will be more favourably inclined towards me than they have previously been. My business occupies much of my time and causes me considerable anxiety. Should I not succeed in a few things placed in possession I intend abandoning the

whole affair at once as I can employ my time and
 talents more advantageously. Believe the loss of these
 buildings is the best thing that could have happened to me.
 I am perfectly indifferent to retaining them. You may
 think this very strange therefore let me explain myself.
 In a previous letter I informed you of my con-
 sultation with Mr Lewis C Franklin and that he had pro-
 ceeded down the coast with two of his precious feet
 seeking means, upon a trading voyage. His command
 goods which I can look with him partly belonging to me
 and partly obtained on consignment amounted to about
 \$3,000.00. The last steamer brought me advice that
 he had done well with prospects of establishing a good
 business and the determination of fixing at San Diego.
 His friends have also come to the same conclusion and
 offered Franklin & myself an interest in their business
 which is already the largest in the place and bids
 fair to become very extensive. One of the parties
 is now in town purchasing and soliciting further
 equipments and I am likewise engaged. We shall
 have goods enough to charter a vessel which is our
 intention to do in the course of a week or ten
 days. I am happy to say I have some very
 good friends even in California and upon whom

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capable to appreciate my feelings, as I was sadly disappointed, all which have before
I will send Harvett and Wm. West likewise in my frame the first opportunity I think
you will be pleased to receive.
Mr W. Smith and family are well
though his health been but full of late. I saw Mr. Corby at Mr. Smith's rather soon
I shall write to Mr. Smith this week he may name it Mr. Palmer has paid as the head
of the affair Thomas, I hope you will get up all your affairs for you have for home
as people appear to be best little to be deferred upon these days you must be fast
they waiting your debts which give me great pleasure I shall try to know that
you are quite free I told them in one of my last letters I did not doubt but
you would pay them soon though you had been unfortunate in many points
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We have not here any to about the fault the trustee has not written to us what
they desired to do, but it be undone I think to give him \$1000 I think and brother
hand purchased five plots I go with me to visit one when I am ready I would only give a
small one, as it is uncertain I need of you will be glad to have it, you are all dis-
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your father but I will decide when I hear from the trustee. I don't see
I send you a card of my wife's marriage I won't be to write but she says
she think I have written all communications I don't expect to see my intelligence
I hope to get a letter from you tomorrow which will be a great pleasure to
me if it contains good news from which I shall be thankful to the giving of it
and may the Lord guide you to do that good is the work of your affectionate
Mother your sister I send her love to you likewise. I believe I wish
wishing you all the happiness and success you anticipate. I wish to
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have taxed all improved property for the Colon water. That last I forgot to do so
I wish to inform you that we have a very comfortable place of board Mrs. M
the piano is kept for our use I thought it would be some amusement for your
sister I am sorry to say you know she is not as fond of music as I desire her to be
though she is playing while I am writing to you, I would have written by the last
steamer but I was waiting to get your letter, as I was certain there must be one
for me as you may suppose I was exceedingly excited, but all went not but
I hope by this time your news from Anna is all so flattering, you I am quite sorry
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I hope the Puffens and Mr Thompson will soon arrive safe, to the great
joy of their friends I am certain Mrs. J will be full of historical papers, I have
not seen her in a long time, I shall have to go to ship in the spring, to attend to
the furniture, as I do not know at present what I shall do, I think to remain
with your sister, I hope John or her will not be displeas'd that we have not
visited them, I shall go soon as I can I wish to go to Washington this winter
you explain as we have been very frugal in our expenses but it was needful
to be so, as the taxes was nearly \$1,000, most doubtless I hope you have received
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and deal in business affairs would not admit of it, as Mr J is
business which you never I asprone of. Let me tell you Mr
California I did not hear a single word of it untill I
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Feb 9th 1861

Wm. West

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Jersey City February 9th 1831

Dear Aunt

In close you will find two letters from ~~them~~
 just ~~to hand~~ You will please to inform ~~me~~
 what his ~~course~~ to hand. And I should answer it im-
 mediately. I call upon Mr West yesterday he says Mr Bar-
 ily wishes to lease the property in ~~8 1/2~~ for five years at
 forty Dollars per year and paying taxes. He wishes to be
 inform about it. The rent of Mr Wards water Mr Barwell
 will attend to. I attend the wedding of John Pipp on
 Wednesday last at Eight O'clock. Continuing all things pass
 of well.

Dear Cousin

You would think it strange should I close without
 saying a word about you and your Dear Wife I have not
 but you are both enjoying yourselves and spending the
 honey moon as all possible be spent if I am wrong please
 to inform me. Should like to know when you could write
 to me about my honeymoon. I am afraid it is a long way
 off. John ~~has~~ has been to bring to me someone that's
 have made several mistakes. At last he has fallen asleep. He
 sends his best wishes to you all. My your acquaintance send you
 their love wishing you a long life and happiness. Please
 to accept mine. My best wishes to ~~you~~ in S. L. S.
 Yours Truly
 Wm. J. Dwyer

Mr W. H. Keppel
Office of Morse Sonu & Co. Agents
Baltimore
Md.

For Mr. Whaley

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New York Dec 11th 1851.

My dear Thomas.

Your kind epistle of the 30th December was received by me with great joy as all your kind letters are. I am delighted to know that you enjoy such excellent health, and spirits. Let all you can my dear Thomas to keep up courage, you will no doubt one of these days be very happy.

I am exceedingly sorry that my letter of the 25th October caused you so much pain. Indeed I did not mean it should, but what could I do. I had sent you the invitation and I repented of it afterwards. In fact my dear Thomas I did not at the time think it was as polite as it might have been, but now I see through it clearly, and indeed repent of my conduct, and beg your gentle censure. But I fear you are very angry with me for acting so thoughtlessly. Will you then my dear Thomas pardon me this time, and assured it will be the last time anything of the kind shall ever take place. How could you my dear Thomas, for one moment think that I sent you that note, because the writing and the composition did not please me. You even went so far

as to say that I criticized it. It is not so.
of the kind ever entered my head. I think
you who are kind upon me, you judge
fully I can assure you, I thought you had a better
opinion of me whom you love and who love you
so dearly. Once more dear, I must say that I
never once thought of the style of writing & expres-
sion of your mother's note, the only thing in which
I thought it was deficient, was friendliness. But as
I have said before, you have persuaded me to the
contrary, and I am willing to make any concession
which you or your mother may deem requisite.
I have written to your mother as you requested and
I hope yet to gain your continuance of love and
affection. My dear Thomas I would do anything
in this world for you, rather than forfeit your
love. I cannot bear to think of what you have
written in your last letter to me, it makes me
shudder. But every thing shall go right after this, if
I have anything to do with it. Now tell me once
for all dear Thomas, are you perfectly willing to give
me, and forget the past? Tell me for I do not
doubt at heart, to think I should have caused so
much pain. I copied the note you sent me from
your mother, and sent it day before yesterday, I hope
she will receive it safely, and that we may
be good friends. I am willing to beg her forgiveness
as far as I am concerned. Apropos: I wonder that your
sister was married. Is it so? Let me know in your

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Brooklyn, February 21st, 1841

Mr Thomas Whales

Dear Friend, Dear

Now I am back in old Brooklyn after a long passage of two months and ten days, I reached home on Saturday morning last about eleven o'clock with me very sore, having been out with the fever on my way up to New York. I am now almost well and now you see it is my friend upon the water is out. I called upon Maria she was out at the time so I had a little chat with her sister for about an hour when Maria made her appearance looking lovely. Now Tom I am in earnest when I tell you that I was never more surprised than when her sister introduced me for I had imagined a very plain & insignificant girl, she has a fine eye and a very intelligent countenance. Tom you would not see her as when she opened the box, her eyes it would be impossible to see - our step - am out. Writing you now to let you know of my safe arrival I have no more to do but you must excuse me this time next week I will send you a more full account of my doings. Tell Gaston I sent forward his package

6, Copying yesterday, and expect to see you soon
in a day or two. I have written a few lines
on it at Harvard, and will send it to you
speaking of your journal, and of the nature of the work
in a paper at Harvard, and will be glad to hear
if you will soon, please see examples and you will
want to come over, and as those says in the
go out with you soon, if you can, I am going up to
have a querry of mine in a wood, and I
intend to present you with it, and I shall
send you some results. I will give you a small
panama but not that Thompson's machine, as I shall
write to that.

You would oblige me by calling at Mr. Gallows, and say
to Mrs. G. that I delivered her presents to her sisters and
was quite well with the bridge. I am going down
to Rahway and when I return shall write her a long
letter about them all, remember me to Mrs. Bradstreet
and Mr. Blair. Love to Franklin, Beck, Elan, Mrs. Thacker, Punting,
Gen. & Tom, Hurdle Sage and all my friends not forgetting
Enderick, take and believe me, yours

Yours much attached

Friend George D. Buffum

P.S.
Because mistakes and writing for I have only
since friends waiting for a chance to talk to me. G.D.

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J. H. Mason
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Received March 22, 1857
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for Dec 10

Thomas Whaley Esq
Box 704^{1/2} Post Office
San Francisco
Cal.

San Francisco February 10 1857.

Dear Anna.

The anxiety of the last year which I
 had felt, I have now, I trust, laid
 to rest. I feel as if I could
 be as cheerful and as bright as
 you are. I shall feel as if I
 were not a burden to you, but
 as if I were a help to you. I
 shall feel as if I were not
 a source of care to you, but
 as if I were a source of
 joy to you. I shall feel as
 if I were not a source of
 sorrow to you, but as if I
 were a source of peace to
 you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 trouble to you, but as if I
 were a source of comfort to
 you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 grief to you, but as if I
 were a source of happiness
 to you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 pain to you, but as if I
 were a source of delight to
 you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 distress to you, but as if I
 were a source of consolation
 to you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 affliction to you, but as if I
 were a source of relief to
 you. I shall feel as if I
 were not a source of
 affliction to you, but as if I
 were a source of joy to you.

My affection will be pronounced and you will be
 my consolation. You must not think of me so much.
 You are absent of my affection and must know that if

I could immediately return home I would do so immediately,
Amay as well tell you to relieve your mind from all unusual
silly suspense that the time I receive your prudent appearance
and that many months will elapse before I can conveniently en-
back for home. I might sometimes feel unhappy at the thought
were I not aware in thinking of it I should the longer prolong
the time. I desire very much to see my mother and
Sister and the companions of old. Besides our own I shall
always feel a greater regard for my loved. It is as well
as soon as I can go I shall and if the time is likely
to be prolonged I shall send for you but you would
not have me do this until I am in the position to
make you comfortable in every respect. I wish you
to make your mind easy upon the subject by all means.
we are united in heart already and shall be in hand
when the fitting time arrives. I know you are unhappy
and this wants in pain adds to my sorrows. I wish
then that you commiserate with me in my troubles and shall you
feel disposed to award patience the time of my future
prosperity when I shall have the heart to perform all
that I wish. I have had considerable days
froully and met with many misfortunes lately which
have deprived me of almost every thing all that I
have made since my arrival in California since I am

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must I
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and in the last destroyed. I think nothing of my losses but
that I shall repair them. I lost five hundred or five thou-
sand dollars with the same degree of pleasure as though I
had made as much. I am not easily dismayed.
Why should I be in a country like this when fortune
has made in a day and not infrequently lost as
soon. My chances are as good as ever. At the mo-
ment when I believed myself master of everything
I am content to view my position in a more philo-
sophic light than ever. I am establishing a business
down the coast at San Diego which I think will
prove very profitable and my time is occupied
with that. I shall more than repair the most terrible misfor-
tune that I have lost. I am connected with the hands
of the largest business in San Diego through that hands and
just established a month. With punctuality and attention
I shall always bring to you success. They are not want-
ing at the present time. I am liberally supplied with
all I can desire to the furtherance of my projects.
The credit which I have produced for a year past is dif-
ferent from what it was upon my arrival and I can
traverse to state that instead of making any more debts
I have been enabled to pay off nearly all my liabi-
lities amounting at one time to nearly ten thousand dollars.

Dear Mother & Sister
New York Dec. 21. 1851.

Dear Mother & Sister.

I am writing you now with much interest in regard to your
 affair which it is prudent my dear Mother to know of no way to express the coming
 more pleasantly than in letters to your particularly as your last dated New-
 York and Dec 1st remain undelivered in consequence of my being very
 busy the day the last I was called permitting me to pen you only a
 few lines. Your letters are long and I cannot reading them over and rid-
 ing the particulars. First to your mother the Earl's daughter. The Queen
 befall to Anne's Court was indeed happy and I am glad that Mar-
 ried it pleased with it but she must not fail to wear it upon all occasions.
 I know not that it is better than Anne's dress I should like you to have com-
 pared it with her. I hope you never see Anne I am sure far of you but
 I am not. Circumstances were never so true wanting to your getting moments
 of regard which I wish to when should take a change for the better. I should
 you would be pleased with the winter however I am sure you should make
 your acquaintance. I would write to you only that my correspondence is
 never to be extended. You will remember me to your father and see
 him. I acknowledge Cassette was given present in my last. I have
 placed it carefully in my desk which I never open without think-
 ing of her. Affectionate mother. I would say that time from which you
 have withdrawn from time to time has not interfered with me at the rate
 and it was the happy that I say happily because you will be hope

By incident in the union with such a man as we have substituted the top
to do of whom does report speaks so highly. I should like to have ad-
vised the matter but I have been denied the pleasure and must
sign myself to the former agreement on the part which the acceptance
of the cards and a piece of wedding-cake as usual, soon to come by
the next express. I shall be satisfied in my letter with her well, joy and
prosperity. To the newly made brother-in-law with whom I am well acquainted
acquaintance, I extend the best name of partnership and trust in his union
to me so dear to me. I shall never more come to assist a man, greeting him
as a brother. I would it in some respect were known to you the state in
that exterior upon and if he should be a worthy, sensible I think no one
will make a good wife and give her husband no cause of complaint. What
a qualification it would have been to you dear mother to have seen two of your
children separated at the same time which would have been the only cause I
have uttered since! This would not have been a thing of impossibility. You may
you may not have the pleasure of seeing me married to Anne. I should wish
you to witness the ceremony but it is impossible for me to state and whether
you are likely to have that pleasure. Come Miss, depend upon circumstances.
If I am fortunate can I have a third name, should be sent to Anne. Who had
submitted to some measure I had sent to you. Do you not think you will
noted to me? Do you not think the girl which is coming, is not
noted by me you see, I have I have the happiness and I am not dis-
satisfied in returning. In thanks I will continue to be seen and a letter
as I do it for the promotion of the welfare. Do you in the land, dear to Anne

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fewer time the
me I will be
and please to
The time will
ing of the day
excuse myself
I wish you the
It is all I can
mandated to
justice. I am
I think she
dear mother
The young lady
anything in
foolish and
most and a
It is a
with her for
She ought
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feel sorry
and were

-D. M. S. P.
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 - try him
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 - could not see
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 - circumstances
 - She had
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 - seen the
 - and shake
 - me to shake

no confidence or hope in her in deciding on making again for an inde-
 finite time through I was exceedingly the circumstances which comfort
 me. I write to her and receive no special notice. That the time glides
 and passes unperceived. What if's more or two should be resumed?
 The time will come at last. I am confident and she will lose nothing
 of the progress of youth and stave by be twenty. I am cordially re-
 sponding myself to this but for her. Think it will not be quite so easy.
 I wish you knew the dear mother. She for my sake since we were again together
 she is all to have returned in - sensible and indignant, two great recom-
 mendations which you will not fail to appreciate - habits being partially
 justly. I received her letters a short time ago and I must say
 I think she had been much improved in looks. - Remains well.
 dear mother forgive and forget all that is past and for my sake make
 the young lady acquaintance with her. I am sure she claims? I do not offer
 anything in addition to the conduct which I earlier indicated by
 goodly and can excuse her only upon the ground of being too for-
 got and a misapprehension of what is proper. She entertains the possi-
 ble idea that you should be the first to make advances and could
 resist no further. - You have met her already more than half way and
 she ought to have received notice of your kind invitation but she feared
 in coming to see you first she would compromise herself in some way!
 I have been out in looking for this to occur of it and I know she
 has done. - I should indeed be happy if you knew the young lady
 and were to receive an especial request for her and am certain you

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would do were you to send her. I think it would be
and you must of course be concerned. May not Anna in a degree
replace her and would you not for my sake bestow upon me
I regard it highly some portion of your love and affection? If you
will pardon me I think I can suggest a plan which will accomplish
the desired object. Occasionally to send postage I have enclosed your letters
in an envelope to Anna with a request that her letters would either reach
or deliver them. I have done this I think three or four times. Will you might
by way of civility call at Mrs. Manning's and say that your son had
informed you that he sometimes enclosed letters for you in his to Anna and that
you came to inquire respecting the last ones received in order to ascertain whether
you have received them all. This conversation will lead to something else and
most probably to the formation of an acquaintance. At all events you will have
the satisfaction of seeing the young lady and hearing his health is but, and seeing
the daguerotype. We no doubt will remain satisfied with his first con-
duct and you can wish her to come to see you. What I visited at 295 St.
South St. but probably Anna may be with her cousin Mrs. Warren. I think so
from Mr. Warren's last letter. I think however many by the last of James' letter that
if she would not come to England she would have a hard journey if she had Anna to
live with her. Mr. H. says he does not want his wife to come to California but
I believe if she were here he would be pleased. The probability is the wife comes
without standing his injunction to the contrary, and if she does Anna will very
likely come with her. This would just be the thing to suit me. But I must stop
sleeping in with Anna should be at Mrs. Warren's you might have seen her and

Dear Mother
office which is
more pleasantly
South and is
large the day
for letters in
thing the family
husband to do
said of pleasure
I know not whether
paid it with
I am not. I need
of regard, which
you would be
you appreciate
already too
him. I have
placed it on
top of this.
have ultimately
and it now

Baltimore February 15th 1811

Dear Brother Thomas

In the last mail we received two letters from you dated 11th & 12th Dec^r.
 The 11th was a great pleasure to us as your last letter to us was from the
 24th of Jan^r - we are happy to hear you still continue to enjoy such excellent health, and that
 your arrangements in looking well to your business are more successful. We were glad to hear of our
 many communications and more especially to hear of your return from the West. The Dow's side
 we considered a very good one, but you would have been more comfortable with the Dow's you would have
 been more agreeable and so on, all the grounds we have to suppose he has gone to claim some property
 to a considerable amount on the day of departure. The Dow's side we will never name
 to our brother unless you have given it away. If you were free from that business you would
 soon have another, as he is certainly your friend of planning and designing. I am sorry to learn that you
 must submit the business to your business as a whole, not for ever.
 It was pleasant to hear you considered brother's things a good one, as he certainly looks very much as
 he does you see it all up front. We are sure that we thought you were satisfied with the
 one you had of me, as he should think so, but I am sure that as a compensation you
 can not see the gift, your own brother William and my own dear friend you may have forgotten his
 appearance of you in a letter to him for any length of time I am glad you will have your
 knowledge of your own business as a very valuable one. I am sure
 concluded it must be as a debt, who agrees to return to send. Anna is a dear though rather delicate
 little girl she might have been in a situation you had intended, which I shall leave for
 your own consideration. Any business like yours was never not as pleasantly
 as to be had, though I did not intend a very great deal to give you any more with other
 than that one, but I was to be seen in the way of business, to send the money
 I should be a very happy person had you the goods, and the money you had consumed
 at the same time, but I had never anticipated that I should have any more to be sent, but
 cannot to you a small debt, more to put your mind, not withstanding. When it will be
 happy and send that back to your pocket for life, but I had very good promises to you know
 all questions will do. Henry can be seen as well as possible in the street, which you are great
 pleasure to see him, but I believe you are in a hurry to see him, as you are in a hurry
 home with your business, you could not leave conveniently, you promised to make him a visit, soon

He looks well - well as appears to be happy, we all invited him to the 20th house in Athens and
code off we have a great desire to visit Washington before August 1st, so we were disappoint-
ted two years ago. We are bound by the business of the station which is disagreeable, but it is not
the circumstances in business may all Williams in a word but the people here are very friendly and
agreeable. The ship was married on the 5th inst to Miss Charlotte Walker, if you are not useful
all your generation will be married before you return February 25th we have just received yours of the
15th of January, we will mail you in mine a good last tomorrow, then on your steamer at one o'clock
to sail for Chicago which will sail in a short time, the gentleman by the name of Dr. Sobole of this place
was in Ohio at the time he belonged to his wife he would be home that evening, they were
making great arrangements for his safe return, when to their great disappointment he received a packet
was sent stating he had arrived in Philadelphia and taken very ill at the hotel, but immediately he found
and left last night at 12 o'clock in company with his father in law, on Monday the morning he had
was better, would be here in a few days. His arrival in Philadelphia was some business in the direction
then on the water, the object to go to Washington in a day or two as Congress adjourns in a very
short time. Last evening a party of us went to the Independent Singers, we were so disappointed it
was a great crowd (at the Smiths) remained until 12 o'clock, it being so painful, I think we will not
have much more winter weather at least before some other young lady here had her, I believe
time with you from looking at your sketch, she says she does not think she will be very fortunate
as she would not get much for the fellows in California.

Recd. Dec 3 1857

Continued to address us at Lyellston, one like come to us very correct, if you does before she
- Booked did I gave a present to Mrs. Walker on your way, we were going to take it to Mrs. O's house
but Mrs. O said that Mr. O would send it through to you through the express as you have not
spoken of it, I was fearful you had not received it.
Thomas (your building) appears to be a great deal of trouble, I suspected by this time you have
sent would have been decided. You married Mr. Smiths draft I went with Mother myself
it was in forty feet that almost opposite Smiths Johns Buildings, a little country town
we saw the young mans Mother, she said her husband had gone down town, we told her to
take him to call upon Mr. Smith, as we were not in the city, we left the draft with him, when
he called upon Mr. O he said he was not prepared to give the money, I was able to send a draft to
Mother dont word to Mr. O to send it to you, we went this to you before, to our knowledge
he has never called since, I thank you very much to a poor journey if it you see like
We were very much surprised to hear Mr. Smith say he could not collect the money, I guess
the Father would have thought he was more of a gentleman, we have done two letters
through his express, Mrs. Johnson the least for vengeance as Mother has said to you for
for one and a shame you will think she is going to help up any for bank if you return near
and the one you see (where you have an opportunity) wish you to send me one like Dennis and I will
write with you for, we will take it to him when we go. Hope you believe at this time here, I am
and receive it from your affectionate friend
The K. W. Smith

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you wrote quite a communicative letter I hope your confidence is well placed
as me and Sister was frequently talked over what a great pity it would
be for you to have such trouble to keep your best things and then just as you
was being well get a partner and he cheat you my son I cannot stand
to see you that you have any more had luck at present how is Mr
Bruce and the stocks I have not heard of Mr Wm Thompson return home
I suppose you will not come within your business. In your order I must
like to see you very much but to think of your leaving again will
be very severe to think of I will answer your letter when I write again I will answer Anna's letter to me I hope to your
satisfaction you must inspire her to have written to me to do things for
her conduct to us I shall go to my office I expect to see to things
and you think that the Mortgage expires the 31st of March I expect to see
Stephen concerning the removal of it said he was willing to do so
I shall have to pay the interest, 21st of March I do not think I shall
ever compare it and then must be a difference for difference in interest
Thomas I hope and pray you will be very careful of your health
and do not expose yourself on any occasion I must say you ought to
inform me of your business proceedings only that if any trouble was to
happen to you and we had not knowledge of your concerns I hope you will
look well to all things would you like to go to the world's Fair
quite an expectation you will say I have attended a long time and not much
of importance but I hope you will read it with pleasure here late I am quite
sleepy I read this letter attentively and write upon it - as on my child I commend
you to the protection of divine providence under all afflictions
this leaves your Mother and Sister in good health and today God
keep us from all harm is the hope and prayer of yours affection
Wm Weston

A young lady in this City says your likeness stands with I must
inform you that she has fallen in love with you and sends her best
regards to you

My dear father
I have just received your letter
and am very glad to hear
from you and to hear
that you are well
I am well at present
and hope these few lines
will find you the same
I have not heard from
you for some time
and am very anxious
to hear from you
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Baltimore February 16th 1838

Dear Son

Since mailing a long letter to you on the 11th Inst. I have
 received no welcome letters from you, if the date of Dec 20th last I had not
 me infinite pleasure as I was becoming really anxious to hear of your
 health and prosper^{ty} I was indeed happy to learn that you was still in
 possession of your faculties, and have made your presentation in drawing letters
 with respect to the rent, in advance, and hope you will realize a large return
 and should be very sorry to hear the least probability of your losing the said
 lands under the circumstances of your being totally ignorant of the matter and
 then it being a newly populated City, which is to be taken into consideration,
 I think your lawyer will hold on as long as possible for your sake.
 I trust it must result in your favour, you have my best wishes for your
 good success, which I am waiting ^{to hear} with the greatest expectation of feeling
 as I am certain you will accommodate, as much as you are able your
 so anxiously, though you have been so extremely attentive to business.
 I heard that you would not receive or open any letter from Father
 I commenced the plan, as I told those gentle you could pay them as I said,
 told them I had the most decided confidence, though you has been very un-
 fortunate for which we are, as yet, to be sorry, as I hope it will
 but I say very little of late, as, I say I am so blame for giving you many a
 back communication, I regret I have to do the same under the same
 circumstances, (except of this) — I am, to pieces of the first of January
 the happy I am to hear that you have a supply of letters from us forwarded
 by Mr L. How with my license which you will think as much like me
 as possible, I am please to hear that you like Mr. Dow, I spent the time
 quite agreeable with him at your Uncle's, he was quite dignified in his
 behaviour to us, he has a young at Middle town to whom he is en-
 gaged to be married, at least so Miss Pierce the teacher told us, a friend
 of his I presume you may like him as a person who is well educated, I have
 no further of him, he will inform you how we spent our winter
 he was very interesting in his manners, I hope a good man, & I think
 I read in you a lease that your place would be so very comfortable, and that the
 Street was being plankd I am please to read your determination to let
 your place low rather than wait for a great price, I shall expect to
 hear of you making a greater profit in a short time, besides that

I have been thinking of writing a letter to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time to do so. I have been thinking of writing a letter to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time to do so. I have been thinking of writing a letter to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time to do so.

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...Cody

not my mind that I wish to answer you the girl had she a bid as you desired
or even politely dictated. He would not have committed himself to such a degree
she soon sent to me when she conceived there was a mistake and thought I
had her got to my chamber. I do not wonder and wish as to become ac-
quainted with her I was desirous in that respect, which was quite proper
in your wish us to see her, I really ^{in regard} thought the event had occurred, providing we
were seeing the girl, and informers you I my opinion of her, I was disposed
to be very liberal minded towards her as you have told me how deeply you
love her. And will still be as liberal with her as my position will
admit of, as I am not aware of any one that she could come to living at
your earnest desire of her being introduced to your Mother and Sister, unless
she did not wish us to inform you of any previous engagements, should she
write me a letter I will answer as moderate as possible for your sake, informing
her at the same time that I was aware of her conduct and disapproved
of it. I intend to the Mother & Sister to be gentlemen she proposed to love and
respect. I intend you say she can explain to me actually my misunderstanding
I am willing to listen, to all she has to say & you say I will love her
when I know her as she is intelligent and amiable, I do not deny her qualifications
and after a reconciliation, if I was believe I could wait myself of the
Chance I should ^{be} ~~be~~ see me often, to oblige you, and give her
all the attention you require, and intend to be so most particularly
as Sister was used to love me. I don't indeed say, I would like to have
a nice daughter-in-law, that was my intention, I don't see you her
and desire and estimate her duly and had your determination to make her
your wife, we all send return of compliments for the season, hoping
you may be with us ere a matter year will process and that we may all
meet and rejoice together under the most happy circumstances, in the
Parage of your affectionate Mother & Sister.

Richard Wesley.

I have since commencing this letter I have received news from
Anna which I will say for your satisfaction.
Dear Mother

Tuesday Morning Feb 11th

I have received a signal from you to stop
your love and affection I believe I start with it even for one second
I am sure to highly through I feel sure that if you wished to share
with me in most happy to have you and your dear little ones
as you have sister I should like to see you. I presume my father
communication may have given you offense in perhaps some application

... I am desirous
to enter into an explanation of an affair which has occurred to disadvantage for me, and
which concerns you, and should you conceive me the least in fault you will find
ready to make any reparation which the circumstances of the case may require
I am extremely sorry for the change in events, particularly as it has so long deprived
you of the benefit of gazing upon your own miniature something I never intended
and deprived me of the pleasure of your acquaintance which Thomas had
previously desired but I have therefore conceived from anxiety
delicacy, allegedly required you to tender me the post order
I am now willing to oblige him to over step these bounds rather than
subject him to such an unpleasant delay, and immediately gratify my
desire to be known by his celebrated brother and sister and my desire
in the present communication is more especially to obtain an intermediate
and effect a reconciliation you may deem necessary to the fulfillance of this
desired purpose, I pray you then dear Madam if my views are at
compatible with your you will be so good as to grant
the intercession which I earnestly solicit, when I best to be able
to give you a satisfactory explication of the fact, with due regard
I am dear Madam

Very respectfully yours
Edm. Stanton August 23rd 1841

Thomas you may be certain I was not surprised to receive the above after
reading your letter, I look on her letter as guided by motives of interest though
I am bound to acquiesce to it, I will grant her another opportunity to see me
and give the explanation she desires and solicits, how much more pleasant to
have come to my note of invitation had she so much delicacy & etiquette for
herself, she did it by not sending me a note in return to incite to a meeting
and has you not so far away, I would not deem her worthy of my notice but if
a child has an undoubted right to make a request of a parent, even if it do
look over the circumstance, I shall be fearful of her for a long time, had she send
the demand by some one, I would not have felt so shocked and indignant, my then
Miss Sumner sitting beside me, she was very angry indeed, to think as she said
that Mr Thomas, Mally and Mother Sister should be treated in such an indignant
manner, they are acquainted with persons who know them and wonder to see her
so they are considered quite gentle, they say her father was a dancing teacher
but no matter for that, I tell you, I am ready now, the affair is in pledge, and
was directed to act as you desire, that you will be happy
to get with me again and as you shall be with me one of these days that my
city is announced in the papers this morning I am to have you visit me, but my
The name of Mr Sumner is in the papers, this young man is very handsome and is very well known
of him in my last letter but my name is not mentioned

[Vertical marginal notes, partially illegible]

New York. Feb 18th 1861.

My dear Thomas.

Having just received yours of the 18th January, I immediately resolved to answer it. I was extremely glad to hear from you so soon again, but very assured the oftener I hear from you the happier I feel. You say that you and Mr Warner are great friends now. I am delighted to hear it, but do not be too intimate something may turn up between you two which you may not like. I like Mr W. very much, he is the best hearted man in the world (excepting you) that ever I met. But he is so whimsical, one moment he says one thing, then again it is all done with. What is Mr W. doing in California? I mean in what business is he now? Mr Puffer told me that he was a clerk or something of that kind in a large establishment. Do not say anything about what I have written to Mr Warner, for then we should not be dear friends any more.

In your letter you think that I have not yet seen Mrs Palmer. She delivered the letter and dash, which I thank you very much for. Mr Puffer has also called on me, and I received the shawl

from his own hands. Mr W. called on me last Sunday but I was not at home. You cannot think how disappointed I felt, for I should then have had a good chance to speak to him and thank him as he ought to be thanked for his kindness to me. I hope he will call again for I wish to see him very much. He appears to be a very nice & good young man.

I have written to your Mother as you wished me to, and in fact I did it with a good heart and kind feelings towards her. Your sister I am happy to say is married. The dear me her said not long ago. If she had sent me her direction I should have called upon her, but most likely they are travelling. When you write to her dear Thomas, will you tell her that I wish her all the happiness in the world, and a long life. I shall be impatiently until I hear from your Mother, I hope she will think kindly of me. As to my coming on to California, my dear Thomas, I would rather wait until I could go on with you. Do you not yourself think it would be better for you to come out. I should feel more willing and happy to leave, having you before my eyes all the time. You must not expect me to come with Mrs. Barnes. Mother never would agree to it in the world, and I hardly think that Mrs. W. will send for her myself, she is so very

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in California? We have had a very nice time
of it in New York. I have received six very pretty
ones with poetry, so sweet. My dear Thomas, I hope
you enjoy good sound health, and getting along
well in all your affairs. Do you not take any
kind of recreation? I should think you needed it,
very much, do not work yourself to death, try
and rest yourself a little for my sake. I must
now close dear Thomas by giving you every assurance
of my fond love for you. All the family
join in sending their love to you.

Once more dearest, Adieu.
From Yours affectionately,
Amos E. Sannag.

P. S. I will see that all your letters that you
sent me, are delivered safely.
Amos.

Rec'd April 3, 1857

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from G. E. Lamm

Thomas Whaley Esq.
San Francisco.
California.

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New York Feb 27/97

Mr Thos Whaley
d^r Sir,

presuming that you would like to hear from me in relation to your Draft drawn on Charles S Palmer, is my apology for troubling you with this letter.

I have called repeatedly on Mr Palmer for the payment of the Draft she has promised the payment of it from time to time, but as yet, has not redeemed his promise and I have come to the conclusion, that he does not intend to pay it - at least, for the present. I have made up my mind, that it is quite unnecessary for me to call on him again - until I have further instructions from you.

The Letters to Messrs George Montgomery & Henry C Sutton, of course I have not delivered, as I was only to deliver them in the event of the Draft on Mr Palmer being paid - you will please advise me what disposition I shall make of them.

Mr Palmer has opened an Express office in this City in connection with one in California - I presume you could

make some arrangement with his father
there for the payment of the draft - My
impressions are, that they are not doing
much business - But I do not speak
advisedly - I only judge from what
I see in passing the office nearly every day.

Mrs. S. & myself, received a letter from
your Mother last week, from Baltimore -
Where she is spending the winter, assisting
Harriet to keep the "Gleaner", she says
they are all in good health & spirits, & like
her new home much - I suppose we
shall have the pleasure next, of hearing
that you have taken to yourself a "better half",
Take my advice, & don't be in a hurry,
plenty of time yet to see the "Elephant" -

Business here is beginning to move, &
large calculations made of doing a good business
this spring - The trade seems to be quite brisk
between here & San Francisco judging from
the great number of vessels, waiting for your
port - We have had this week two arrivals
from Chicago, bringing over one million in
Gold dust on consignment - Gold is quite
a dear in the Market, but Silver is as equally
scarce & commands a high premium - Large
shipments of specie, are constantly being sent
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as we did in the time of the suspension
of specie payment in 1862.

The weather here is remarkably
fine, it is quite like Spring - The winter
has been of unusual mildness. The River
to Albany is now open & the Steamers have
commenced sailing. This is earlier for the
River to be open than has been known
for a number of years - There
is nothing particularly interesting here
in politics - The Fugitive Slave Bill
is agitated to some extent in the free
States, but the Law is enforced in every
instance, save one, in Boston - Where
a Negro Monk, arrested the Fugitives &
insulted the officers of the Law - This
produced considerable excitement
at the time; & by the aid of the Telegraph
Wire, produced quite a "Sea-Foot tempest"
in Washington - so much so, that the
President issued a "Proclamation",
to the People, requiring all good citizens
to sustain the Magistrate, in the due exe-
-cution of the Law, & if necessary taking
in the aid of the Military & Navy - I
presume we shall have no fighting for
the "niggers", for a little while at least.

Recd April 13, 1857

Write April 15, 1857

I do not know that I can say any thing more of interest to you in the way of business or politics - I have the pleasure ^{however} to say that we hear from your friends in Newark, a few days since & they were enjoying their usual health -

I hope that you have surmounted

All your difficulties & are now on the road to "fame & fortune", you certainly deserve both. Do not be discouraged but persevere to the end, you are yet young, & you have I hope, a long life yet before you, & it is mainly for you to say whether it shall be one of usefulness or idleness. I seem to have a presentiment that you will yet do well & that all your troubles & trials will be fully rewarded -

That you will most fully realize your highest expectations is ^{the} most sincere wish of myself & all your friends here - they feel a deep solicitude for your present & future welfare, but none more so than

Yours,
Wm. Smith
Washington, D.C.

MARCH

1851

New Haven March 3rd 1851.

Dear Friend George.

I again remind you that being the third time since
you left home. I am unworriedly awaiting a letter and I think the
next chance will bring me an opportunity of your safe arrival
home and of your having found your way to a certain young
lady in South West who was seized of your intended visit.
In a letter received from her day before yesterday she states
that she had not yet seen you through home, expecting you would
the appear to be very much surprised in your favour from the de-
scribed subject of her own. I doubt not you have made a
conquest which will cause a million young ladies in New Haven
some little anxiety & your name will be inclined to visit the
city in New York frequently. The day I remember me in Vermont I
I am awaiting the arrival of your friend Mr Lewis W. Duffin with
a particular pleasure as I know that he said I will be the best
of friends. I would be pleased to see I do not think that he will
not take a whole!!! And you of this dear George that you
will see that she is in the very best of good friends. I will
you indeed admit it to doubt. She writes me to me through I
might as well as rather desired her to be more inclined to see
than to tempt at it. She knows we should see the young

lady and relying upon her as the greatest interest, Mrs George
tell me candidly what you think of her and if you believe
she would make a good wife. You know my affection for
her, and should you ever speak disparagingly I know not that
I should be inclined to alter my determination unless your remarks
were founded upon sufficient and good grounds for censure.
You need ^{not} entertain the least fear of incurring my displeas-
ure in any way by speaking plainly and distinctly.
I wish to be satisfied that all is right. The commission I
have entrusted to you being as a friend in whom I repose
implicit confidence you would discharge the duties of it satis-
factorily. I write to you in perfect confidence and trust
that you will never impart to any, and the subject of my
enquiry. I am unwilling in receipt of my letter from
her containing every allusion to the world demand for an
honest affection and I have not the least doubt that her regard
set the emotion of her heart. But we George is she intelligent
and graceful in her manners? I think she must be judging
from her natural disposition. Is she happy? I fear not. Her
demeanor seems a short time ago does not certainly seem
very the impetuous things I have not dared to tell her so. May
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having discharged your promise to decline the should you find cir-
cumstances to merit her again for things ^{she} may be unwilling to
eyes you might view her with repugnance. I do not think this is
the case judging from your disposition but merely suggest the
thing as a matter as has been mentioning you to visit her if such a way
making the case. I will except if she should expect you in due
course of time to suppose me of said I desire to know but keep
the secret to ourselves. Nothing particularly interesting had I had
said since I last wrote you such the exception that an attempt
had been made to speak to me who committed an attempt upon me
of the same. My resolution is not more than two days the crowd
had been increased during the great portion of this time by an
immense amount of people marching from here to the distance
of several miles. The crowds were kept by a river which by the proper
but it was impossible for them to agree. There are to be held again
by two companies this week and by two others at that stage.
I will advise to management within the sanctuaries of their former
desires. The necessity is necessary to intimidate more regard to
has sent a letter to George & I think but a number in the
Greenland is well to mention but please be particular.

At Newark N. J. on Tuesday, January 21, by Rev. Samuel Southard, Wm. Hester Hays, of Baltimore, Md., and Rachel Hester Whaley, only daughter of Thomas Whaley, deceased, of this city. Baltimore and Philadelphia papers please copy.

I shipped the above from the "New York Herald". I suppose it is all "O.K." though I do not know positively. The Tennessee arrived yesterday. The marks will not be absent before 10 P.M. to take to Andrew. I am anxious to know how the affair came off. I have received no letter from you by the last two mails. I send Mrs. Wm. H. Wisp a bundle of papers, one of S. M. Day's copy 116 Broad way. I have no time to write you. Don't forget to send me the date if you have not already done so. Put it up nicely in a suitable paper. March 5 1851.

Jan 21, 1851
 Rachel Hester
 Whaley
 married
 Wm Hester Hays
 New York
 Herald

Brooklyn March 10th 1853

Mr Thomas Whaley

My Dear Friend Tom. I have been waiting in hopes of writing to you that I had called upon and spent the evening with your Anna, but I have been sick every since I have been home and am now confined to the house. I received your very kind and welcomed letter a short time ago, but am sorry to say I cannot refer to it as I have misplaced it but will trust to memory. I am glad to hear that you have raised your buildings out of that muddy place and now hope that you will be able to rent them well, I want to see my friend Tom in New York by next fall. Tom how is my lot on Raccoon Point? When I think of that day I have to laugh. poor Bill Thompson his character is ruined in having a thief after him when he was about leaving for home. I found Bill a very good companion on our way down from San Francisco, and was very sorry

to part with him on our arrival at Panama.
Your Anna asked after Bill, so I suppose from
that, he is an old friend of hers; I believe I wrote
you before that I had promised to spend the
evening in Fourth Street, and as soon as I am well
and have made a few visits that I am obliged
to make, shall do my best by the pleasure of passing an
evening under her roof and shall then take the
opportunity of presenting my draft for that sum.
(Don't you repeat sending it?) Tom, although I have only
passed a few minutes in company with Miss L.
I can read from her countenance and that eye of
hers that she is a sweet, affectionate girl and I have
no doubt will make you an excellent wife. Bill call-
ed with me the day I left the shore, and the
door was hardly closed when he made the remark
"Tom has a sweet, pretty girl in tow" not a very refined
remark, but nevertheless showing his opinion of her.
I called at Mr Wardle the day I arrived and found
that Mr Beck and Tom Wardle had started back to
California, and also heard that Bill Eason had arrived
in Charleston. Mr Wardle inquired after you, and

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Tom & you have not already sent the letters for
Bill, Echolas and myself, you will oblige me
by sending them through Palmer & the Express, as
he left the instructions with Ben Palmer to pay all
postage. The top of Gardner told that I wrote
to Matheson about John Eagle. I have not
heard from it is not so much trouble to you to
inquire about them. I would like you to do so,
and in case Matheson has put them in charge
you will please dispose of them and write as before
to Father his forwarding the bill to you.
Bill, Echolas & myself are gentlemen as yet but
we all hope to get divorcements of some kind very soon.
George gives up all idea of returning to California
for the present, unless there is some good opening for
me there, if you hear of anything let me know.
Remember me to Robert, Eliza, Ben Palmer, Franklin,
and all the boys - don't forget Whale & Bunting.
Excuse the short letter, it came from your invalid
Friend George

Dear George
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Mr Thomas Whaley
Hayden Street, San Francisco

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I found Bill a very good
may come from San Francisco

Recd April 22. 1857

Yours
W. M. Kelly

Thomas Whaley Esq
San Francisco
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Mar 10, 1851

Packet to Thomas

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since Miss has made such a great deal I do not mind if she does ease in some way or
other not by you as I want you to come out clean and pay your debts to all
I must not do business with Miss any more, but do let him have his demands
I have not been home since Oct 1st and as I have to look for a house so thin
to sell or the rent is raised, provided I had a good house more than I can do to
pay part of business debts I find I was quite a tent I will do what I can
I have the Noble Hill house it was not let until late in season a Miss
Fullon with a sickly husband she paid \$60 in advance and was to pay the
rent monthly then the Cholera came which she pleaded as an excuse or it
might have effected her then she \$30 now and still promising Mr H that
she will pay me some cas in a delay and offered me in return
the taken and my tent was paid a real \$12, 1/2 man I then wrote to Mr H
stating my position and if Mrs T could not pay \$250 or so she must leave the
house immediately then she had promised to pay a sum I waited again
Mr H was here a few days saying he had given the considerable house but
she wanted to remain and he would pay in advance for 2 months
until May I told her he she had better go we might have trouble with her
never will I she so prevailed upon had her husband is confined to his bed
and you know it's a very unpleasant task to eject a person and that in the
winter season and she was aware of that for her joyments became off
and necessity compelled me to urge it when my funds was so low we have had
two loans you sent us we will do the best we can: but I have a one who
much and very few bills are not yet paid up Thomas the tall fronting the bridge
joining our site for \$6000 I have had 9 1/2 years offer for mine I think if I could get
I would let it go and I may have an assignment but you will see I was in a night company
it one of those days Labor asked me what we asked for the 1st I told him
he said that was a reasonable price just what we asked years ago I could not get
him to pay but \$200 from the slaughter and the water tax, as all owners are
to pay water tax for their buildings two years so I told him he would
to all behaves likewise and not all upon me he hesitated for a while
him Mr Montgomery would find a tenant and I might possibly get more
rent but I wished him to be sure first at long he agreed so that is let you
know he is pretty good pay. Thomas I am happy that you remain away
as I think you would not look that comfort you will when you come
living in with you The debt to pay of all demands I am very anxious
to see you and do all in my power to welcome you home and hope the
time is not far distant when I will behold you again I cannot dwell on
the subject without feeling somewhat I try to console myself by the thought
that perhaps next Steamship God only knows I hope I may find a house
soon so it gives me trouble Mrs Black more Mrs Thomas less Mrs Thomp
more Mrs Christoph more Mr Montgomery moves great moving indeed if
you was home it would not be so difficult for us I will write you our
addresses but our letter carrier will tell the one who carries it we leave this

James Hill
New York

Jan 1st
1848

My dear Mother was fast in the City of New Orleans January 13th. I had written but had a bad cold while next day all gone. I am in the Georgia for California for the second time. I have his brother who lives in the same house this morning to ask your advice so that they might direct his letters to you why not direct to his husband they informed me that he was in a great manner like us with a partner of our own not often to even say his brother would take a letter for me to you knowing how difficult it is for you to obtain your letters I would not ask the favour I see say does your Brother get tomorrow he'll be glad to you may judge of their kindness to you Mrs. G. has been reading the Liberator's letter to your care. My dear Mother is the greatest Medicine I ever had and I am glad to have you know it. I hope if you get sick to give a few you take the best place affords me whether you stay here but do be attentive to your health in preference to making money. I have you written of coming home to get a wife well I have just little to say on the subject only that I hope it may calm your journey through life and if she is a person calculated for you to wife, I do not know the lady no answer questions in my many long letters to that I may know you have written the profiles you have been promised from Mr. L. S. by a young man with the last letter I wrote contained flowers seeds plant them beside you succeed with Mrs. Montgomery's good wishes I shall very anxious to hear how you prosper in business do say what James Brouce is doing Mr. Town is another man he was in difficulty with his business some time but he left N. Y. have you seen Francis Tipton he is an acquaintance of Mr. Watson at Sacramento. I have seen your dear Mother with every the last left and preserve your peace and health and help him those who be friendly yet show is William Thompson your mother name him a circle of our water that he was taking our money made him go out he fallen out I hope not his Mother said that she did not make you a letter in the letter I am I then what a pity this California has made for you do not well I shall have some reason to render thanks to all cards alone and going out my life in fact all extravagances of any kind or you will get sick I think what I write I have the promise from a certain young lady in receipt of you washing the face a ground may do his own with ease I think you may make money by getting printed the persons dolls of Mr. Ford a small book with observations and receipts the lady says she will go forward with you to my school but it is an excellent matter and great improvement in washing we get that Mrs. Dorence with Miss Garrison at Mrs. Sida have sisters. I will have sent our most affectionate love to you and your little and perfect as well as your are so many thousands miles and I am glad with pleasure to hear from you. Your loving Mother

Received April 30th 1848

My dear Mother was fast in the City of New Orleans January 13th. I had written but had a bad cold while next day all gone. I am in the Georgia for California for the second time. I have his brother who lives in the same house this morning to ask your advice so that they might direct his letters to you why not direct to his husband they informed me that he was in a great manner like us with a partner of our own not often to even say his brother would take a letter for me to you knowing how difficult it is for you to obtain your letters I would not ask the favour I see say does your Brother get tomorrow he'll be glad to you may judge of their kindness to you Mrs. G. has been reading the Liberator's letter to your care. My dear Mother is the greatest Medicine I ever had and I am glad to have you know it. I hope if you get sick to give a few you take the best place affords me whether you stay here but do be attentive to your health in preference to making money. I have you written of coming home to get a wife well I have just little to say on the subject only that I hope it may calm your journey through life and if she is a person calculated for you to wife, I do not know the lady no answer questions in my many long letters to that I may know you have written the profiles you have been promised from Mr. L. S. by a young man with the last letter I wrote contained flowers seeds plant them beside you succeed with Mrs. Montgomery's good wishes I shall very anxious to hear how you prosper in business do say what James Brouce is doing Mr. Town is another man he was in difficulty with his business some time but he left N. Y. have you seen Francis Tipton he is an acquaintance of Mr. Watson at Sacramento. I have seen your dear Mother with every the last left and preserve your peace and health and help him those who be friendly yet show is William Thompson your mother name him a circle of our water that he was taking our money made him go out he fallen out I hope not his Mother said that she did not make you a letter in the letter I am I then what a pity this California has made for you do not well I shall have some reason to render thanks to all cards alone and going out my life in fact all extravagances of any kind or you will get sick I think what I write I have the promise from a certain young lady in receipt of you washing the face a ground may do his own with ease I think you may make money by getting printed the persons dolls of Mr. Ford a small book with observations and receipts the lady says she will go forward with you to my school but it is an excellent matter and great improvement in washing we get that Mrs. Dorence with Miss Garrison at Mrs. Sida have sisters. I will have sent our most affectionate love to you and your little and perfect as well as your are so many thousands miles and I am glad with pleasure to hear from you. Your loving Mother

1875

My dear friend,
I have been thinking of you
very much lately.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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 it would be. I am glad to hear that you
 & Franklin are doing well in your fine operations.
 I still hope to hear of you making money - &
 and soon to see you home again in good health
 in the bosom of your family.

While Anne would sit beside you
 with your arm around her waist.

By the by talking of Anne, George & called upon
 Miss L. a day or two after our arrival. He
 desired his forces for which he appeared de-
 lighted. We were there but a short time but
 from what little I saw of the young lady
 I was very much pleased to think that
 you have of her in N. Y. is very like at the
 dot as pretty as the original. George has been
 going up there in some time past but one thing
 & another has prevented. Both he & I have been
 sick since we return here at first or two days
 with fevers, fever then rheumatism - now
 is troubled with the diarrhoea. I was confined
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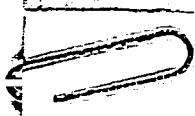
Recd. April 22. 1887
Mrs. Phaley Egg
Post Office Box, Wash.
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Mar 12, 1851

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New Haven, March 15th 1851.

Dear Mother & Sister

Your kind letter of the 15th inst. was received & it is a pleasure to hear that you like the work of the mission & also that you are interested in our work. I would like to hear from you more often but I am afraid to write too frequently as you are so busy with your work. I am sure that you will be as patient with me as I am with you. I am sure that you will be as patient with me as I am with you. I am sure that you will be as patient with me as I am with you.

the other night I was told of a young man
 who had written to saying he had written a book
 which he thought he should send you the copy of
 this letter I thought you might have done
 very well to have the name of the author
 who was not known to me that he might be of some use

The Hon. Secy. of the Navy
 Mr. W. C. Cresswell
 No. 100 Broadway
 New York
 1857

I must now close as I have to return to
 my duties but will be glad to hear from you
 when you have done so I will be glad to see
 you and to hear of your success in your
 various pursuits
 I am
 Dear Sir
 Yours very truly
 A. J. C.

Dear Mother

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I have been thinking of you a great deal lately
 and wondering how you are getting on. I hope
 you are well and happy. I have been very busy
 lately but I always find time to write to my friends.
 I am well at present and hope these few lines
 will find you the same. I have not much news
 to write at present but I am glad to hear
 from you and to hear that you are all well.
 I am sure you are enjoying your travels and
 seeing all the interesting places. I have not
 time to write you more at present but I will
 write again soon. Give my love to all the family.
 I am, dear friends, ever your affectionate
 friend,
 John Smith

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New York August 1851

Dear Whaley

I am in receipt of two letters from you since my arrival home, my answer to the first you appear never to have reciev'd.

So on, I laid before you the difficulties that prevented my replying your brief. Those difficulties Whaley have increased upon me, & however I regret, however mortified at the occasion - with an intimate friend, Heaven knows I could not help it.

For the following reasons.

The first mistake that befalls me is the exact conduct of my brother towards me, drawing upon me largely & by his deportment & neglect injuring me much.

The next mistake is the erroneous form of Receipts for Gold Bonds to the amount of some 9000\$ which I have never reciev'd or heard any intell'gence of whatever, the payments however were paid from me.

I have been exceedingly provoked much perhaps large portions to be collected

not a cent has ever been retic to me on this, or in any way from my business since I started it devoting all profits for ^{the} permanent

In taking ground to protect myself in this respect, my business in California is suddenly wrenched from me, by those who were obligated to stand by me inasmuch as I started the business for their good - left all my private affairs which I considered a good competency to run as held to come on to the state for the business.

In addition to doing me all the injury they possibly can by word & action, they shall forward bills to the amt of over 6000 \$ to frighten me. I do not drop from me in the cramped & sad condition in which I am placed my future & certain I will think well put them to shame the step they have chosen.

What is Whaling you have me from beginning to end. I regret the delay which occasions you & sincerely deplore your own losses making it still more

impertinent the amt hear. W all the in that y amount you have my work which I will not for

Mr inform is daily of a diff that he by you have left I ease, under his By what I will see you in for the

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the next one you for your friends
has. What can I say. I give you
all the encouragement possible it
is that you shall not lose the
amounts only bear with me as
you have done till I get through
my worst & pressing difficulties
which under the kindness of Heaven
will not be long. "Pardon me
not for what I am not to blame"

Mr Reed takes the liberty to
inform me that unless Mr. Bell,
is duly settled, he will wait humbly
of a different tactic, in the new light
that has been voluntarily given him
to you, I know not how your producing
have led you to think of me, nor must
I come, when fully sensible I am doing
my best to redeem all obligations
under which I have placed myself
My whole at present as you will
I will soon cancel my obligation to
you in the mean time with regards
for the present I remain

Yours truly,
Charles Bell

Dear Sir,
I have the
pleasure to
inform you
that the
same has
been done
and the
same is
now in
the hands
of the
proper
authorities
and will
be ready
in a few
days.

Yours truly,
John C. [unclear]
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Account of the office to which
I have been appointed and the
duties which will devolve upon
me in the execution thereof.
The first object of my
administration will be to
ascertain the state of the
affairs of the office and
to make such arrangements
as may be necessary for
the better management
thereof. I shall also
endeavour to improve
the office and to
bring it to the
highest state of
efficiency.

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I have just been looking over your letter to me... I was afraid to write to you again... We want to find the... I hope to see you... I will copy for you... my daughter... conduct towards you... I did not expect... but on the contrary... will increase... Thomas... I shall not over... to you it is... the whole... through I... mental... time I... my answer... until you... I think...

I quite wish to... and inquire... Mrs I... you have... do so... thought I... wrote in your... but they... is natural... I trust your... in your... How did you... from Miss... you wish you... go to California... Do you still... I listen... black... prudent to... in... work in... busy again... they said... Thanks to... fine and length... secret... sake... Boston... I heard... I must be... appointee for... I will write to... consider that... I must... I have... like... also... it to...

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above I would have looked for them

I would not have let you see the enclosed letter to Mr. B. if I had not been so
 not find it so do for you & I am sure it is what you are in search of at least
 dangerous now I believe you not to return & I am sure it is what you are in search of at least
 your presence would I could give up you of it, but the other thing that I thought
 thought it is I think so much better to let you know of it than to let you know of it
 shop, you must be a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 I would presume that Mr. B. will come to see me in the evening & I will go to
 him, he will let you see all the papers & I will let you see all the papers & I will
 will you do. He takes care to see that the papers are all in order & I will
 Son & I hope you get a settlement with Mr. B. & I will let you know of it
 that you did not say what the business of your letter was & I will let you know of it
 to you, I believe you excused me for not saying so & I will let you know of it
 long you was likely to say, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 all the more know you not to be so, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 buildings at present are not so, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 you is a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 I was thinking of it long ago & I will let you know of it
 you some time, I do not know of it, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 little in Britain, and I will let you know of it
 would be a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 that understand it well, I will let you know of it
 letter enclosed and I will let you know of it
 did you not let me see it, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 I was to a letter, it would be a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 I hope he is well, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 sorry that our affairs are still so long, but I hope you will see to them soon & I will let you know of it
 hear that you will have your things, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 will feel satisfied now, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 and she will attend to it, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 presume my own opinion, which is a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 I would rather not say so, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 I am sure the trustees have not apprised me of their decision, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 when I see the trustees, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 as you know, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 wrote to him last week, but I was absent from the city, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 calling, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 he will, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 interesting, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it
 to since we have heard of you with a little more by the way of it than to let you know of it
 your health, and not be disappointed, then I am sure you did not say so & I will let you know of it

Mr. B. says for the year

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My dear mother, I have just received your kind letter of the 14th inst. and am
glad to hear from you and to hear that you are all well. I am well at
present and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I have
been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you are all happy and contented. I have
not much news to write at present. I am still in the same
place and doing the same work. I hope you will write to me
soon and let me hear from you. I am your affectionate son,
John Smith.

London 17th Dec

Dear Sir

I have enclosed a copy of the same as well as a sketch of the same to your grace & Sir Robert

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th
 inst. in relation to the proposed plan of a new building for the
 Faculty of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. The plan is
 so well conceived and so judiciously adapted to the wants of
 the Faculty and to the convenience of the University, that I am
 glad to see it has met with the approbation of the several
 authorities concerned in the matter. I am particularly
 pleased to find that the plan has been approved by the
 several Faculties of the University, and that the
 several Members of the Senate have expressed their
 satisfaction in it. I am also glad to see that the
 several Members of the Faculty of Divinity have
 expressed their approbation of it. I am therefore
 confident that the plan will be approved by the
 several authorities concerned in the matter, and
 that it will be carried into execution. I am
 therefore, Sir, in great haste,
 Dear Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 John Newson, Secretary to the University of Cambridge.

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San Francisco. April 15. 1857.

Dear Anna.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th & 18th February which gave me more than ordinary pleasure to peruse inasmuch you have shown a degree of complacency in sending the apostrophical letter to my mother and sister concerning the mode of visitation and I think more of you, if possible, than ever. — It is within a few moments time of the steamer sailing leave me therefore this time to write all I would wish to say. The reason I have deferred writing to this late moment is in consequence of the disappointment I have had in making arrangements for your coming to California. I alone am to blame as I did not demand it in time of Mr. Starnes who is willing to do all that he has promised. I wish you to prepare yourself as I shall, without fail, complete my arrangements and send for you by the next steamer, after which time I shall cease to write to you. I know you will own, and thank to the mutual friend for the kind and generous assistance which he has afforded me or rather intended affording me. I have not time to say any thing else. My love to Anna and your mother. With assurances of my unmitigated affection I remain
Yours very affectionately
Geo. Starnes

New York April 20th 1851.

My dear Thomas.

Your of the 21st March was received with the greatest pleasure, but since then I have not heard from you. Was anything happened? or are you engaged towards me? etc. I hope not, it is bad enough as it is for this separation seems to be everlasting. When will all our troubles end to you think dear Thomas? Do not be discouraged for I know that there are better and brighter days in store for you. Your last was a little cheering, and at the same time sad. You must not give way so much to your sorrowful feelings, you must do all you can to drive away the blues, for if you commence to be sad, it will worry me very much. What if fortune does not smile upon you now, will it not in some future time? Yes, I know it will, and there is one near, that will wait and be patient, ^{you} notwithstanding. May, with my heart beats, travel to you yet and ever will, may God bestow upon you and this one, and may we soon meet never to part until death shall

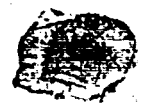
P. S. Address no longer 87 1/2 St. Michaels. The shell not same

separable us. I have no news whatever to tell
you now. You have so often asked me if
America was married, where you received your
information from I cannot conceive. She is
not married, nor as yet is there any sign
of it. Will you not let me know who told
you. Mr. Loney will return sooner than he
expected from his tour to Europe. His father
had called on us several times, and says
that his son would like to live with us
again. Mr. Puffer has had the chills
and fever and for that reason I suppose
he has not called this month. But
he will no doubt call soon. I am
getting along pretty well in every thing excepting
the little distemper. It is no more feared
to scold its friends about it, it may
come of its own accord. Now dear Thomas
do not get angry with me for writing
that you know that I love you with
dearly and would do anything in my power
to please you. Your sister sends me her
wedding card, which I am sure you pleased
me very much. I hope she will be perfectly
happy and never know a moment's sorrow.
I must close now my dear Thomas not
having any more news for you, will you send
me another letter.

The all join in sending our love to
you.
From your true friend
Anna Parnes.

Received June 20th 1847

Thomas Kibbey Esq.
San Francisco.
California.



I hope you will realize all the happiness you contemplate on your arrival, but
not received any answer to the letter I wrote in answer to the first, only the one
for another wrote I wrote you a letter by the Brother Fitchman which sailed
from this port for Chicago on 11th inst, which I trust you will receive, as it con-
tains a copy of my former letter, I thought it not to reference to it.

I received a letter from Miss Livermore yesterday, informing me that they had
decided to remain in N.Y. at least for the present, I was sorry to hear the
impression, as they are fine families, but she wrote that they were established
and did not know what to do for the best. Thomas while I am writing you
cannot imagine how anxious I feel for your welfare and well doing on all
occasions, I wish I was in mind to be able to be all peace and happiness, at this
time I hope your next letters will be in cheering news in all respects.

We have had a great excitement in Baltimore, for some days past as the Rev. Bishop
Belcher of the Catholic Church died in George Town some days past, he laid in state
a few days, there was burial with a great procession of priests and lay brothers and many
others with some soldiers of the army were the night and ground, as we saw that witnessed any
one of the same effect before, there are a number of Catholics in Baltimore the streets of
Baltimore are very quiet and clean, quite tidy, so that when it rains they are well
washed, the inhabitants are rather particular about the streets there are many alleys running
from street to street.

There are no matters settling for poor people, as every family has a house
some of them are in a very poor state and are so. I believe about ten minutes
walk from the Academy in Maryland that is quite a really part of the city occupied
green fields and the weather, the houses are all brick white with white trimmings and
white blinds, I hope to visit Baltimore all week, the first day not in person as the
weather is more mild than in N.Y. I hope to get your letter to some time as the Blue
Mail steamer was received about a fortnight ago, I hope to send my letter
you might send to us at Baltimore, the address is 247. Broad St. and should be
more the best than would be well about getting it, unless you had private hands, as many
persons are coming and going from this part of California, I wish to be able to call on
Mr. Thomas and inquire of his Thompson he detains some 25 or 30 days, a great
respect for him and his wife, as in one of your letters I presume to have heard
and I am sure to be able to do so, I do not know if you have seen Anna since his return and
if she is account of me, as I was.

Mr. Arnold is in Edmond, he sends his regards to you he has
a brother in California. Thomas, they is it that my letter does not come to hand from
May 8th the morning paper informs me that the steamer has arrived in N.Y.
I hope it will be here, you must know my anxiety for your welfare
and how happy I was to get a letter from you we are still in hopes that
Heath may get something to do in N.Y. as the President of the Stone has

I hope Glad's may get a line in NY so as to enable him to do it
 as you say, with respect to the Lawsuit as you write I wish it was
 settled, as you have always taken so much interest in the affair
 you certainly deserve all that comes to your frontier so do not say this
 like again I will hear from Sylvester soon as he is to call on Mr
 Whiting I hope you will come here, soon and put it in a fair way
 I recommend you to take down the road to look to your
 business which is so closely connected with your well doing
 I hope Mr. Johnson's draft is paid I have not heard and Mr. Chappin
 likewise. Our parrels how many persons have treated your kindness
 I am desirous to mail this to day therefore I must close
 Sisters joins me in love love to you and says God protect
 my boy who I believe has staidly laboured to gain the confidence
 to be careful of your health not forgetting the faithful parent
 who has the of you well doing at heart.

Your Affectionate
 Mother R. Whaley

The boys are well when I heard from them I'd just wish to
 be remembered in when I write to you Thomas I hope you
 have received all ~~news~~ ^{news} I have written in and was to you
 since being here our letters are the great comfort I have
 inform me what was the reason Anna did not answer my
 letter I had a mind to think she might have wished to
 open a correspondence with me it as she friends in Phil^a if so she
 might visit Baltimore in so as I may go on soon and not
 untill the first of Sept. I do not wish to live in Baltimore
 as my intencal is NY I think Mr. Waddle worry
 to expect you to settle with whom so differently to gain
 agreement with him, I am really sorry that this affair
 has taken place between you and him as it may be of unhappy
 result to you I have you heard in Mr. Smith's relation
 his goods on the way you owe which I trust you will pay
 him soon with the rest of the indebors I have written you
 all the news I can all your friends are well at present
 may this find you in the enjoyment of health and happiness
 should you direct to us in Baltimore let it be to the care
 of George P. Dodge that is if it can be we remain here

7-11-18
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Recd New York, Oct 29

Dear Son Thomas

As the Steamers consent to receive I feel quite anxious
to receive intelligence from you; if you've lost you've reason to hope
though my fears for your safety are very great, I have wished and prayed for
you ever since, nearly I was about to write ^{but} the rates your conduct has been source
of comfort to me indeed, on the prospect of your long and commencing labor
in your task. Feb 2nd you informed me your prospects were very bright, I trust
your arduous exertions may be realized (say your boys) have you had a struggle
hard to accumulate in foreign lands, where many have out-ripped you by
making their pile, if you succeed eventually well, one day as a visitor I hope return
for a certainly I remain in your own country, I think you might do well, and benefit
us if you only had a small fortune, to commence business with in a moderate way
I think you would enjoy yourself much better than you could attend to our
law affairs, as you are the only one who understands the concern fully, all this I
wish you to meditate upon, and then you intend to get married, why not esta-
blish a business with some trusty partner, I am aware such a one would
be difficult to be found, I presume Palmer is doing some well, think he is not
deprived of the pleasure of his family. I hope has paid Mr Smith the
draft you sent me. I know you must be desirous indeed when you hear of it
I have not heard from Mrs Smith since, in middle of Feb the money was
not paid then. Thomas. Have Sam sat in Baltimore, with wife, though I wish to be in
Wm. in account of our concerns, not any of us being there, Mr. Howell had a letter
from Sam not say what he will do with respect to remaining in the City, he wishes
to give up our concern, but I wrote him a note wishing him to do so, and
to attend to it for one more, as he has time so far for the present, and that
I expect him to do so, agree that you can, but told Mr. Howell that he had resolute
to do so, as he wished, without it, in (insert) I was sorry to be obliged to request
as a favor. I did expect you to assist me a while, I stand in the number of
three years, you speak of going to the Wharfe, but his intention is to be
gone if he could get any thing to do in Oct, he would be willing to go, his
income now at present is \$1000 a year, including his house raised to \$1200
only 50, is he a clerk, officer, or what line, you may be interested to hear my
most ardent wish that he should do well, so he is your sisters protector
and I hope will give you a good one, as she has been so much oppressed thus
far, and do not think she could endure much more, I know she will
not have any no creditors, of an unscrupulous nature. I presume do me in
your journey to your year in California, if so, I sincerely hope she may have
a good one, and she remains, if I have given you any more, I will not

San Francisco 29th April 1857

Thos Whalen Esq

at Mrs Anne Warner

275 Montgomery st

Dear Sir

Herewith I beg to hand you a letter for Mr John Pachmeyer, which please have the kindness to hand to him, when he comes to town.

The enclosed letter for Mr P. is in reference to the death of Mrs Charles Nowwiler of which I am anxious to get a properly witnessed Certificate, which Mr P. can furnish. As I am leaving this for New York by the steamer of the 1st proximo I have informed Mr P. to leave the document with Messrs Leffler & Schultze in Leideckoff st, whom I authorized, to pay the charge thereon (if any there be) they will then forward the same to Mr F. C. Jung in New York who has been appointed by the family of the late Mrs P. to make the necessary enquiries.

I remain

Dear Sir

your obedt Servt

H. Polkema

forwarded by Mrs. Robert Smith

The Whaler Co

at New Haven

275 Montgomery

San Francisco 29 April 1857.

Mr. George Jacob Meyer!

Herrn mit Ihnen vor ca 6 Wochen, welchen Brief ich
an Post Bureau abgab, da jedoch die Möglichkeit war,
sind die die die Folgen nicht aufzuhalten, sondern, wie
gute meine Liebe zu wiederholen und die zu empfangen
über den Tod der Frau Carl Konwiler eine gewisse
Bestimmung aufzugeben. Ich ist mit dem Dr. J.
Hoffe am 1. Mai nach New York zurückgefahren, habe ich
Johann Seppien Schultze in Lidesdorff Street - bereits
habe ich die abgewandte Kopie für den Sohn gegen die
Führung aufzuhalten - für empfangen, welche Freunde folgen an
Johann J. C. Seppien New York, in der Stadt, welche
von der Familie abgewandte Kopie, Konwiler, bereits
wende Aufforderungen, über die aufzuhalten angehalten.

Sie gewisslich englisch, welches ich aufzuhalten
die Kunde abgewandte Kopie, H. von Papst von Grund
gibt welche empfangen, welche - gehalten werden.

Sie werden
mit, welche alle (gehalten)
H. J. Seppien

Address in New York
for George J. Seppien

John Pachmeyer Esq

by favor of Mrs. Walter Esq



MAY 1851

Received June 20th 1851.

New York May 9th 1851.

My dear Mr. Thomas.

This morning I received yours of the 31st March, which highly delighted me. But I must sum up what I have to say in a few words, with regard to your plan for my coming to join you in California. You know my sentiments with regard to it, although perhaps I did not do right in giving you to understand that I would join you. At the time I consulted Mother about it, she neither said yes nor no, which made me believe that when the time came she would readily consent, but since I have received this your last letter, I cannot tell you how much opposed she is to it. In fact, she says that her consent shall never be had, to my leaving New York unmarried. I do not think my dear Thomas, that I shall ever be able to leave New York unless you return and arrange everything in a "better manner," as Mother says. Mr. Beecher is ready to answer you this, you know I would like to please you in everything. You know I want to see you very much then why, dear Mr. cannot you make a little sacrifice for me, we would

Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 15th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope these few lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.
The weather here is very warm and
pleasant. I have been out for a
walk every day and enjoy it very much.
I have also been reading a good
deal of books lately and find them
very interesting. I have not much
time to write at present but will
write again soon. I love you
and hope these few lines will
find you all the same.
Your affectionate son,
John Doe

San Francisco. May 12th 1851

Dear Anna,

A moment only remains to inform you that I am well and in good spirits. I send you papers by the Steamer which leave to day containing extracts of the late collection paper. Everything is at six & seven. I am very busy to day but have a long letter commenced which I will finish and send by the Steamer to leave on the 10th which will probably reach you as soon as this. I have lost Sam's key but much by the fire. Give yourself no unnecessary anxiety regarding my welfare and safety.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. W. Chace

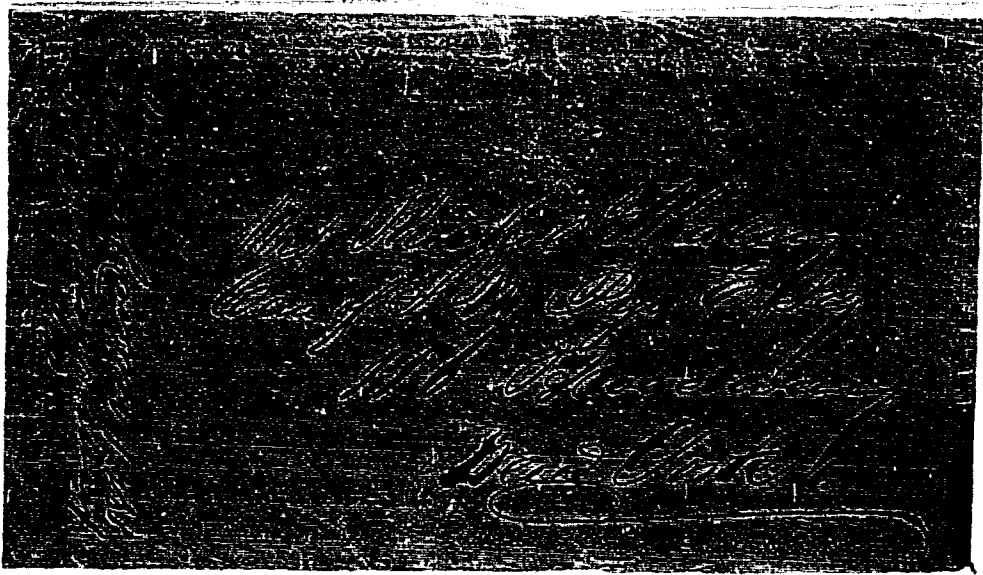
San Francisco May 12. 1851

Dear Mother & Sister.

A moment only remains to inform you that I am well and in good spirits. I send you proper & full details of the late destructive fire. Everything is at length & being. I have lost everything but not of much consequence. I have a long letter commenced which I will finish and send by the steamer to leave on the 15th and it will probably reach you about the same time as this, to give you, at least the least incertainties regarding my welfare and safety.

Yours Affectionately

Wm. W. L. H. C. J.



THOMAS WHALEY To ANNA
LETTER DATED MAY 15, 1851 IN WHICH
THOMAS WHALEY DESCRIBES THE FIRE OF
MAY 3RD & 4TH, THE LARGE LOSS OF
BUILDINGS, THE EXTENT OF AREA IT COVERED,
INTENDS TO GO DOWN THE COAST WITH
MR FRANKLIN

in Maurice, May 15 1851

Dear Anna,

I regret my unintentional neglect. Circumstances have
 quite my entire time prevented me from communicating more
 fully than I have done for some time past. But it is my inten-
 tion to write you by the present opportunity as long as dis-
 tressing letter circumstances will allow of the great calamity which
 has recently befallen our most beautiful city and for which we shall
 ever be justly mourning. I feared you a few lines by the Carolina
 which left this morning, but with a pressing you of the sad news
 and that you might not unnecessarily experience the loss and
 anxiety of my welfare and safety. I should try never to have
 by the first steamer before this date, but it is not favorable
 it will be the first being a despatch boat. The possi-
 bility of this might be obtained from the other side to ensure
 immediately with the Carolina into the future and if possible
 this city was endangered by fire the night of the 28th and being
 the anniversary of the great fire which occurred a year ago. The scene
 which presented itself at that time in the extent of the destruction
 which a few days since existed, many fine and state buildings
 were reduced to a pile of ruins. The city being covered with
 and thus the following week of work was done, that week through the
 proof against the evening flames. To give you an imperfect
 idea of the vast extent of the destruction and the immense value
 of the property destroyed, let me say that it extends more than a mile
 in one direction and about half a mile in the other. The city is
 blocks of the most plebeian and thickly settled quarters of the town are

in any. At least an hundred hundred have been printed, the largest
number ever challenged at one time in the United States, not even
excepting the great fire of New York in 1835 and the amount of property
endured it not worth less. The loss is variously estimated from less to fifteen
millions, but I do not believe it can possibly be short of several millions
of dollars. This may perhaps be considered the most disastrous fire
that ever occurred and its effects will be slowly felt for a long while to
come both here and in the distant parts of the world. Those who have conducted
large concerns and who have been engaged in business, but who
enclosed with sufficient energy and business sense to have managed the
matter which this disaster called together had shown by their way that
they were already the planting of the hammer, being the state
shook, gratefully upon the ear giving disclosure of the determination of
which events in every man's breast and the sufficiency of all that
thenceforth, in natural justice and intention, in an individual
act to be of great value. People are of two kinds, the first kind
day, they are springing into existence out of the air. There that
fire, hatched an either perished or in the course of evolution, rising up
the appearance of fire, days ago, the first fire, from out of the ground of
unplanned, and in less than a month should they have spent per-
vail most the last portion of the late fire, were could be repeated, that
such an event ever took place. God will again be established
though many months must elapse before the city presents the gay &
beautified appearance which it just did. Besides the property
challenged many a noble and courageous heart had taken a portion
in their generous endeavours to relieve from the flames the effects of off-
set or relief belonged to themselves. The number thus benefited is not
known and probably never will be ascertained. While the lottery was
of Columbia Hotel was being removed the blacked out gave way and

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Baltimore May 9th 1847. 51

Thos Whaley Esq

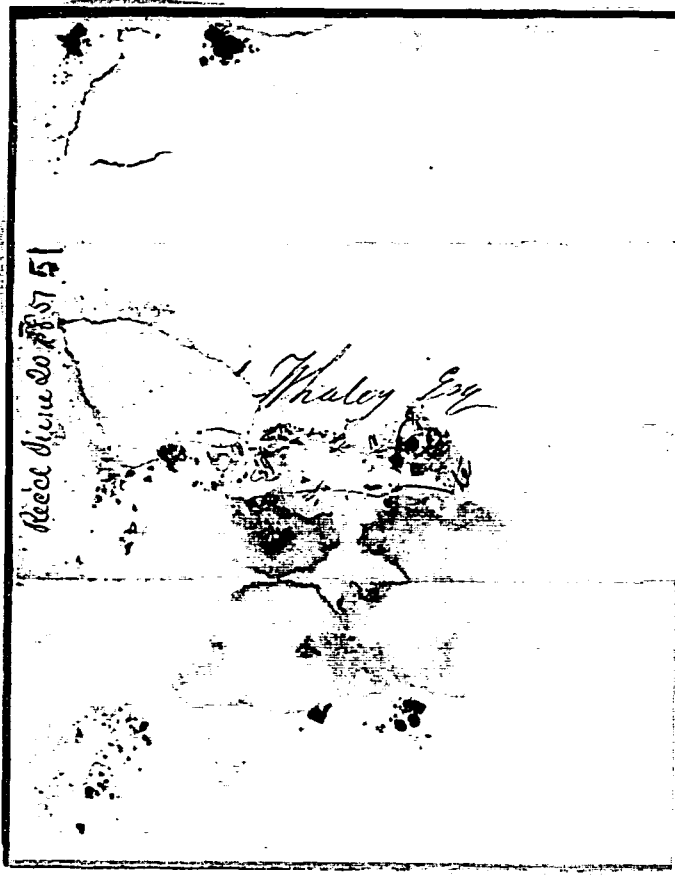
Dear Brother

Long ere this
You are aware of Harriet's choice
- which I hope sheets with your ap-
probation - I shall endeavor to
promote her happiness - and trust
in years to come we may look back
with pleasure on the day of our union.

I accept the bond
of fellowship ^{please} - in return, except
blessings with my best wishes for your
health happiness and the precious
smiles of ^{our} ~~our~~ ^{children} - you will
excuse this as to note Harriet and
Annetta are enjoying health.

Believe this from one
who will ever remain

Your affectionate
brother
Wm Lloyd Garrison



New York May 20th 1851-

My dear Thomas.

Your letters of March 31st and April 18th came to hand safely and were received with great joy as all your kind letters are. What pleased me the most in your letters was the idea that you may perhaps soon meet again. To think of it almost lets me wild. Oh my dear Thomas, I would wish for the world that you would put yourself out of the way or go to any more expense ~~than~~ on my account. Perhaps you do it, because you think it worth it, the fact is it long to see you dearest, and no doubt you do. And for me to please no both. I shall come as I have already said. It would no doubt be more proper for you to come for me. but as you cannot, then I will make a great effort to avail myself of the opportunity to wish you profuse. I spoke to Holmes upon the subject, at first, and

Should say at the time that I wrote
you a letter dated the 12th of May (I think
that is the date) I told you in that
letter that Mother would not listen to it,
but since then she could have changed
her mind. And I am sure that when she
receives the letter which you will send her
she will be perfectly willing to agree to
everything which you may propose. I know
that if you send for me that I shall
come, without fail. But who will I go
with, is not only everybody that I would
wish to have for such a companion. No,
indeed, if you could only come, the voyage
would not I am sure seem half so long
as it will otherwise. I do not know of any
one starting for California. I would much
rather that you could come for me. You
certainly must know of some one. Mr Warner
is indeed very kind to us, but I do not
wonder at all, he has such a good heart,
he would do anything to oblige a friend. The
fact is I like Mr Warner very, very much, we
have had many a romp together, & he will
if he remembered how we used to romp and
play when he was in New York, would
ask him if he is of the same opinion.
I will be told by one of mine, about my being
his second wife. Tell me if you please

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to see
etc.
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for me
a great
affection
to Mrs

Wm. W. W. W.
New York
California

Handwritten notes and a small diagram with lines and letters. Includes a vertical list of numbers: 68, 137, 61.9, 208.3.

New York May 26th 1851

Mr Thomas Whaley

Dear Friend

I have just an hour before the steamer sails to drop you & Lin. Bill Thompson & Geo Wardle all home safe I have not seen Edie, as I cannot find time to call upon him. and for the same reason I am sorry to say I have not seen your Aunt since I sent you that letter from her. We are in the midst of Spring business and I am never home until nine o'clock. Tell Mathews I received his kind letter, but have not had time to call upon his wife, if I even had the time I could not find her, for he gave me no directions in the letter, remember me kindly to him and all my friends. Tell Ed. Page I shall try and write him when the hurry of business is over, let him know that I am not in the matrimonial market himself understand the rest. Bill is well, and is also kept at the store until a very late hour of the night, he thinks he would like to be back in the mines, but not so with myself.

I wish you would send the letters &c you have on hand by the steamer that sails after receipt of this, and also remit on seeds if sold.

Now Tom let me advise you to come home
for you can do as well here as out in that
miserable place. And your dear Annie is so
very anxious to see you, I fully intended to be
a constant visitor there but things have
turned out strange, as I wrote you in my last,
so that the few moments that I can spare from
business is spent with H. B. R.

Excuse the haste when I have more time
I will write you fully.

Your true friend

George J. Puffer

Reece July 8

Amherst Mass May 21st 1851.

Dear Anna,

You will receive from the hands of Mr. Wames ~~some~~
a lifelong remittance which I desire you devote to a specific ob-
ject either to having your expenses to and from Philadelphia or
Baltimore in the event of your receiving a friendly invitation from my
mother or to promising you and Anna a few weeks or days recre-
ation in the country elsewhere should you not receive an invitation
from my mother. I do this dear Anna that you may be able to
leave the city during the hot days of summer and enjoy for a short
time the cool breeze and pleasant promenades of the country.
You will think of me during your rambles and wish I were with
you to participate in your raptures. This lifelong amount
I all I can send you under my present embarrassing circum-
stances but I will soon to have it in my power of purchas-
ing a much greater pecuniary that of being always with me.
As economical as possible and let this sum be paid purchase
you all the qualifications that it can procure for you. I have
written you a long letter by George's Express according and to
my mother which has the kindness to forward upon
receipt. It then send tickets and an action like the 10th of
next month when you may anticipate to hear from
me again.

Your most affectionate son

Wm. Wames

Enclosed find draft upon Mr. Wames for twenty five dol-
lar payable at sight. W.W.

Miss Anna C. Lammie
395 1/2 South St
East of the Bowery
New York.

New Brunswick, May 21st 1851.

Dear Anna,

Neither the last steamer or the one previous brought me any tidings from you which caused me to feel more than ordinarisely anxious to receive a letter from you. Can you be ice clean Anna? I hope not for were you suffering a thornest pain considerable indeed. I will not vainly conjecture the cause but trust I shall hear from you by the next mail. I hope you are well and enjoying your self. The season is advancing and by the time this reaches you the scorching rays of the midsummer sun will be upon you. Will you not wish to find recreation in the country? I had a desire to be with you to pay every attention to your slight-est wishes, but this is impossible therefore my dear girl, you must be of good cheer and try to do without me. I hope you have made the acquaintance of my mother and sister. I wish this because I think you will be pleased to know them and they to know you. When I last heard from them they were at Baltimore but whether they will determine to fix their residence there or at Philadelphia I know not. My mother I think would prefer living near me. If you are acquainted with them and they should invite you to spend a few weeks with them I hope you will comply with their request. I wish you to know my mother because I think she will like you and send you many presents. She thinks the world and aces of me I will not say more than she does of my sister but equally as much. Should she interest her, and there is little probability but what you will, I know she will pay you considerable attention. Was disappointed I am dear Anna to think that I was not able to send

surest since from your life would not delight to be? & you not think
we should be happy together? Ever your faithful friend
I did not receive any letter from my mother or sister by the last
steamer or the one before which makes me anxiously anxious
to hear from home. I must be most glad will bring me favourable
news informing me that the acquaintance which I have been so
long trying to bring about between you and Theres has at last
been consummated. This intelligence would be the most satisfactory
I could possibly receive and I must be glad to hear of it. I have not heard
from Mr Duffer since my last from you though I understand in-
dubitably that he is paying his addresses to a young lady in
Yorkshire and some I am told of his being engaged. I should
not wonder if such was the case as I happen to know
something of the circumstances. I suppose he is a frequent visitor
to your house and that you find from the gentlemanly young
man I have acquainted him to be but you must not be con-
siderably infatuated with him as it is quite out of the ques-
tion that he should ever make you any proposals. I hope dear
Anna you amuse yourself and retain your usual good health
mine is excellent and my spirits lively, excepting when thinking
of Ann's loss far away who engrosses much of my thoughts. How
I implore the sweet hand fate which has separated us long.
You must at times feel desponding such thoughts as these you
must banish from your mind as much as possible or else they
will cause you much unhappiness. I am pleased that you are
engaged a portion of each day instructing little children and
the clergy must seem more a recreation than a task. I have no
doubt that the little girls improve widely under your amiable tu-
tion. I am glad to hear that you play and dance so well

for you when I contemplated but it was no fault of mine. I think the reason was
because Mr. Stamer thought of going home soon and did not like the idea of
you coming and not being here at the time. He lost considerable by the
fire and in consequence he has changed his plans and will not probably
go home for some time to come. This is a great disappointment my dear
both for you and me but it may be all for the best. I prefer sending
for you myself and ^{not} be under obligations to any one. In consequence our
meeting will be deferred but do not suppose I never intend sending for
you. Remain constant. The time will come sooner or later. We shall be
happy yet. Had often to think of this. It is true to find in it but little
consolation to relieve my present distress, but remains hope for the fu-
ture. I have smothered my sighing. Forgive me dear Anna that such thoughts
should enter my mind but I have been away so long, held out so many in-
ducements, disappointed you so often, that sometimes I think you will
become weary and think there is a probability of our never meeting. For these
reasons I have becoming more and more impatient to see you every day.
I can scarcely entertain the idea after pressing your affection to me
that you would think, nor can I conceive it possible that you can with-
draw your affections from me, to give them to another. I have too much
confidence in you myself if left to pursue the dictates of your own
conscience. I know your position and that of your mother. I have
doubt thinks you have arrived at a marriageable age and if a good op-
portunity were to offer itself I believe she would wish you to accept
of it without regard to your affection to me. I am now speaking
plainly to put you upon your guard but do not state what I write
to you in confidence to your mother. Your mother might urge your
marriage to some one else upon these grounds. Upon the improbability
of my ever fulfilling such a contract with you. Then again she might

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say Anna is now a young lady in full bloom and will be off this evening
ment with the ^{the} ~~the~~ which may need to be conducted. She will
shortly lose the opportunity of forming an advantageous alliance.
I don't know that your mother thinks as I write or would encourage
or advise you to pursue this course and I may be very foolish in stating
to you these apprehensions but as they are at times my thoughts and
I do not fear to receive your blame I tell them to you. It would be
ridiculous for me to allude this to any one excepting your dear Anna
I know your mother would be glad to see you and Anna, too, were
united in life as it would relieve her mind from much care and
be freed from a great pecuniary responsibility. I speak plainly
because I know the real position. — Dear Anna has I wish you
were with me! You must make up your mind to come whenever
I send for you no matter the objections which may be made to it by
disinterested friends. I would not counsel you to act contrary to the ex-
press wishes of your mother or when you should enter mine at all times
the highest regard. I think she will consent to your coming when she
considers in herself her consent she will gladly embrace your happiness.
I suppose I will be sent for you and she should object must be
sided. would it not be well and desirable the peace of your
mind? Do not hesitate in waiting until I can go after you though
I should much prefer that to your coming. The time may be far dis-
tant when I shall return home to visit my dear mother as I should
but the time is not far distant when I may be able to send
for you and provide for all your wants and to labor as this
is in my power I shall do so. If you don't come I
disappointed that unhappy I should be. I think if you were
the your dear Anna should be one of the happiest men living
You would be my dear what would be my trouble but the

Sweet Anne, how you hope would not delight to be? Do you not think
we should be happy together? I yet wish to be happy.
I did not receive any letter from my mother or sister by the last
steamer or the one before which makes me particularly anxious
to hear from home. I trust the next mail will bring me favourable
news informing me that the acquaintance which I have been so
long trying to bring about between you and Fred had at last
been consummated. This intelligence would be the most satisfactory
I could possibly receive and I trust to hear of it. I have not heard
from Mr. Duffee since my last from you though I understand in-
dubitably that he is paying his address to a young lady in
Brockton and there is some talk of his being engaged. I should
not wonder if such was really the case as I happen to know
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to your house and that you find some gentlemanly young
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siderably interested with him as it is quite out of the ques-
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You must at times feel desponding even though as that you
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engaged a portion of each day instructing little children and
the duty must seem more a recreation than a task. I have no
doubt that the little girls improve nicely under your amiable tu-
tion. I am glad to hear that you play and dance & were

but how is it if you cannot sing & rather have not sufficient taste
for this accomplishment to cultivate it more? You know what
poor faculties I have for music and how difficult it would
be to inculcate such a thing into my mind, notwithstanding
I like to listen to it. Certainly nothing would offend me
any more pleasure than to hear you play and sing well. But these
things besides dancing are nice accomplishments, however, regarding
a woman still more attractive if her mind be stored with knowl-
edge that is useful as well as ornamental. Hope you devote
much time to reading and seek to gain from the works you per-
use information that is valuable. I am not going to rebuke
you long before as to how you should employ your time and
propensity to avoid fear. I leave this to the dictates of your
own good sense of propriety. — Tell me how often and when
the Palace called to see you last. Would you believe it had
not received a single line from him since his departure and had
not had to account for it. — The old man says anything to me
about your family. Do you not think that even my occasional account
of your mother and sister and even your would interest me? To
say the truth I think you are a poor comfortless (poor child
be offended) and if you do not make a mistake, I shall write to
Auntie for some of them news. You never speak of your
How is that? I thought you were a great favourite. Can you not
tell me who visits your house if any body is kind? How goes
that your evening? Give me some little description that I may see
as though I were with you. You recollect how fond I was to spend
my evenings at home and the many social parties at which we
used to have together. These were happy times. Hopewell's
have since then. Do you ever have any fun & amuse?

June 1851

Stockton June 3^d 1857
J. Whaley Esq,
San Francisco

Dear Sir
I wrote you a few days since to send
my Address Books in charge of Mr James Goodman
on board Steamer E. Cotting for this port
which I hope you will comply with.
Not knowing your residence in
San Fran^{co}, I direct this to your Box there,
otherwise Mr Goodman should call upon
you to receive the parcel -
With a tender of services at
all times, believe me,
Dear Sir

Sincerely & Respectfully
Yours
J. H. Ketch

\$6 per page was the limit to J. C., and I have
held many \$8. here.

San Francisco 13th June 1837

Dear Anna,

Long and patient have I waited expect-
ing to hear from you. Although steamer after steamer has
arrived yet still there is no letter! And I should be-
lieve dear Anna to hear that you were unwell! This
extended silence is inexplicable and it is quite impossi-
ble to conceive the cause. Relieve my mind from further
anxiety and tell me the reason why you have discontinued
to correspond or rather why you are not more punctual.
I hope this will give you no feeling of indifference. If I really
thought so I should indeed be most miserable. I will not for one
moment entertain such an idea so much as I view with the ten-
der sentiments of love and devotion breathing in every line of your
last affectionate epistle bearing date March 11th. I have per-
used this time and again and find in it consolation enough
to confirm me in the conviction that my own dear Anna is affixed
and true as ever. I look forward to the arrival of the next
steamer with more than ordinary anticipation and if I am blessed
to receive a letter from you I shall think myself the hap-
piest man in the world if on the contrary I am disappoint-
ed I shall seriously think there is an especial cause for your
not writing and my imagination will be put to the severest test
to discover what it really is. I had more than half a
mind not to write to you by the present opportunity and
should I not hear from you by the next mail it is more than
probable I shall remain silent until such time as I do receive a

letter - Let me not speak of something else. I am tired of contemplating a
subject which me sad whenever I think of it. I am well satisfied of
your candour and civility that if you have not written to me it is
no fault of yours, but owing to undue influences and obstructions that
surround you. I enjoy good health and spirits and am pro-
gressing for the future in brightening thought. I have still many diffi-
culties to contend with but I am in hopes to diminish all my
troubles in the course of time. When I shall either stand or go for you
at circumstances may permit. I am resolved upon one or the other
course. Repose in my confidence and in the expected attendance
of my friend attachment and will be right soon. I received
a letter from my friend Duffier who excused himself for not having
called to see you often. Having engaged himself to a young lady
of Brooklyn for whom he has long entertained a strong affection. He
believes he is as deeply in love as myself as he acts justly, he
does were it possible passing his evenings with his intended. He says
he will stay every second time and spend an evening with you
which I hope he has done before this. I have been expecting to
receive the beautiful purse which you promised me some months
ago. If you have not yet sent it I trust you would by the
first opportunity. If at any time you desire to send me any
thing do not wait to do so by friends as Gregory's Express
is the readiest and surest mode of conveyance. I should
condemn the expense trifling to the value which I would attach
to any gift however small coming from you. A word upon
an other subject and then I am done I have only a few moments
left. What I write is in secrecy therefore keep it to your-
self and if you possess any other way of procuring what I say

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dear Anna should do nothing contrary to the opinion of
the mother and such has been the tenor of my correspondence.
I am sorry in an individual instance to be compelled to act contra-
ry to the course which I have uniformly pursued but when my in-
terest, I may say one interests are likely to be so materially
affected by it I consider it my duty. What I refer to is
this the unwarrantable liberty which I conceive your mother
has taken in interfering with the correspondence between you and
my mother. I may as well state the authority upon which my re-
marks are founded though I am sure you further not to mention
it to any one as I do not wish to widen the breach already made
between my family and yours. I received by the last mail
a letter from my mother in which she states that she wrote
you in reply to the ^{letter} which I dictated to you and further
that she had received a communication from your mother which
she gives me entire. It is unnecessary that I should repeat to
you all that your mother wrote nor will I undertake to pass
the least observation upon it as I conceive the nature of the note
does not warrant intercepting what she states in the communi-
cation and the ^{nature} of it and that is the way in which she has
been possessed of my mother's letter to you and in answering
it without your knowledge. This is something which certainly they
interest me for if she will resort to such operations she may
in every instance and become the secret informer of all my

San Francisco. 14th June 1852
Dear Mother & Sister,

I am well and in excellent spirits but being very busily engaged today have no time to reply to yours of the 14th April received by the last mail.

Affectionately
H. H. H. H. H.

P.S. By mail I send you a newspaper containing all the addresses in mine.

Received of Mrs. Rachel Phelps
the sum of \$100.00
for the use of S. M. Pigeon Esq.
116 Broadway
New York
from Thomas received August 7th

San Francisco June 22nd 1857
Mr. Thos. J. Whaley

Dear Sir
your communication in regard to
the Imperfect in mineral Point came
to hand this evening.
I hasten to reply. I forward
through Dodge & Co's Express, to Messrs
Baker & Robinson, Attys at Law
in the adobe on Playa, five
hundred dollars one half the amt.
or the amt necessary to pay for
one half of the Lts. you will
please execute a deed to me
for one half, and call upon
them for the money, they will have
recessed instructions to pay to you
and as for the further management
of this matter you being Present
can act as Circumstances may call
for, and I will bear my part
in anything in reason, by giving
your attention to this, you would
confer a favor on your
Jno. D. Boyer

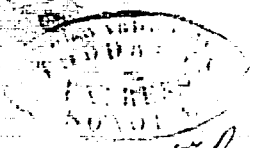
P.S. you will please say
to Mr. Baker that a Letter,
and a Bag containing money is

at Good H^o P. P. P. P.

J. W. B.

Book of Charles
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Recd June 24 1877
Geo. W. Eastman



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Thos Whaley Esq.
Care of Mrs Warner 273
Montgomery St
San Francisco
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Tidd's
Express

New Haven, June 29th 1831

Dear Anna,

I was very agreeably surprised to receive by the last mail your favour of the 25th April & 9th May enclosed in a single envelope & I repeat agreeably surprised my love because not having heard from you for some time I really began to think you were not going to write to my any more. Indeed I felt very impatient. I thought you might have been unwell or something unpleasant had happened. I communicated the full extent of my fears in my last requesting you to keep strictly private what I wrote and this I wanted to put before you in every instance to prevent the least dissatisfaction that might otherwise have arisen from the suspicion of my immoderate jealousy or third party. (The will understand me clear enough without entering more fully into particulars). If my last contained anything which you consider I ought not to have said I wish you not to think me to blame but attribute it to the excited state of my feelings. O! how I had longed to have from you that the doubts which had arisen in my mind might be dissipated. At last I was satisfied the accident which I for a while feared. Nothing could be more satisfactory. I appreciate the communication as it shows your devoted love and unimpaired integrity of sentiment and convinces me that had I sent for you at the time I proposed during you would without any delay have hazarded every thing for my sake unless restrained by the steady influence against which you must have contended without the possibility of subverting. Fortunately or unfortunately it was not in my power to execute the plan I had so long meditated upon. But had it been feasible I should have appreciated your letter all the same though I might have been induced to denounce the restraint under which you are held. Do you know dear Anna I receive you must live very unhappy on my account? I really think so I believe you are frequently annoyed by friends, interested friends, who would dissuade you to break off the engagement which we shall always hold sacred, upon the ground that I either never intend to marry you or that the time of that event is very far distant. The most kind mind is not entirely free from the doubts attending your welfare and in the uncertainty of events she would wish to see you comfortably situated if not with me, why then with Sam or else. A year ago she would readily have given her consent to your coming to California, indeed she wrote me to that effect - in as many words. Why then would she not give it now were I to send for you? I am not so undesigning as to preserve the matter. But no matter for that. I shall not reduce the solution of the question to a matter of expediency and credit though I suppose she would give me the credit of not doing.

ing for you unless I could make you comfortable. If I must wait for you
until I see how so myself to travel to bring you to California. I shall
do so, notwithstanding the unhappy influence which business even, with
the fullest assurance that there looks on, true hard poverty, amounting a change
in my fortune. - Dear Anna, I have rec'd your letter many times
and the assurance that it the better I feel and the consolation I gather
from every line encourages and inspires me to renew my efforts. I think
my troubles will come to an end some day and that too I shall meet again
the long separation is extremely painful to me and I know it must be to
you but do not suppose it will last forever. - Believe me my dear friend
when you say if I can not come you will wait for me as long as I desire
but I am sorry to be compelled to make the request. - What benefit would
that make to you. You are worth to more than time or money. I have
plenty of the former but unfortunately very little of the latter but you
will thank me the more for that. My means at present are very
limited though I might at one time raise enough to carry one horse
which would be but a trifling portion of the expenses which I think
necessary incur. - Here I shall think of returning to New York
I must take at least twenty five hundred which I consider the least
amount adequate to liquidate my debts, pay travelling expenses and
to leave a surplus of a few hundred dollars to start again upon when
I should return. \$2500.00 may appear an enormous sum to you and be
in reality it is but here in California with a streak of good fortune such
as I have been used to have, I do not look upon it as a very enormous
sum and I am in hopes of being able to make it do.

Within the past six weeks I have done tolerably well gone into two or
three speculations which have yielded handsomely, collected some old
debts which together with my salary has enabled me to purchase the
house at Rincon Point and double the quantity of land attached to
it besides liquidating an old debt. I have done all this independent
of my business here the coast which from the entrance and increasing
prevalence of the pest is in a deplorable condition. From my concern I have
not yet cleared the field which I think it has been in operation ever
self necessarily but I have every confidence in my partner Mr. Faulkner
and believe that he will clear it for me. - On the 1st July
I shall leave Mr. Faulkner for whom I have long been acting as agent. I
esteem him as highly as ever and shall always regard him as one
of my most valued friends. I have to tell if possible my condi-
tion I am not satisfied to be a clerk when the salary attendant of a sal-
ary I must receive is so small for myself in which I shall be a
principal which will be more comfortable. I feel. - I clear some
& I have formed a partnership for the purpose of grinding coffee
Spices & grain. We have hired the most powerful windmill in town and
the probability is with the volume we can expect we shall be able to do

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enjoyments to be
to produce the
of little children
have made and

in this way you would pass in the pursuit of the standard works of literature such
as will elevate and interest your mind. I should indeed like to find you a
well informed and highly accomplished young lady, and if there is anything
I can do to promote your interest in this way, I should be exceedingly glad.
Anna if I thought you hesitated to ask me. Tell me what I can do for
you. There must certainly be something which you would desire to have and
I would perhaps ask you if you did not conceive me to be very poor. I am not
so very destitute as you may imagine. My little funds, it is true are all
employed, but the matter of a few dollars occasionally could make no very
material difference to me. To be plain with you close Anna and I think
you will permit me this liberty, in regard to my little funds, you may
require for your own personal benefit at any time I wish you would deal with me the
same as you would if I were really your husband, as I hope soon to be. I
regard you as my wife, because I believe it is your intention to become so as
soon as it can be properly arranged, therefore I talk to you as though we were actual-
ly married. I can therefore supply you with whatever is really necessary
for your support so that you need be of no expense to your mother. I must
maintain this in case you mother means which I should as very limited.
I should not at all freely be sufficient though I would not have you to stay
a word to his about it. I would willingly allow you any reasonable sum for
quarters to reimburse me for every expense in your account if we doing so it would
render your position more agreeable. As I have before stated I do not think
that you are at all happy and I believe the cause of your unhappiness origin-
ates from your mother's limited means which can barely support you all at
home and in this account she would gladly see you united to someone else
as there is little probability of the consummation of an auspicious to King
place very soon. These last the party which I wish to arrive at
and so soon as I have ascertained them I think I shall be able to liberate
the difficulties which are likely to attend. I hope you will not be offended
with what I say I propose to do all being said with the purest motives
and having in view only your welfare. I dare Anna do not think because
I am attached to you what I am at all selfish and would foolish wish you to
lead a life of perfect seclusion because it is impossible for me to be with you to be
the share of your pleasures. I wish you to receive company and to go
into society as much as you please you are to act the same as though such a por-
tion of myself did not exist. I have your word enough to be willing to trust
you upon all occasions and such is my reliance in your fidelity to me the pro-
posals of wealthy young gentlemen possessing wealth and talents could not produce
the least effect in exciting my jealousy. You will soon receive my letter enclosing
a trifling manuscript which I have sent you for a specific object and should you
visit to the country give you the best pleasure I shall feel myself more than
doubly reimbursed. Anna will no doubt accompany you in your excursion to the coun-
try and perhaps there she may find a happy. I should like to hear of the being
comfortably married to some fine young man with plenty of money. If she did to

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kind who told me the way, ^{mainly} I can only say it was a friend who heard
it from an other friend who said he saw it in the news paper but it appears that
it was a mistake. Mr. ^{Wainwright} is well, progressing in business and shows
his intention to do as well as he has done he will soon return home. He
sometimes talks about you but you not mentioning Mrs. ^{Wainwright} or she
not mentioning you in her letters to her husband I should judge there is some
difference between the families. I simply mention this and if my suspicions
are correct I pray you will not mention the cause of the difference to me
as I could care to know them. We have enough to write a bond without
investigating family difficulties. I am glad to hear you say you
will be pleased to visit my mother whenever she may deem fit to honor
you with a visit. I am certain and she will love you though Miss ^{Wainwright}
has transpired I am sorry to be under the impression she will never think
so well of your mother. I regret this exceedingly. The object I had in
view in making you kind to my mother I was a good one and I
thought to have accomplished it readily but I have met with oppo-
sition on every hand though I have resorted to a variety of expedients to bring
it about. I shall waste no more time or give myself any further trouble
in the matter. If you become acquainted before I can introduce you it is
well if you do not I shall no longer think of the least introduction.
Dear Anna, I have under circumstances, written you a long letter but not as in-
teresting as I could wish but when I am settled in my new location, I hope
to have more spare time. Mr. Edwin ^{Wainwright} my partner is the brother
of the doctor who resided in your mother's. We hope to do well togeth-
er. The mill we have had is very large and complete with machinery for grind-
ing Corn & rye coffee flour and sawing wood. Connected with the mill is a two

Stony knuff 20 ft by 20 ft and a stable with stalls for four horses. A portion
of the house we shall occupy and rent the balance so that our expen-
ses will comparatively be trifling. With the machinery we have we can
burn and grind 2000 lbs coffee per day and if we succeed in selling
one third of the amount we shall be doing a very fair business thing
nothing. Keep all I have written to you secret if you possibly can
and by all means take good care of all my letters and not allow them
to fall into the hands of a third party to be communicated upon.
I shall send you this letter to a courier but nothing to be remembered to
you in other letters of mine in return for this kind solicitation respect-
ing my welfare and believe me dear Anna with many kisses and
gladly love, your fond and devoted lover

Wm. McKean

P.S. I shall send you by the steamer of the 1st. July.

Specify **Nekoosa** BOND
MADE IN U.S.A.

San Francisco
was Rincon Paint House
William Warner

House
in S.F.

THIS IS NEKOOSA BOND WHITE WOVE SUBSTANCE
THERE IS A NEKOOSA PAPER FOR EVERY BUSINESS USE

San Francisco, June 29th 1851.

Dear Mother & Sister. I can only write you a few lines. I received yours of the 27th May the 20th inst containing some excellent news. Most things both of which I read with pleasure but I have not time for comment. I am well and happy and in a fair way to do something for myself again whereby I hope to make some little money. I share Mr. Travis with whom I have been for several months past to commence business for myself on the first of July in connection with Ector & Co. an old school mate of mine at the Washington Institute. During the past few weeks I have been tolerably successful and I am in hope to do very well in the new business I am about entering upon. Mr. Green & I have since a large wind-mill with machinery for grinding coffee upon rather less extensive scale provided we have sufficient to do. Attached to the mill is a large horse and stable which we shall let out or rather those portions we shall not occupy so that we will be comparatively under little expense. I am not of seeking it not being sufficiently profitable to me besides I wish to do something for myself where I can do as I please. I think I shall do well in my new undertaking though I do not count much upon it. I have purchased of "Spain" the horse at Rincon Point and any more in possession of nearly twice as much property in that district of the town than had formerly having bought it the other day for \$250.00. The horse is reported bringing me in \$20 per month which is better than having it standing empty. My business down the coast is going in the same old usual gradually increasing and my interest in the concern by this time must amount to something considerable as I have not yet drawn a single dollar from it and do not intend to. Mr. H. is in my opinion a man in whom I repose most implicitly and I believe my interest in his hands is as safe as my own. Mr. H. I hope soon to be able to buy out the other partners of whom there are two, and to have the full management of every thing in our own hands. But we shall see the result of our calculations. My young lady neither refuses to let her come to California though she is perfectly willing to emigrate. You see then I shall be obliged to go after her so soon as I have made enough to pay off my debts and all expenses but not before. I am sure ultimately having to accomplish this and if I have any success at all I think I shall be able to return home late this

Hall. I hope at farthest May first day. I presumed Anna I
would not be away from home longer than three years and
I shall therefore do my best to be with you but you must
not report my coming. Mind, I only say I am in a way
to be with you next Wednesday day. To be true I have
many things to accomplish between now and then. I have
more than one thing to my bed and I am pursuing the way
in every direction I wish the least particle of success I
may hope to accomplish my duties. My irregular
in the proper account of the whole catastrophe to which
our doomed city had been again subjected by the devouring
flames. I have not the time to spare to communicate
the least particulars in relation to it. By this fire the
buildings which I erected upon Montgomery St were de-
stroyed and I am the loser of about \$100.00 which
amazing I expected to recover out of a mechanical line, but the mat-
ter has been dormant so long I am in no way inconvenienced
by the loss. I stood watching my buildings until they
fell with a crash. In the short space of a few minutes all
that I had toiled so hard for and which I had once
looked upon with so much satisfaction was reduced to cin-
der, and ashes was all that remained, the next day to repair
and the \$10,000.00 which the city had long withstood the
fire upon every side but at last have they fallen a prey
to the flames. I do not much regret their removal as I never
could look upon them with the least degree of satisfaction
since being ejected from them by the flames. I wish
I could Mr. M. H. H. may be able to procure employment
in New York and that you will return there to live when you
are ready and on the spot to attend to business affairs. Mr.
H. I should think might render you the requisite assistance in
attending to your legal matters. Do not wait for me to come.
There is nothing which I know concerning the case which an-
other might not learn upon a careful examination of the papers.
I can not inform you the reason why Anna did not answer your
letter to her friend Baltimore, she may have done so, for see
that I know the contrary. This is the manner in which she concludes
her last to me. "I shall be very much obliged to have your modified
call on me and if she does I shall do all in my power to please her".
I am not aware that she had any friends in Philadelphia though she
was born there. The interest sitting in New York the 1st September, and you will
oblige me in doing as you propose, go to see her immediately upon
your arrival ~~at~~ during your stay in the city. She may have an oppor-
tunity of calling to see you frequently. Should you fancy her

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with you would invite her to return with you or in case you deter-
mined to reside during the winter in Mendocino to invite her to
come and spend a few days with you at a time. I do not think
she is perfectly situated at home for many reasons. Her mother
knows Mrs. Rainey is very poor and it is with the greatest diffi-
culty she can support her family. The old lady would gladly
break off the match between Anna and myself if it were possible
and in doing so she could see Anna well and fairly managed to
live one day that she might have a more comfortable home.
I do not altogether blame the old lady as she is getting very
old and it is quite natural for her to desire a home for the
rest of her days. but it is in vain for her to attempt to get
beyond Anna. Had what she says in her last. "As the thing
is settled mother about my going to California she neither said
yet nor no which led me to believe when the time came she would
reactive give her consent, but since receiving your last letter I can-
not tell you how much I oppose to it. In fact she says her con-
sent shall never be had to my leaving Mendocino, unmaried. I do
not think my dear Thomas shall ever be able to join me unless you
return and arrange everything in a "proper manner", as mother says.
It breaks my heart to understand you thus. You know I would like to
please you in everything - I desire to see you very much. They
who dearest can you not make a little sacrifice for me? I should be
far more contented and much happier, at least I should, if I went stan-
dard by the wishes of my parents. I think the plan and excellent one you
propose for my coming back so early I should arrive safely and hap-
py for me now, but as I have already told you mother's wishes I speak
of it. So try then to come around and if it should take up a little more
of your time and give you some troubles am I not worth it? I am sure
I will do all in my power to repay you for all your goodness and love
I say then dear Thomas to come, or if you wish I will wait as long as you
desire. I write to you plainly all that is here written has been said
to me by mother. Do not think I have stamped thousands upon you & me,
and in the least, I love you as if more dearly and sincerely than any
greater desire is to be with you of whom I think always. Many I feel
grant the prayer that I offer up to Him every night and morn-
ing for your speedy return and that when we meet it may be not
to part till death separates us. And for all dearth I tell you if you
were to come yourself after me we might leave Mendocino without any
difficulty indeed, I should receive my mother's blessing which I very much
need. She is getting old and weary I should I will please her in every respect
I would do it for your mother's sake would you not do much?"
This is a sufficient quotation from her long letter which though strongly
inferred with love contained a great deal of very good sense

and will strive to give you an insight into the girl's character better than any thing else. I might say to you concerning her I caution you against quoting those lines as I have taken the liberty to send them to you with the best motives in the world. You will perceive that accuracy. He is to you an old friend is his resolution. I only wish the way here I am sure I would feel much happier than I do. but then this is impossible. I must go to bed and this I have resolved upon doing as soon as it is in my power. You will think I am dead in love or I would not think and write so much about this young lady. I am not ashamed to confess that I am as she is more than my equal in every respect. I have always written more whole more than I thought I should have time but the fact is when I get upon a subject wherein I am particularly interested I kind naturally let the expansion of my ideas. I must not bring this to an abrupt conclusion and if it is possible for me to write a few lines more tomorrow or the next day I will do so. Bettina's letter has returned from the money. has paid me a considerable portion of his debt and when I leave Mr. Strained he will take my situation. See Mr. Montgomery very satisfied. You must think I have nothing to do except hunt up and find out of acquaintances on this subject. Clark is in town. He is quite stout or was a short time ago. He is about once a week as at the mines. Calab. Street is the proprietor of the largest and most fashionable hotel in town. His brother the Dr. is practicing. I have not seen George Meisen lately. He may have returned home. I have made no settlement with George Strangle but should we ever do so and according to the agreement which he made with me he will find that he is and probably in my debt some hundreds of dollars but this is a matter that must not interest you therefore you will please not give yourself any further anxiety in relation to it. The capt. sailed from here in the Green Junco for Shanghai, China. Dear mother and dear sister I must now close according my good remembrance to all absent friends.

Remain yours affectionately,
 Thos. Whalley

Dear Mother & Sister.
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Thomas Knolly Esq.

San Francisco.

California.

San Francisco, July 15th 1837.

Dear Anna,

Since writing to you the first of the month I have received your epistle of the 20th May the perusal of which has given me more joy than any previously received. It is in answer to mine of the 15th April in which I communicated my intention of sailing for you. You must before this time have learned the cause, which prevented me from performing what I really intended and the explanation given I believe will be sufficiently satisfactory to you for acting differently from what I proposed. I particularly regret the disappointment, more so than receiving your letter when you state having partially obtained your mother's consent and that in all probability you would come whenever I should send for you. The few days of happiness which you enjoyed and am sorry should have been destroyed upon the receipt of mine of the 1st May which informed you of the impossibility of executing my plan. But no matter about that. The time is elapsed yet a little while longer. It will certainly come. Let us then console one another in the disappointment and await patiently the slow but sure progress of events. We shall most advantageously be each other again to deal for all time and decide the wars which we mutually pledge - but since. The sacrifice which you would make for me is a sufficient guarantee of your devoted affection and that when once united we shall enjoy a peaceful and happy life. It is not every girl at your age who would consent to hazard the dangers of a long voyage however much she loved the object of her affection. Therefore I am convinced yours is of no ordinary nature. What would you not endure for me! As for me you would willingly share your grief as well as my joy. Oh if you were now with me how kind I am certain I should feel much happier. An occasional visit or the smallest beam of light of your eyes if an hour would gladden my heart and I should know neither sorrow nor pain but I should wait yet awhile longer before talking the realization of my many happy dreams.

I am glad very glad to think you will come whenever I may send for you
as there is little probability of my being able to return home for a long while
to come though I may be able to send for you shortly. This I think I shall
not do, however fortunate I may be before you shall come to this dis-
tress of crossing the Atlantic during the rainy season. I in-
formed you in my last that I had left Mr. Warner and gone in
the Coffee grinding business in connection with Edwin among the brethren of
the Doctor. The atmosphere here is a strange one. A few days ago I
painted myself upon my usual appearance but I have since changed the
the gentlemanly attire and adorned me more suitable to the business in
which I am engaged. I believe every man should dress in accord-
ance with his calling. I see I am writing to you in a room adjoining
the mill attended in a pair of thick boots, heavy pants and a well worn
waistcoat. You would scarcely recognize me so completely has the miller's
disguise changed my appearance but little do I care how I look in
California. There is no necessity of being so very particular. I have
not done anything in the way of business. The first the windmills
indifferent to keep the machinery in operation and unless we can
get a powerful engine shall be compelled to abandon the project
There is every probability we shall succeed in this and when once in opera-
tion do a very fine business. Besides coffee we will be grinding
ground of all kinds and as there is no establishment of the kind
in the city we shall see why we should not make money. But
don't tell you more about my airy speculating an other time if I
succeed in this. I have nothing in particular to write about and
as I wish to fill up the sheet with something I suppose I will give you
a description of my room which will give you some idea of what
it is situated in California. The room is upon the second story
of the house adjoining the mill and communicating with it by a narrow
door and stair way which I take the credit of contriving. It is twenty
by five feet long by twelve broad. On it there are three windows.
It is extremely well situated on both and at the other a large cupboard
filled with every variety of crockery and tin-ware gathered from the
four quarters of the globe. Before one of the windows and nearly

opposite the cupboard
of washing, broiling, &c.
time if we please.
based upon which is
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them a comfort and
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of a considerable
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than I have done
out. My health is
want to make me
society but do not
an occupant of
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this room I like in
top of the Northmen. I
as I know you and the
and says and yet to
time time which will
with C. Clark when

I may elude for you
Sunday for a long time
This I think I shall
all coming to the dis-
satisfied. I in-
ed and gone in
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A few days ago I
we since closed the
to the buildings in
I sleep in accord-
in a room adjoining
to and a well work-
ing has the miller
how I look in
visited. Angel
which the wind once
to envelop we can
reclaim the project
then used in open-
-we used printing
much of the kind
make money. But
asked time if I
write about and
before I give you
my idea of both
the cleaned story
with it by a small
interesting. It is ten-
in other windows.
had a large cubbed
gathered from the
and nearly

opposite the cubbed stands a grand looking stove where the great work
of walking, broiling, frying and boiling may be going on all at the same
time in the centre of the establishment there is an empty
barrel upon which is placed a big covered with a handsome table
cloth. From this apology of a more suitable arrangement we
see sumptuously every day upon the best of everything the markets
afford and in quantities to suit. There chairs and an empty
big complete the inventory of the establishment with the exception of
the red cloth covering a portion of the floor. The sides of the room
are of rough boards and our eyes were led for the want of a ceil-
ing to the peak of the beams. The first chamber has an air of Cal-
ifornia comfort and is much better than last hotel quarters gener-
ally and intention is to live and pass the term and furnish it
handsomely. I regret now having only a short time ago disposed
of a considerable portion of my old traps at auction that were
down to Prince Point as many of them would be both useful
and ornamental. I enjoy my independent manner of living
than I have done during this month's past during at hotels and in
autos. My health and spirits are in excellent condition. All
I want to make me perfectly comfortable and happy is good
society but do not suppose dear Anna I would wish you to become
an occupant of my present miserable abode. All I desire
is to get established in something permanent and so soon as I
have accomplished this I shall send for you. I think of you
constantly and the desire of seeing you again soon is the great object
which induced me to use every effort for the quick accomplishment
of this end. Fortune seems to have favored me during the past two
months and I still believe I am in a streak of good luck. My partner
John Simon Elvick and his husband arrived from Panama by the last steamer
of the Northern. I have seen her but never but I intend going to see her often
as I know you and she were always great friends. She was unwell at Panama
and has not yet to have entirely recovered. I think they will remain here
some time which will make it pleasant for you when you come. You must
write to Carrie when you write to me again as I know from the warm

swarmed in which she is perfect herself towards you she would
be pleased to hear from you. I have seen Mr. Sprague but twice
since I received your last letter and forgotten each time to deliver
your message to him but I promise to do so before next mail. This
morning he breakfasted with us for the first time but I suppose
hope he will become a more frequent visitor as I entertain for him
the highest respect. I believe I have now communicated every
thing excepting the interesting local news all of which you will find
in the "Utah - Alta - California" mailed to you yesterday.
I must now close with the request of the mutual union because to your
mother and family and the assurance of my remitted love.

Believe me devoted Anna

Yours devotedly & affectionately
Thos. W. Hailey

Miss Anna E. Sawyer
395 1/2 South Street
East of the Brewery
New York

Dear Anna,

received your
me more joy
of the 15th Ap
ing for you.
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to you for acc
larly regret
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sawed that in
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Wm. H. Wood
Care of Mr. J. C. [unclear]
New York

San Francisco, July 10th 1887.

Dear Mother & Sister,

The last of the fall will inform you that I had given up my situation with the firm Harned and gone in the coffee grinding business in connection with Edwin Gomez an old school mate at the Washington Institute. The metamorphosis is a strange one. A few days ago I picked myself up in my usual appearance but I have doffed the gentlemanly attire and assumed one ~~admitted~~ more suitable to the business in which I am engaged. Let every man dress according to his calling. I am writing in my worn adjoining the mill attired in a pair of heavy pants and a stout wooden shirt. You would scarcely recognize me in my disguise so much do I stumble in appearance & milled but no matter in California we are not so very particular. It is now two weeks since we commenced the occupancy of the premises. As yet we have done very little and expect to do less. You know the uncertainty of these depending upon the winds and the waves. I feel not in the least discouraged. I believe that the business in which I am engaged may be made very profitable as there is not an establishment in town where grain may be ground. We have everything in readiness in the way of machinery and mill but not the power sufficient to move them. They we must have or else our attempts will prove fruitless. We are at present negotiating for a large Steam Engine and should we succeed in carrying out our arrangements, and there appears every possibility, I have no doubt but that we shall do very well and make money rapidly. I have before written you of the success of my operations during the past two months. Fortune had favored me and I believe myself still in a track of good luck which is likely to continue for some time. I may quibble but I have been writing long and patiently. Still, I promise if I am favored to turn the advantage of everything to good account this time. The nature of our business is this, to grind coffee & feed and grain of all kinds. There are several coffee & feed

mill in the City but more when grain may be ground. He wish to turn
our attention more particularly to the latter article if we can procure
an engine and machinery to carry on business upon an extensive scale.
One man alone provides us if we will get into operation within two weeks
to give us a contract for supplying two thousand head of cattle with
grain continually which may be worth to us a thousand or fifteen hun-
dred dollars per month and there are two bakers who wish us to sup-
ply them with particular kind of grain. All we want is a steam
engine to make our fortune and this we must have. You will hear
further of our milling operations at an other time when we shall have de-
termined upon something definite and under than you will please not
state what I am projecting to any one. I have received no letters
from you since last writing. Advice as up to the 9th May.
My health is excellent and I enjoy rational good spirits. I feel more
independant, more than I have done during the months past. All
my old traps that were at Queen Point I have had brought to the
Mill and find many of them useful and ornamental. I am again
keeping bookshelves, I enjoy the quiet of being better than dining
at restaurants. We have the best of everything the markets af-
ford and in quantities to suit. All that I want to make
me perfectly comfortable and happy is the society of one though far
away, constantly occupied my thoughts. An occasional visit from her
left I see the world's lightest my many times. Oh girl! If
I could I should gladly show you quiet and my joy to be with me but this
is impossible yet possible. The time however will come when I shall either
or go for her. It is most probable I shall stand for her as it may be
some months before I can go home. All I desire is to get established
in something permanent and to soon as I have accomplished this I
shall stand for her. The last is in answer to mine in which I think
I should just live. Stand for her by the 1st of May. She
writes that her mother had finally consented to her coming and that
she would not certainly come if I stand for her. Ha! the disap-
pointment. Do you not think she must sincerely love me and have
the most perfect confidence in my integrity to be willing to hazard

the danger of so long
ed in the girl. I
wrote to my happiness
Why then should
stand to have been
not again ask you
any particular advice
since done so. - But
expence of travelling
But I was going to
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way which I have
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end of the earth.
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suitable arrangement
and an empty box
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quarrel generally.
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posed of the furni-
ture.
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something to think the
mine close dear mother
family. If I had

The wish to turn
we can purchase
an extensive stock.
within two weeks
of cattle with
or of other animals.
with us to help
and is a steam
road. You will have
to see that we have de-
voted please not
to receive no tidings
at all May.
with. After more
the past. All
I brought to the
Tad. I am again
the plan during
the markets of
and to make
of our, though you
at home to you had
Our girl! She
be with me but she
I those circumstances
she as it may be
to get into better
employment than I
in which I shall
the 1st May. She
coming and that
she! The disap-
pore me and have
ing to hazard

The danger of so long a journey? It is impossible that I should be decid-
ed in the air. I believe I have calculated in every way to embelli-
sh it to my happiness and cherishing of my warmest affections.
Why then should I justly linger longer than is really necessary what
should to have been obtained by Heaven to obtain peace? I will
not again ask you whether you have yet seen Anna for if you had
any particular desire to gratify your curiosity you might have long
since done so. Baltimore is not so very far from New York, nor is the
expense of travelling very great. Perhaps you will never do this.
But I will try to tell you what a nice room we have got is upon the
second story communicating with the White by a private door and stair-
way which I take the credit of inventing. The room is twenty five
feet long by twelve broad. There are three windows in it. At one
end are two beds, at the other a large cupboard filled with every
description of ewers, and tin ware gathered from the four quar-
ters of the earth. Before one of the windows and nearly opposite the
cupboard stands a handsome stove where we roast, boil fry & broil
all at the same time if we chose. In the center of the apart-
ment there is an empty bannet upon which is placed a top covered
with a handsome table cloth. From this apology of a more
suitable arrangement we pass, I am presently every day. Three chairs
and an empty bed complete the rest of the furniture with the ex-
ception of the oil cloth covering a portion of the floor. The sides
of the room are of rough boards and our eyes wonder for the
want of acclivity to those peaks of the hinder part. The tent exhibited
has an air of California comfort and is much better than anything
quarrel generally, but our intention is to live and pass the room and
furnish it handsomely. I regret now having only a short time ago dis-
posed of the furniture I had, at an auction and it surprises me to buy
more.
I sent you yesterday an "Olla" containing all
the news which is of such an astonishing nature that it will give you
something to think and talk about until you hear from me again. I must
now close dear mother and sister wishing you to give my love to the
family. If I had more time I would write you a longer letter.
Your affectionate son,
Wm. W. W. W.

Mr. Daniel Whaley
Care S. M. Dyer Esq.
116 Broadway

New York.

New York July 25 31

Thomas Whaley

Patience is a great virtue
and if exercised in a
great degree by any one
it has been by us.

We have from your former
expected down matter settled
long before this but it seems
you take advantage of our
good nature.

We would like to see
under our business to
be closed (that is the old
firm) we must insist
upon a immediate settlement
of the old matter with the
late firm. You will see
that a long delay is out of
the question and if not
attended to we must
enforce it.

We shall affect the amount
of our debt with the late firm
interest.

You have had a long rope
and cannot blame us
if after two years and a half
we get tired of waiting long
from what we hear you
ought to have paid us
long ago. and why you have
not is quite a mystery to
us. Your property escaped
the late fire and of course
is the more valuable.

Now all we ask is simple
justice by us as you would
like to be done by.

I think not because you
are a free man you are not
likely to do us you please
with impunity.

Be a man and do justice
Yours respectfully

Wm. G. Smith

We were charged by you
at a month first of within
the last year

San Francisco, Sept 1857

Recd Sept 1857

Thomas Whaley Esq
San Francisco
California

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1857

San Francisco
July 29th 1851.

Depts Gomez, &c.

Truly sorry am I that my Commu-
-nication to you, (prior to my visit to Sacto City)
did not reach you. In that communication
you were informed that as my course, as
well as field of action, in Cal., had been
entirely changed; it would be impossible to
attend aught here my interests with Col:
McMout on the Mariposa. I regret exceed-
-ingly your being in not receipt of that
information, & trust, most sincerely, that
my not having acceded to your proposition
may not prove detrimental.

As regards your kind invitation
gentlemen, to "pass a social hour", I can only
state that, should time be allowed me,
I should be most happy, tho' in accordance
with your invite, they could only be occasional.
I should be most happy to see either
of you gentlemen, at all times, on the
Ranch of Col: McMout, on the Mariposa.

In great haste yours &c
Dickinson

Thomas Whaley Esq.

J. J. Gray Co.
Windsor

San Francisco, July 31st 1851.

Dear Anna,

Permit me to introduce to you the gentleman who bears this, Mr Stewart Smith, and also our most esteemed friend. I know the delight which it always affords you to hear from me by post; and, when you can do so more directly, I believe you would be particularly gratified; I will not therefore, solicit for my friend a hearty welcome, for, I am sure he will receive one.

After a prosperous sojourn of nearly three years in California, he goes home to enjoy for a time, those associations from which he had so long been severed. God Speed his return!

Owing to the intimate relations existing between Mr S. and myself he will be able to give you all the information you may desire to know concerning

Yours Affectionately,
Wm. H. Brewer

Miss Anna E. Scammon,
395 1/2 Chestnut Street,
East of the Brewery,
New York.

San Francisco, July 31 - 1851.

Grand Aunt.

I have scarcely time to write you. I must
say something. I am well and hope to find you in my next
mail. The late events concern the Bishop of this part
to make amends for not visiting me. I have given my friend
Stewart Smith Esq. of the firm of Sage & Smith who for a long
time occupied the same office at San Francisco, a letter of intro-
duction to you so that you will be able to gain every informa-
tion in relation to me more than I have time to write. Mr Esq
is of a highly respectable family and nephew to Capt. Perry
whose name you must frequently see in the California papers. I
have known him a long while and recommend him to your
attention as a particular friend. The wife I think be-
lieved with him and should he intend remaining long in
Cal I think you should write him to call to see you often
as he is a gentleman from whom you may gain much
information in relation to California. I might as well
state that he is known to our friend Dr. King. Remember
me to your mother & father. Next time I will write more
freely than I do now and believe me as ever
Your affectionate son,
Wm. H. Chase.

New York July 31st/51

Mr Thomas Whaley

Dear Sir

I have been looking for a letter from you in regard to the Laiden Gems, but as yet have not had a word, you will oblige me if on receipt of this you will write me fully on the subject, or if they are sold remit the dust as I am hard up.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing your Lady since I enclosed a note to you from her, it is not but that I liked her company (for she was very agreeable both times that I called) but my young lady takes up all the time that I can spare, why then I have not been to New York of an evening since I have been home, I have not even called upon Wards or Thompson, so you may judge how little I go out. I saw by the paper that you lost in the late fire, and I assure ^{you} I was very sorry for you have struggled a long while to make a fortune, and deserve one by this time. Of course you will do as you like, but I advise you to come home and try your fortune. I am

sorry that I left San Francisco, I would rather live here on bread and water, than live out there on the fat of the land. I met your little friend (with a long name) the other day, he was quite surprised to see me, and wanted to know if you had come home also, you know who I mean I suppose, it was the young man that had a fortune left him while out there, his name ended with by, you lent him some money when ~~you~~ he arrived. I am not married yet, but hope to be before many years go over my head, I suppose you will do the same, I now you do in fact, for I have heard you talk so. How is Franklin and Sage, do they talk of coming home this fall or are they going to lay their bones in that horrid land? Tom your Anna has been very faithful to you since you have been gone, that is if what I hear is true, she devotes her time to improvement and thinking of you, what sweet employment the latter is. Miss Lammay was very desirous for me to be a constant visitor, but I am sorry to say I found it impossible to leave my lady, to make calls upon others, I say that I am sorry

but that is please suppose like to be a times, when I would in afternoon I think as to the first brought the note being the friend for me (by your old

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but I am sorry
in my lady, to
I am sorry

but that is not the word exactly, you will
please supply the word and readow. I would
like to be with you for a day to talk over old
times, what fine sport we would have. I think
I would walk a good distance to see you this
afternoon Tom, but that thing cannot be. Write
to me as soon as possible and give attention
to the first part of this letter, as the man I
bought the seed of is asking about them the
note being past due. Remember me to all
the friends left and kiss all the women
for me (if you like) these are the requests of
your old friend
George D. Puffer

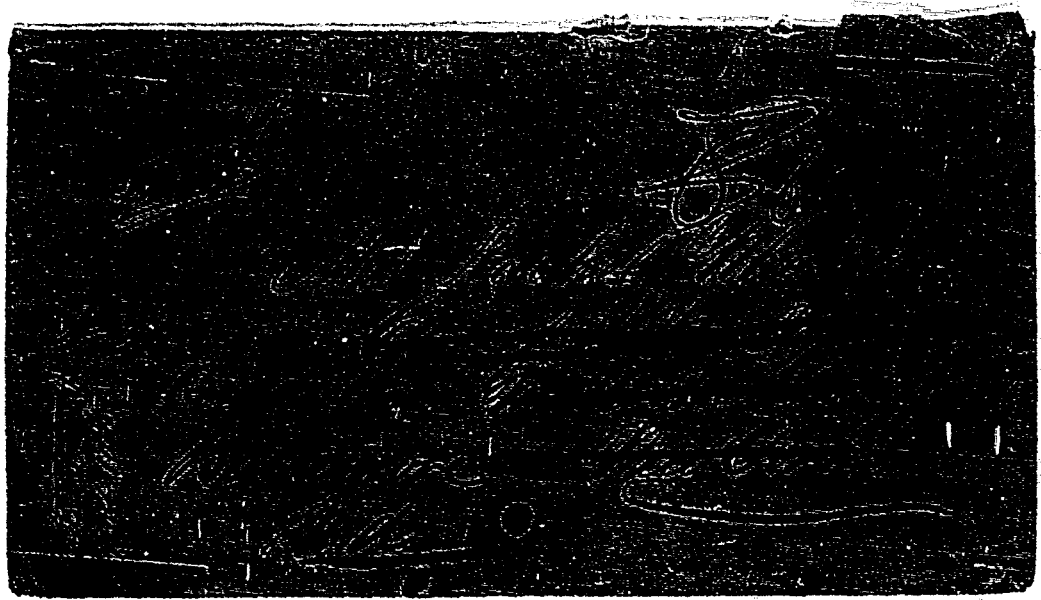
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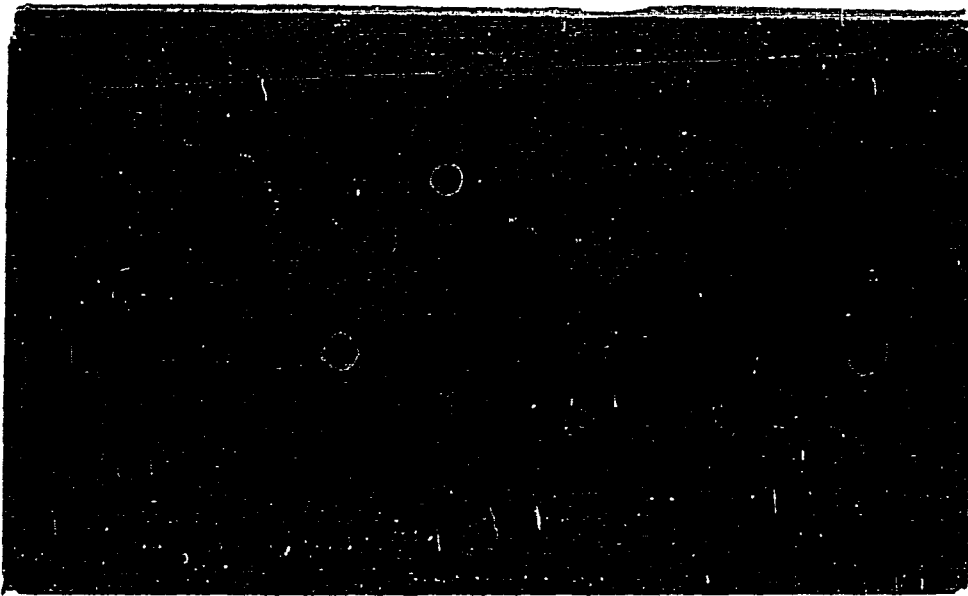
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Handwritten text on a dark, textured card, possibly a letter or note, held by a paperclip at the top center. The text is written in cursive and includes the following legible portions:

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]
New York



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the houses in S.E.
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it is possible to
16th



San Francisco, August 1st 1857.

Dear Mother & Sister,

I have too much to attend to, to clear to write you a long letter. Suffice it to say I am well and doing better in my new undertaking. There is a prospect of my succeeding in the coffee gauding business though during the past month we have hardly made enough to pay expenses. We have the mills and machinery in first rate running order now and all we have to do is to solicit customers. My business at San Diego is being satisfactorily conducted. Franklin according to my wishes has withdrawn from the firm of Wilson & Co and we are now acting for ourselves so that instead of receiving one sixth of the profits I shall be entitled to one half. We have purchased a house and the lease of a lot for four years and a half for five hundred dollars which will reduce our rent to about eight dollars per month. I think we will do much better than heretofore as my friends are willing to furnish me with all the goods I want upon the terms I desire. If all things go as I anticipate I shall soon be doing well and shall think of returning home shortly.

Believe I am again in a streak of good luck but say
nothing too loudly as I would not wish to be im-
puted to my property. I send you an Atta contain-
ing all the news. I received nothing from you by the last mail
to be sure it will arrive tomorrow when I hope to get some tidings

Yours affectionately

~~Theodor~~

22^d June

no mail note to hand
for yesterday

Mrs Rachel Macey
Care of S. M. Dye & Co
116 Broadway
New York.



Harpers Ferry August 3rd 1851
5th - my birth day

Dear Son,

Yours of May 31st has been received with
pleasure am sorry to hear no letters received, by you from us I am
always desirous to know the last date you have heard from us
my child, I do not wonder you are impatient to hear from home
I am sure you feel as I had when I do not get letters from you
So you thought I had when I do not get letters from you
I have given him a hearty reception, he would have glad-
ly met you, one of them might have gone but your not
such reading dampen their courage. I think they are prospering
smiling well Wm. H. was there a few weeks since he said
Henry was tolerable well, and his store full of every kind of
articles you know what Henry is, as you say he might prosper
in Cal. You say people will not be satisfied with
a good fortune, if it has been the case with you even
wisdom, and he doubtless ^{careful} in future, as your opportunities to
make money are good, you say, at this time, be not impatiently
be ever fearful, you will become discouraged indeed
but by do you say your prospects are good unless the symptoms
are favourable. I pray that your wish may be granted
the good luck which will enable you to pay of your debt
and return home and that your entire business and your efforts
will be crowned with success, if you only lay down a whole
some system, and not let others run away with your profits
do not say I am tired, I am impatient for you to return
hopeful. told Walker he had not any order, to pay the debt
perhaps you can get an order from the one who owe you, I told you
I had faint hopes of Parrell, after we called on his father but he soon
ran down to Mr. West when heard the news, he did not call again
but you must do as I do keep your own money, as long as I owe
people my cash is not at mine - Obadiah, Mr. Palmer he
is really despicable, to ingratiate himself so much in your
favour, and then refuse to pay a just debt, is abominable
this, will give you a just idea of what you have been relying
upon, what do they care for you if they can only get in your debt

They will laugh in their sleeves to think that they have been so
missing as to get you to look was it wishes and provide for them on
narrow, you will find plenty of others stand ready to take favours
the same price, me & sister. has often set and predicted that it would
be the case. in fact I have frequently warned you to that effect
in Calmness Brother. now you why not demand and insist you pay be
on the spot. Yes your friends do think heard of you from the
back of your supplying the wants of others by being so generous
of course they all look for you to pay them some day collect your
debts as you will. You must have struggled hard to maintain
your position, as I wrote, you had better have given up all to your
creditors and let them make the best of it. But I hope the
experience is well impressed on your memory as you say it
then you may take care what fortune favours you to become
master of in future. I know, I regret your poor success
imply, no doubt you feel poignantly the sting of your false
friends, and the false part they have acted towards you, How be
your own friend and others will not have an opportunity to deceive you.
I advise you not to confide too deeply in Franklin he may
be induced by opportunity, he is in Cal^a. I wish I could give any advice
that would deter you from putting yourself in any persons power
with respect to debt. I presume you wish to see us all very much
and hope your future good fortune will enable you sooner than
you give me the least reason to expect. Of course you wish to see
Anna as you intend to make her your wife but I cannot think she
will leave us until you pay us a visit, I hope she will, as you so
firmly desire that she should, it will be more comfortable for you
but look well how you send the cash sent it in Mr Smiths hands
he being one on whom you may rely, or you may be deceived in some
way which would be grievous indeed, to you, after waiting all this
time he out of pocket the amount of her passage and lose the young
lady. This I write as a precaution as you have been so very supportive
of late in your undertakings. No one son I have not seen the object
of your affections I am willing to pay her all the attention for
your sake if other wish of the young lady to see had equalled mine
we might have been friends in this and I might have complied with
your many requests as it is painful for me to hear your importunities
and we not comply I have not been in the city of Edg since, but I have
write it so

happy as you are
hope to see you
the competent
elected to live
other place as
visit me and
the least objection
agreeable as
which I wrote
then Mr Mathews
time. I have
time which
sister has
has been much
otherwise I have
has made this
I say it is but
better than
him since
sensible people
during the
I have given
you show care
for Anna, it
has to do re
either person
to you was
to offend you
to be under
look well to
to Mr W, has
engage for
any friends
could not
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the Mathews
respond to
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or I may

...of my own necessity... I shall
...promise to grant her an interview... I shall
...the opportunity to form some idea of the girl... I have not de-
...ided to live either in Balt^e or Phil^a as I prefer Cal^y to any
...other place as my interest is there. I am willing to invite the girl to
...visit me and shall do so was we at home keeping I should not have
...the least objection to her paying me a visit that is if she was
...agreeable and pleasant body why did she not answer my letter
...which I wrote in answer to hers I wrote you a copy of hers mine &
...her Mothers. You do not say what you think of them say next
...time Thomas here is sitting on the bank of the Savannah
...river what a splendid scene it is, I have been here near two months
...Sister has been here part of the time the weather in Baltimore
...has been unusually warm was the reason I did not return as soon as
...otherwise should Sister is enjoys good health only the warm weather
...has made her look rather thin but I trust the worst is over John
...says it is better than he ever knew it here his health is mending
...better than it was last summer I have been prescribing for
...him since I came we all enjoy tolerable health I have lost con-
...siderable flesh I do not care to remain in Baltimore or Georgia if
...during the warm weather again, if I get bravely over this term.
...I have given you a long detail I hope it will be interesting to
...you show can it fail. Thomas you state you thought to have sent
...for Anna, 1st of May, I cannot conceive what Mr W. returning home
...has to do with Anna, coming. Mr W. has his views, do look to him
...each person is self, I presume you remunerate Mr W. for his board
...to you as you are in his employ, and your down east being ought
...to afford you something by this time. I hope you will give submit
...to be under any ones thumb, mind what bargain you make
...look well to the result, consider what you have suffered, if you are clerk
...to Mr W. have a stated salary, you must be entitled to that. I will
...engage for it he is a sharp man for self. Thomas has Anna
...any friends in Philadelphia as they once lived there, Anna
...could not find Harriette unless she took a tour to Baltimore
...she let the best opportunity slip without improving it I think
...the Mothers letter to me was perfectly hearty so I would not
...hesitant to it. I presume she would not be vastly pleased, but that
...will not prevent me from sending for Anna when I go to Cal^y
...or I may send to Mrs Wanners or go myself.

[The page contains dense, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper. The text is written in cursive and covers the entire surface.]

that he cannot spare a few moments to call a
 see a friend's - friend. Don't you say it is?
 I see Mrs Palmer very often in the street, we al-
 ways recognize each other with a kind bow.
 Oh, I really like Mrs Palmer, he is so sociable
 and good natured, more so than Mrs Puffer:

My dearest Thomas you must try and
 make out with your skill and make the sum
 which you require to take you on your journey,
 and come to me ^{near Nancy 1852} by the
 Telegraph. Will you dearest. I want to see you
 very, very much. Your Mother has not yet
 called on me, but whenever she does, I shall
 do my best to please her. I know we shall
 agree. I am sorry that my Mother interfered with
 our affairs, but you know they French parents
 are more strict about such things than American
 Parents are. My anger date is was done without
 my consent or knowledge. Do you know that
 when I came to the place in your letter where you
 said that you were engaged in grinding, I
 stopped right short and commenced to dance
 for I expected it was an Organ that you
 were grinding up. Do not be offended at any
 joke it is all in fun. I shall put this letter inside
 of the purse which I have been such a long
 while sending you. If that purse does not
 please you I do not know what one will.
 It has been admired by every body; But you

¹⁰ will prize it more as being a piece of my
handi-works. Now my dearest I must close
this uninteresting letter as I think, Oh I hope
you will think otherwise and make allowances
for a miserable compositos. Take good care
of yourself, and may God prosper you in
all your undertakings, and grant you a speedy
return to your own devoted and ever constantly

Amra B. Lide.
I shall send this packet by the steamer of 11th of August.

P.S. I have not yet received the letter with
the ring in it which you said you sent
by the steamer of the 1st May! I made
inquiries at Gregory's Express off, but no
letter bearing that date was there.

Write soon again. Yours affectionately
Amra

New York August 18th 1857

Dear Thomas.

I merely send you these few lines to inform you that I shall send you the purse (which I have so long promised you) by the Steamer which leaves New York on the 15th of August, through Gregory's Express. It is come up in a box, which also contains a very long letter for you. I hope that both will please you. I suppose I do well in informing you of it, for it might get miscarried and it would be a pity to lose it. Amelia thanks you for the newspapers you send her. We are all very well and in pretty good spirits.

Give my love to all inquiring friends especially to Mr Warner, and tell him that when he returns to New York he must call on me. By the way the way in which this is written, I had written you a nice letter but something interfered to it and I was obliged to hurry up as quick as possible. I will now bid you adieu blessed by assuring you of my devoted love and
Sincerely - Your truly
Amelia

being upon the duties of my new avocation. I ride
earlier and work harder than ever I did before
in my life and I must say I enjoy it, possible much
better health than formerly in consequence. Things are
working gradually and I become without flattery to my-
self, ^{greatly} to my advantage as I hope soon to reap the
reward of my toil. Business is extending from day to
day though at the present time I am doing little more
than paying expenses which is better than last month.
Dear Anna I am sending very thanks as I have an object
in view or rather a promise to redeem before the expiration
of three years from the time I left home. "Certainly you
will not have forgotten it!" Well, it may be impossible for
me to fulfil it. But I shall soon hard and hearty look
be the case I hope at least to trace the means as my em-
ployment to send for you! You have said you will
come whenever I shall send for you should I find it
impossible to go home and I shall hold you to your
word. How happy we should be were you here with me.
I think of you very often indeed almost it would be im-
possible for me to say when I do not think of you for you
are ever present in my mind. Lately I have dreamed
of you frequently. You always appear to me happy

and much
dear Anna
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you in being
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the happiest
you and my
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your mother
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and much improve since I saw you last. I am certain
dear Anna I shall love you more and esteem you more
than I did should Heaven grant me to see you again.
Be then constant, dear, remain faithful to me and
I promise for your patience and long suffering to reward
you in being a great and affectionate husband. I expect
you think the time will seem long or rather it is a long while
coming, and so do I dear Anna when becoming more and more
impatient every day and I look forward to our meeting as
the happiest moment of my life. How gladly would I wish
you and imprint a kiss upon a standard upon your forehead
heart and receive them from your hand. But with equal
strengths O, this long separation! How painful it is and
yet it seems impossible to avoid it at least for a time but
I may see it cannot endure always. Like every thing else it must
have an end. In communicating my thoughts thus
official I hope not to enter into your mind sentiments contrary
to yours in the matter of love. You must be cheerful and say
with me. Let recreation, go into society, induce some of these
to be in - thing and every body, excepting me. The few months
for you which must elapse before we can meet will thereby
wishes pass quickly away. I am indeed glad you are
happy reaching two little pieces as is possible, as a part of your

Harpers Ferry - Augt - 18th - 1851

Dear Son

I was much pleased that your time increased so as to permit you to write me a tolerable lengthy letter and somewhat more encouraging with respect to "business" thing your commencement is "I can only write you a few lines" - all is acceptable from you. Your last letter dated June 9th received Augt 10. It gave me infinite pleasure to read "I am happy and in a fair way to do something for myself again" - I say grant it heaven. I hope you did not lose by being in Warners employ. I sincerely you and Edwin will succeed in your new business do not take room to take on any one to be an incumbrance no one should have an opportunity to ill treat me for my kindness to them again. as you must be anxious to realize some cash to pay off your debts, so one will help you to do that, how happy shall I indeed feel, when you shall write, the welcome intelligence yes my boy! I am convinced that your desire is ardent to do, therefore, I know, all your energy will be directed, that way, feeling the full force of past make believe Friends. I fear, that the rest may be very high of your establishment. I am glad you have purchased the house from Warner, it was best to rent the house as you say for \$20, per month what is become of the house you decided to build or is that the one you have bought, I hope your business down East will be very prosperous. You say you have not drawn a single dollar, is it best to let it all remain, least there may be a crash. do not blame me for being afraid, of ill success for you, as I have thought great and ample would be your means some day, I wish to see you is one great lesson I am impatient for you to make a pile notwithstanding I have great reason to give thanks, that you have been blessed with health. John says he would be willing to go to Cal^a if you had been successful, he may let me know with you, I think you might do better if one of them was with you. I pleased to learn that your opinion of Mr Franklin is still substantial, hope he will continue in the end to be the benefit of you both, as he is one, that you have believed;

Osgood's copy of this letter is in the collection of the Library of the University of Toronto. It is a copy of the original letter.

Thomas let me advise you not to keep boarders any more as it
is to troublesome for you to attend to and besides and rather degrading
to cook and wash dishes it did very well at first but now there's
to get eating in fact I would not do it for my self, was I you. Thomas
you last gave me hope to build upon soon I shall I commenced to think
about seeing my absent dear. Your disappointment with respect
to Anna I am not surprised to learn, though you wrote me
that her Mother had consented to her leaving Calif. and Anna had
promised to join you, I did not think she would as there she has
all remittances must cease the old lady is crafty and so you will find
if this young one is faithful. Yes it will be three years except the great
no doubt to, desire to see you, and you may accomplish all you desire
you and in California, and love if a place for gold. I will not mind
your coming for fear, I trust you will accomplish all you wish
on it will not be your fault. I did read in the papers of your
doomed Betty the most appalling. I must say you are released from
beholding the buildings which must have been vexatious indeed, but
you saw them fall which must have created unpleasant feelings for
long having cast you labour and care, they had long escaped the flames.
So far Wm. H. has not met with success to get employment in Calif.
as the company has not decided on the time there I presume he
might be able to attend to our affairs, though he has not been
the habit of doing so properly. I have not received any letter
from Anna but one, she did as she pleased. Why does she say she would
be pleased to have your Mother call on her when she "quits" well know
I will not do any such thing I will do all I promised that was to grant her
an interview, as she asked for. Then if I like her, and all is pleasant I
do not say what I will do. Yes I will give her the earliest advice of my
arrival for every thing I shall as you say have an advice to become
intimate with her you may rely I will do all I can for your sake not
committing myself by duration of neglect, but I trust the girl will not commit
herself again. Thomas you say Mrs. would gladly break up the matter
she has a mother daughter and if she could marry off the why not marry off
the stolen one might give her as comfort while a home, or another, if the marriage
I trust it will not fall to your lot to find her a house, no damn Mrs. Lyshen
wins in deterring Anna from going, as long as you continue to see
presently, was I you, I would not do so, but the time will not be long
to pass away. if you and Thompson are on your terms why not tell her
to call and see Anna then he might see how things were as you could

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Confide in him I suppose Thomas I have read the quotation from B.
letter so you observe it is quite consistent with prudence she says "she
is not changed" I hope not as you appear so very sanguine about it
and must say you motives are pure and good and I hope you will
be happy in a consummation of your intentions. No I do not say
you are any more in love than it is easy for a man to be with a
lady she intends to marry his wife, it is good to give expressions
to all our Ideas once in a while. I am happy to hear that Mr
Destonville has paid you something towards his debt. Thomas I
do not wish you to lose your time to look after old acquaintances
or entertain them either, only to deane them in as much as you would like
to hear from friends at home, I thought Bance had returned home by what I
heard previous to our leaving etc, to Clark. I think the best I hope you will
not be troubled with them. Since you appear to be offended with me for
speaking of your and Wanda's settlements I shall say no more, our medicine for
so doing was in case any of your creditors was to call on W. to what
kind of an answer they might give I am constantly anxious for you
not that shall receive an intrest, but because it is natural for
Mother to be so. Caleb Thott must have been more fortunate
than many others, his wife and Mother will be happy in his prosperity
here I am still on the Skinner's bank River, I may leave in a week as
the lady is not quite ready to receive me where sister is to board
the scene is a small beautiful one but I do not admire to live quite
so close as John does if he was in a different situation I might
stay with them considerable but not till his family is so small
his wife's Mother is married his little girl is young and next Feb? is
quite smart I think John will get some employment to agree with
better than working in the Cannery he will not take one day of truant
but work work all the time I have not heard from Henry by letter
since I was there I think him very strange as he well knows I would
be happy to hear from him and desire him to write I want to see
his son I should have been glad to have had him called Thomas What
the third he is so fine looking I so really want to see him but you know
his wife is a Catholic therefore she will not want the Children to see me
I guess. There has but little to say on that point but he may come out
one of these days Ann's health is not very good at this time I
presume nothing very serious perhaps weakness from the weather
it frequently gives me to think that if poor Flora was sick she would not

Let me know if John would be very glad to get me with him
I know as I hope you will soon be able to dwell in city and
attend to business in San Francisco you and Mrs. Hill might
form a connection but this is all imaginary though I have
heard him say he should like to go as he thought he could make
money I think she would be willing for to go with you as you
must understand all the tricks and turns by this Miss Hamlet
looks thin I know of no reason but the warm weather I have last
found of flesh I had a letter from Newark a few days ago all
tattered some had been sick but recovered I do not hear any
news of you I have not the least doubt but Miss keeps up a bright
inquiry concerning you and your doings do write next time how
much you are in city I do not hear any more of Smith as I can
how did he make out with all his poor houses and the rest of his good
I never heard I did not like to ask Harsel I had a letter from
him a few days since about taxes and if I wished to best the
North House I did not feel willing as we may wish to make
some attention one of these days it is the report that Real Estate
as high as in 1840 at some times to sell for some people
Mrs. & Mrs. Smith are to be gone to England all this month a fine
town I wish I had been so situated as to have accompanied them
but I should have wanted Sister with me I hope to return
to her next week she had been on a second visit as he had to the
descent for a while on the river she could not remain alone
so she came here as he was to travel this way I fear she will not
return again I shall go to her I know she feels lost instead without
me therefore I hope she will get an office in city then I could go about
and see her frequently as I do not pretend to superintend any one house
but my own not being subject to any one call as I do not love work
as well as I used to do then my way might not answer you know
things were different when me and Sister were alive So I am under
some restraint this is my notion of things not that I know from expe-
rience but you know I want nothing of any one but good treatment
that is cheap I ask no more hope to have that always unless I deviate
and treat people ill I do not wish to do that I hope your sick is doing
well I have not heard from his Mother in a long time I only correspond
with Mrs. Doreux and Mrs. Smith I if ever an occasional I write a note to
Mrs. Montgomery received not any answer the reason I cannot see I hope -

I must now think of drawing, to a close as I desire to put it in the Post ^{to day}
besides I have communicated all I can think of, I have just received a dispatch from
Betsy informing me that she has decided upon a place of her own I do not think
I shall decide to live in Barb = I am to far away from my affairs, and there is
has been so extremely narrow I told John one day he had better take Baily
place and keep a store he live the house of Baily I think this might do pretty
and keep a cow, I believe the house is very comfortable, I might live with
them or not just as I please. I do not mean to place myself under any
one control, I felt very sorry for John when he came home looking so pale
and languid, but we could not prevail on him to take a trip in the country
I would have consented to stay in Barb, if a surgeon for I never endured
such heat but he quite pleased to say I think he go to City next
month when you write say what you wish of what I have written I
feel very anxious to see and talk with you, as I am nearly inspired
with hopes for many seasons with respect to your coming home I hope you
and Mr. Lee will have perfect understanding that you intend going
when as soon as possible, so doubt he will have money when he knows
all your misfortunes and disappointments as one man will have for-
a notion that is if you established in his mind that you firmly intend
to pay him I should much like know how Mr. Kirk made out

With this baggage I suppose if any great things I should have
heard of it. Has he sent any more or does think to a trade post?
I suppose he calls often on Mr Smith as usual, I trust he will
get his pay one of these days he has made more enough at any
rate I have not heard a sentence for a long time on it I
care to do so. but enough of this sort of thing more pleasing
to calculate I trust you often think of us all. O! when I look
at your triumphs how striking never shall I forget the first time
I beheld it that convinces me how strange that Anna could
refuse to let me see the one I wished to see. "O! dear and a blessing
go with the dear Son that would shield the poor from
all through life if it might." "May the sunshine of life on thy
spirit dwell and the hand of omnipotence lead the way." is the humble
prayer and hope of our affectionate Mother Rachel Whaley
I wish that sister was here I would prevail on her to enlarge
this letter to a more lengthy one.

P.S. Thomas I read of the great Exhibition in London & the recent
benefit given by the effect of the Seize. I wished it was possible for me
to have been there you will read in the 29 paper with great pleasure as you
know

San Diego August 26th 1831

Dear Tom.

I enclose you the latter few lines I had prepared in anticipation of the Colletts arrival, as they even better portray my state of mind and position. In compliance with the promise therein made I send you letters for Taylor Gordon, Bryant & Rowles all open so that you may read them, then seal and deliver them to St. Francis I have also written and I wish you to call on him for I am well convinced he will aid me to the best of his ability. He had influence with Gibbs & Co. and no doubt will accomplish much. As to Kendall & Co. I hope they will also aid me, and I want you to select from their stores a small quantity of all things they may have enumerated in my list previously sent.

Janson & Co. try for a small amount, for without some aid we are totally ruined. You will perceive I am writing under the full conviction that I must stay here, this is from seeing no other alternative otherwise should I differ with your reasoning and wish San Francisco not only dear by far and far, but first I admit for religious duty and next for business arrangements which I desire to make final. I do give that I cannot and dare not now quit my post here, for I am sure I could make a very handsome thing out of a trip at very little cost. You coming down I could arrange without, but I give it up, altogether from compulsion, and I shall rely on your generous reaction.

I send you a trunk marked F. W. San Diego containing as per the accompanying Invoice which I wish you to exchange for Old fancy & white shirts. I think delicately will make the

trade with you. You will examine & find that the rats have
been eating the collar of 3 of ^{the} Jack Coals; these you must have
fixed. I give my bargain cost of these goods and I expect you
to sell at a profit. Do the best you can however. They are of
short sale and would had better be moved off the market way by
other goods. A few Blaze over this, you may buy.

Was a word or two on our affairs here. The Arguments have
been fierce and I had only to avoid the tip of the dart.
God knows when to be decided. I wish you particularly to
understand that you will in correspondence with Deben Ho. except
this one. I will furnish you full accounts so as to be prepared
for any emergency. This I will read and now but I have had
no time. What with regulating my affairs to meet any contingencies
here, and legal considerations I need had enough resting for one
month. But you shall soon be satisfied of all things well, not
on hand and indeed every minute. I am delighted that
affairs look better with you. Do I repeat if no interruption had
taken place I believe nothing more than our quiet business here
we can make a handsome thing out of it as you will yourself
admit when you see the statement I intend sending to you.

I now send you my watch for a glass please attend to this at
once as I am daily in want of it. Of time let it be cleaned
Jack's Blaze will be the best to give it to in my name.

This is all for the present. find enclosed two drafts drawn
when you in Blaze in case Perrotel Ho are willing to accept
my terms. Do my dear fellow make in efforts for our mutual
interests and believe me

Yours very truly
Lewis & Rawlins

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Invoice of Clothing

	A. Pinafore	2	@ \$4.50		15. -
1	5 Satin Vests		@ \$3.50		17.50
3	3 Frock Coats		@ \$12		36. -
	4 Sack suits	2	@ \$9.50	@ \$7.50	34. -
	5 Slop suits		@ \$9.50		47.50
					\$150. -

I have taken in receipts for various things sent of clothing in the small box containing my watch, and the letter. Send me back the tin box - as I want it

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 in his presence
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has said all he can do make him feel ill towards you, I
hope you impressed Mr S, how very unfortunate ^{you} were
in being obliged to render up the house buildings, as they
certainly doomed you to the most serious difficulties.

Altho I will not assume your project only to your brother
I have written many letters since May 9th which trust
you have recd & see this I am happy to hear you feel
a proper degree of independance, than you have for some
months, quite ^{independent} & go on but be careful when you
have cash on hand, send it to Washington to S, on whom you
may rely. How does Reinere Point property come on. I hope
no one has any right, to it but yourself, at this time

I would not keep B, Hall, as the whole trouble of cooking will
devolve upon you I fear, then those who wish to lounge, has a
better chance, but if you would pursue my plan they would
not stay long, as I should tell them I wanted not to be boarded
any more, I had to much to do, it gives me comfort to hear
that your is well off for marketing, with all other accom-
modations. Now you must do well, I beg of you to try
make yourself your whole study let no one insinuate any other idea
into your head. Then you will prosper and be able to come for
Anna, who in doubt is writing patiently for you to do so, we may
all then be happy together, as we should be in the places all
sincerity in you to be willing to travel to you and never
can I believe it, unless she is gone, as I consider the under-
taking a hazardous one indeed, I shall indeed think her love
very strong, and hope you will treat her in the most
affectionate manner, Still I really think you ought to
come for her, as I to say I see no great reason, only the length
of time, it will pre-occupate your happiness for a while longer

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them as she observes; is she not worthy of it" you answer give
Thomas no, I have not seen the object of your affections, not
my fault, that I have not, I had at one time a strong
desires, but I, met with a heavy repulse; still, I am willing
for your sake, and at her request to let her know my place
of abode, in Battersea or City, when I shall go there; but
the weather has been so exceedingly warm this summer
that travelling would not have agreed with me, I shall
leave here this week as sister is very anxious for me to be
with her, now that the weather is becoming cool, the two weeks
since she left me last time, it appears longer to me, than she
had been here three weeks, as he had been absent from B. &
I am certain I could not, Anna, kindly but, I would inform her
that I did not like her treatment as my own Mother, but she had
promised to make my repARATION in her power, I desire no more
of course she knows that her mother wrote, if she were ignorant
of the contents, she is a crafty, lady so because how you send the
cash for Annas poffage or if she governs you may lose
both for a while longer How to your comfortable room
it must be a large commodious affair I am pleas'd to learn
that your cupboard is not empty but contains crockery and tinware
but why did you get such a famous store it needs a Cook your
center table takes my eye a first rate one I would not
get any more furniture until @, comes was I you as
what you have will make you and G comfortable that
is all I would concern, as you have other matters in view
of more importance, than beautifying the room do not neglect
about the selling of your furniture, as you business concerns demands
your immediate thoughts I hope the "Alc." will come to hand

as I love to read the California news I gave your
 best love to all your family and friends. Sister & brother
 hope you will meet with your hoped for success in your
 undertakings. If her says he will return with you if
 you only get prosperously established. How would telegraphing do in Cal
 write what you think of it, San Francisco will be a great city
 in time & but great ill may occur, ere it is established. John is acquainted
 with a gent who lives in this place on Monday, goes an engineer
 for a gent in Baltimore. I received a letter from Miss Ellen D
 who informs us of the marriage of Miss S. Lazier to James Adair, both
 to have sisters husband all your young ladies will be married off soon
 Miss S. wish to be remembered to you I do not know if their cousin has
 returned to London. Mr B. Bernardson the sick Spanish gent has sent
 a draft to pay the Miss D's all he owes them they are single & plena
 and no wonder as they have waited a long time for it. I was I you
 I would certainly write to Mr Palmer in Calif, he has treated you so
 and singer Thomas like, Thomas Mr Wood had called today
 while we were absent at church I was anxious to see him as it is
 the gent who leaves this place to morrow I hope he will call again
 I would have been at home had I expected him in the morning
 as he understands engineering, he may be of information
 to you likewise I wish him to see you when he has seen you
 and John. I may go to Baltimore, to morrow in company with
 Mr W. and wife he is to receive \$200 per month and four,
 John says she would accept such an offer. So there needs
 since I saw your sister I feel quite anxious to do so I am getting
 impatient as I have so many expectations of you I depend
 upon seeing this year, may God grant us the privilege
 of a happy meeting I contemplate going to Calif but cannot
 say when until I see sister she may go and she may
 I shall not like to go alone but some way will be provided
 for me I always have been successfully protected from all harm
 My dear son one and all join in love and affection to you
 And may God bless you to your kind ~~parents~~ friends, P. W. H.

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 Dear J
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Spring Hill le 26 vent 1851

Ma chère Victoire

Je suis trop contente de recevoir de tes nouvelles pour te faire aucun reproche de ton long silence de mon côté. Tu réponds à ma lettre écrite il y a 18 mois; c'est égal je reçois la tienne sans répondre une plume. Il faut que tu sache que j'ai quitté la Nouvelle Orléans. Nous sommes ici dans l'intérieur de l'Alabama. La raison est que la santé de mon mari n'est pas bonne. Les médecins lui ont conseillé un climat plus sec, le N. O. étant trop humide. Depuis qu'il est ici il est bien mieux et se rétablit bientôt sans doute. Il revient de la Californie bien malade. Ce voyage en bien de lui avoir fait du bien. Il a presque guéri. Ses affaires en ont aussi bien souffert et nous avons beaucoup perdu depuis un an. Mais cependant son commerce a été un peu un vent de tout cela. Depuis un an nous enseignons tout deux dans un pensionnat de jeunes demoiselles.

Tout bête de moi. mes dépenses sont peu de
chose. Si vous sommes prap à la fin des
mois d'octobre nous serons ensemble de nous
mettre chez nous et de nous occuper pour notre
Compte (De tous et tous bonjours) d'amis qui
s'attachent à nous. Nous comptons habiter
la ville de la Mobile et le River.

Si on te ferait aucune question, j'attends ta
lettre avec impatience. je pourrai en tirer
comme tous les détails de ce qui te concerne
aussi que du reste de la famille. Comme
mon cœur se réserve en y pensant. Quelle mal
heureuse famille que la sienne! Pour moi, et me
semble que je suis comme un plant transplanté
dans un sol étranger. je pense toujours au
bien de ma naissance on est T. G. on le peu
de personnes qui restent à ma famille sont

Mais pourquoi (disais-je "famille", à l'exception
de toi qui pense à moi. personne. Oh! mon dieu
si j'étais riche je les forcerais à penser à
moi. j'irai les trouver car mon cœur ne peut
tant leur oublier les années. encore. Parle-moi
de toi, de ta famille de tout ceux qui restent
de nos parents.

Tu te plains d'Edouard. Il est très
regrettable pour moi. Cependant il me semble
qu'il t'a écrit peut-être que la lettre ne t'est
pas parvenue. Le grand d'aujourd'hui pour la même
cause. Ma fille me raconte te disant

bien de ce
Embra
Combr
Mais ma
me laissez
Dieu soit
pas arant

M. B.
M.

adieu mes
Corinne

il peut de
à faire ses
à de vous
pour votre
amis qui
trous habiter
s'attends la
à travers
à la concurre
Cosumme
Quelle mal
moi à me
transplanté
temporaire au
ou le jeu
le sont
à l'égypte
Oh! mon dieu
penser à
malgré
Parles-moi
qui reste

bonnes choses affectueuses à toi et aux trois
Embasse les chers enfants pour moi
Combien j'aimerais vous voir tous. Mon
vrai vœu pressant que si nous réussissons qu'il
me laissez faire un voyage pour vous voir tous
(Dieu soit si cela arrive de moi à un an
pas avant deux ans si cela a jamais lieu
En attendant de les nouvelles
Je t'embrasse de tout coeur
ton ami pour la vie
M. J. Guertis

A. B. mon adresse
c/o Mrs A. B. Guertis
Mobile
Alabama

adieu avec un fier je suis pressé pour le jour
Comme toujours tes consciences de tout coeur

est très
me semble
à me l'est
pour la même
à te disant


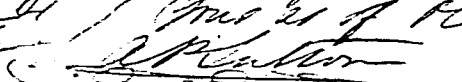
M^{rs} Victoria E. Lannan
N^o 39 1/2 South Street East of the
Bowery New-York

well acquainted with R. Reading matters & to California
think that I may stand a good chance on that I can do
your way. The Estate did not turn out as such game
worth one cent. as the suit went against best assured
us. But it does not dampen my spirits a favour on
as I have hands to work. and good books I can do
But I do not want to call on my Backers aid in New
I want to show them that the formally two months
will and can get along without their but did not
aid. If you could lend me a couple of Hun- not the sum
dred dollars I would excuse you, by giving removed to
you a loan on my Savings Bank's Money have heard
which amounts to more than that sum got another
& you feel inclined to help a good friend ing himself.
send me word to Thos Wardle in a letter at Philadelphia
directed to me. I do not know whether I'll and a fine
stay on this road much longer, as I have even thou-
had an offer on the Virginia R. Road to be laid out to
by sending your letters to J. M. Swill. Or or now they
am of getting them. As for H. C. Sutton & the State of
am afraid if he gets the amount you owe Henry C. C.
me he will keep it. I have understood the child di-
that he offered the whole amount to M. had an other
Smith if he would cash the draft for
Ten Dollars. What do you think of that. & that miserable &
would not do it. So if you have not arranged of Pennsylv
that Pursep get I wish you would send one the Anti
the \$9000 enclosed to H. Wardle. for one attorney's
I am ready any moment to come out like a. char

wanting to go to California and there is no kind of doubt
chance on that I can do well out there. I will play you
in our next game as Honey Chappell played you. &
against best assured old boy. if you will confer such
opportunity a favour on me, it will never be forgotten
and better

I understood that your sister, is married
backers died in New York. when I was out there some
normally two months ago I tried to find them out
to their but did not succeed. the Directory had
is of them not the name, or I supposed that they had
by giving removed to Newark. But I do not doubt you
Money have heard has lost little Kate, and has
it seem got another little girl Bill Fish is enjoy-
old friend ing himself, and they are all now ^{on} a farm
a letter at White Plains. it is a farm of 200 acres
other I'll and a fine house on it. Bill paid some
& I have even thousand dollars for the place and
Road to payed out some four or five on the house
I will be or now they (own) one of the finest Farms in
Sutton & the State and making money at that
at your own Henry C. J.'s wife has been confined but
not good the child died shortly after its birth, or he
to Mr. has an other chance.

off for
- that, & the
at arrange of Pennsylvania, I wish you could only
to read see the Subscriber and you could become
for one a subscriber. he is as fat as a Hog and looks
- come out like a charm, as you was always aware I am

exceedingly fond of deep, as you can imagine
 the Subscriber with his snow white fantabulous
 shippers, a clean shirt with a rolling collar
 alla Byron with a sailor's knot tied into it
 topped off with a Panama albe Callon
 sitting by his window overlooking the Killing
 of Factoryville, Wyoming Co. Pa. and the R.
 Road that he has tugged at day from
 day and now complicated with Pen & Ink
 in hand planning to an old an intimate
 friend at California, who has shared many
 a happy day's sport, ^{with him} on the East River & Sharking
 Bay. But that good time is past and there
 is no necessity of brooding over it for there
 is better day a coming Boys I forget to say
 that it is a very pleasant day and surounding
 As as the Boys call me. I have a half a
 dozen R. Road friends, smoking their pipes
 and cracking jokes, and inquiring all about
 my California friend. so you must now
 answer quickly and let us know what can
 be done in your region as there is a half
 a score of them anxious to go out to Cal
 So I will bid you good bye, and success old
 my. My dinner ready, and the girls are at table
 or Good Bye  (P.S. if R.D.)


P.S. I found you
 some \$150.00 in
 the estate of
 the late
 Friend I have
 had a word
 with on Cal
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 the former gen
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 the Tiggles to
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Dear Mr. Garrison

I am glad to hear of the success of your trial and that you have been acquitted. I hope you will be able to do more for the cause.

Yours truly
Wm Lloyd Garrison

Dear Mr. Garrison, I am glad to hear of the success of your trial and that you have been acquitted. I hope you will be able to do more for the cause. I have been thinking much of late about the state of the world and the progress of the human mind. It seems to me that we are entering upon a new era, and that the principles of justice and equity are being more and more generally acknowledged. I believe that the time is not far distant when the rights of all men and women will be fully secured, and when the world will be governed by the principles of love and mercy. I am sure that you will continue to be a faithful and successful advocate of the cause of the oppressed.

again. I fear proud of you should have and hold always
to remain within of it though I seem to feel I shall never know
how to prize it sufficiently. You had entered more warmly

New York, Dec 10th 1841

San Francisco, September 15th 1851.

Dearest Anna,

I was disappointed not to have received a letter from you by last mail, more particularly as I did not get any intelligence from any another vessel. Would you believe it is nearly three months since I received a line from either of them? They is a long while to be without news from home. I cannot possibly excuse the reason why they do not write, when I am so particular to communicate by every steamer. Indeed I fear that my mother is ill and perhaps that is the reason. But I will not anticipate misfortune I have troubles enough to contend against. I was particularly anxious to hear from you to find if you had yet received mine containing the ring so that if you had not I might forward you an other by this steamer, but I must wait for your next arrival. I know the pleasure which the gift of a ring would give you and that you would then evidence your own certainty of our union. Dear Anna you need never have the least doubt upon this subject as we shall meet positively, and granting our lives be united and that too, perhaps sooner than you anticipate. As I have previously written to you I do not intend waiting until I can

go home but shall send for you so soon as I have got my
affairs a little more straightened than they are at present
and can decide upon something definite. You know
you can scarcely conceive how much I think of our meeting
and the pleasure I anticipate in seeing you once more, and
yet you must have a perfect comprehension of this, for do
let you look forward to the event with the same feelings.
Do you not think we shall be happy, yet very happy
one of these days. I know we shall be. It is my great
delight to think of your word. What if I could persuade
you to my home and call upon my dear Anna?
This would be a delicious joy. Do you remember and
meddle in your lap, played with your curls or braids,
trouble - how you used to tangle your hair with a comb?
My dear Anna, but it was sweet to you then and would
be more than money to me now. I have not had a kiss from
you long while. Will you believe me dear Anna, you are
the best person I know. I wanted when I shall get an other
one long I hope. These were indeed pleasant times to which
I refer with a single regret and trust a sturdy repetition of
the same. The holidays are drawing nigh, and if
enable you will expect something at most, I think so. Last
Monday you had a becoming prudent perhaps I shall
not feel it rather be able to feel quite so liberal but you
may depend upon receiving something handsome in an instant
way. Getting of presents reminds me that you promised
to send me some time ago a purple and a lock of
beautiful hair. If you don't send the present yet,

my dear Anna
The paper is
the evening
if you have
you will if
you would
any party
"adjusting"
I would find
I promised in
argue you after
to their wear
left the side
of your
and all it is
of "dear Anna"
ready enough
then, soon
think the
the more they
I want to speak
in the Church
for the end of
in rather a
I shall be some
to see you at
from the
wonderful

we got my
at school
Dear Anna
my meeting
see more, and
this, for doubt
in following
to happy
to my great
and. See your
dead Anna!
in bed, as I
no matter
ish at all!
just would
s. a kiss for
any general
get in mind.
as to which
reputation of
B. and of
Edward. Last
is, I shall
deal but you
in an article
you permitted
a look of
hand of

might never expect to get it friend with gold. I see by
the paper that the Bloomer dress is becoming very fashion-
able among the ladies and I wish particularly to know
if you have adopted the Turkish costume. Of course
you will if all the rest of the ladies in New York do as
you would not like to be seen walking Broadway without
any pants. You may like to know my private opinion
respecting "Bloomer". I go in for whatever is fashionable but
I would not like my mother or sister to make themselves con-
spicuous in being among the first to bring this costume into
vogue yet after it was once introduced I should not object
to their wearing it as I think it is more becoming and practical
than the old-fashioned
leg bunched dress. The dress is admirably calculated for Cal-
ifornia, particularly San Francisco during the rainy season
and all it wants to complete it is a pair of nice and a pair
of seven laced boots. It quickly happens that women are
ready enough to wear the pants, or whatever you chose to call
them, soon enough without helping them to put them on, do I
think the ladies trouble themselves about the Bloomer dress
the more they will find it to their advantage.
Now to speak of other things. I have this day despatched of my interest
in the Centra Coffee Mills and intend proceeding to San Diego be-
fore the end of this month to look after my affairs there which have
in rather a precarious situation and demand my earliest attention
I shall be some 700 miles nearer to you and may easily come
to see you at any time. My next will be addressed most probably
from San Diego. I hope to be able to give you some more in-
formation of some interest. Continue to address your letters the same

as heretofore. But you Post Office San Francisco and
by no means send anything by Express or private mail
Letters will be forwarded to me twice every month
San Diego will probably become my home for some
time to come. Do you say it is a pleasant place but
I would much rather remain in San Francisco.
From New York to San Diego by the new route
might come in twenty days! Can't think if I do
twenty days you might be with me. You go
shall come. Yesterday I did not care to see you
Emilia Clark as I generally do on Sunday
but I presume she is well. And I must close
with remembrance to the family and a
love to my dear Anna

Yours affectionately

Miss Anna C. Loring
395 1/2 South St
East of Broadway
New York

Wm. Whalley

P.S. I don't know but that it may possibly
be handed to you by Miss C. L. Palmer to whom the
writing will be addressed.

Wm. Whalley

New York Sept 26: 1851.

Dear Thomas.

Yours of the 21st July & 13 August, came to hand a few days since, the contents of which pleased me very much, especially to hear that you are enjoying good health and high spirits. I am glad to hear that you have become Melior, for it is no doubt a very pleasant employment. I hope you will succeed in your undertaking, so as to be able to return home soon. Mr. Smith delivered me the letter which you sent. I find him a very fine young Gentleman. He had called on me twice. The first time I was not in, but the second time he called, he kindly offered to take charge of a letter or anything that I might wish to send you. What a good chance that would have been to send you the purse. But you must have received it by this time. I hope you will be pleased with my work for cash. I wanted to send you another pair of Slippers, but I have lost the measure which you sent me, consequently I

Recd Jan 1 1852

From

Anna E. Lawrence

San Francisco, Sept 15th 1861.

Dear Mother & Sister,

I am certainly at a loss to divine the reason why I have not received any letters from you for some time past. You must undoubtedly have written your last letter date May 8th, enclosing a note from G. M. H. & J. P. Coy, received I suppose the week nearly three months ago! This is indeed a long while to be without hearing from home, and if I were so neglectful towards you I think you would have reason to complain.

I have written to you regularly twice every month with a single exception which was by last mail and this was owing to my not having received any letters from you. I should like to know the cause of this neglect. I am aware of nothing which would merit such treatment. I would indeed like to hear from you. It is my greatest delight upon the arrival of every mail and when there are no letters for me I am sorely disappointed.

But no more of this. I shall continue to correspond regularly until I can receive an answer to this and am informed of the reasons why.

Business in San Diego imperiously demands my presence. I have this day disposed of my interest in the "Covina Coffee Mill" and I shall probably have been the 25th of this month, should it possi-

So. I have determined to retrieve my credit in three months time or lose everything in the attempt. Our bold push will carry me through and place me in a better position than ever. My partner at my earnest solicitation withdrew from the bank with which he was connected at San Diego. Upon presentation of his accounts he was refused payment which obliges us to do nothing at law. Some two thousand dollars is involved which we have striven hard to make during the past eight months. It is too late to be kept out of this as it injures our credit and delays us in our operations. But we still have some thing left. About \$2000 in goods and the store and lease of the lot we occupy. I shall invest the proceeds of my interests in the "mine" in goods which together with what I shall be able to obtain on credit will enable us to sustain ourselves until our difficulties are settled. You will think I am always in trouble. Well so I am. It is mercantile to a California life and one of the most agreeable features of it. purchasing essential equipment. I don't think I should like to live in New York again at least before I have made my "pile". I intend clearing up every thing in San Francisco with the exception of the Mission Point property. This is at present owned by George J. Puffer who has left me a power of attorney. An other owner is Edwin Emery who purchased it for me at a public sale some time ago. In reality it belongs to me but entrusted as I am I can do nothing in my own name. Before I have

time I will have a paper and in credit to you. It is valuable every day. It will be worth every thing about the city. Every paper in it is interested going. Some for Duke Mills means to see you at leave San Francisco more than two away from the way when I wish you to see before. I intend to do something definite or private to be forwarded. My next to go and I hope in the prospect of may depend it is true at the way's transpire. anything I see, remember.

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months. And
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evidence of
to get the
credit will
be paid
in double.
to be sure
like to live
under my
plan of raising
money. This
to me a
Edwin Smith
some time
and as I
before I have

I will have it so arranged as to be owned entirely by one
person and in case of anything happening to me to be de-
ed to you. The property is becoming more and more
valuable every day and if I succeed in holding it, will
some day be worth a fortune. It is upon the Bay. The prop-
erty about there is beginning to be noted as shipyards.
Every paper in relation to it is recorded.
I intended going to San Diego to make that place my
home for some time to come. I shall be sure you
will meet him, and may more easily take a trip
to see you at any time. Now I shall regret to
leave San Francisco which has been my home for
more than two years. Since I arrived I have been
away from the city only twenty four hours which
was when I took a trip to Sacramento.
I wish you to continue to address your letters as
heretofore P. M. 704 Post Office San Francisco, as
I intend retaining it, until I can decide upon
something definite. Send no more letters by Express
or private hands. Letters coming to my box will
be forwarded to me immediately.
My next to you will probably be headed San Diego.
and I hope to communicate the intelligence of
the prospect of ^{my} doing well. What I write to you, you
may depend upon as I never say anything but what
is true at the time, however difficult things may after-
wards transpire but you will be careful not to repeat
anything I say. My dear mother & father with grateful
remembrance to all, an affectionate adieu,
Wm. W. Shaler.

Mr. Rachel Appley
Care of M. Dye Esq
116 Broadway
New York

Sept

1851

Baltimore Sept 25th 1851

Dear Sam.

Your welcome ^{short} letter of Augt 1st lies before me, which informs me, of your prosperity in business & trust you have succeeded in procuring customers, and your affairs at San Diego is being conducted satisfactorily; which is good news to me, that you and Franklin are alone, your receipts will be more. I am happy to learn that your friends, continue to be willing to furnish you with goods & indeed, that you make good payments. I hope your purchase of the house for five years will prove a good purchase, as all conspires to encourage me to believe that you will soon come home though as you advise, say I must not depend too much on it, as I have been so frequently disappointed. It will not speak of your business to any one but change your address. I received letters from me last Mail, I think you see by their date you ought to have done so, as I write often to you. Ever to August 16th

I ^{short} and ^{sweet} you say it, had to Missings, a full apology for a short epistle, I did wish for a more length one, as I had turned over and found it blank, but on giving it a second perusal it informed me of your continued health and full hope of success in your undertaking. No suspensions that you do not receive any letters, always receive the ^{most} latest state of news with you still, I saw the death of General Jones in the paper, you last sent me, on board of the ship Francis. I hope it is not Edwin's brother. You write that you do not need hard ships I.

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stances shall be out
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The day, I pray
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first paper
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ful a season
sterable as
living at the
? Jane to the
a letter from
of a visit
return home
thinks Wm
fully as it will
I believe I need
to be put
to rest.
I hope all is
my arrival
be able to
be 15th inst
to left Wm
to be my talk on
letter from
all last month
was answered

Yesterday travelling all was well after such a beautiful tour
to Niagara, I quite want to behold the faces of my old friends
only I fear travelling on Rail Road, I inquired John of your
health and prosperity, he said he hoped you would be fortunate
this time, John wants to leave Wm's next spring, if he should
be so fortunate as to find something to do elsewhere, but he is
so scrupulous in his attentions to things of interest, but he may seek
and find. The weather is very fine and pleasant with
us at this time which enables us to enjoy good health,
and may the giver of all good continue to grant us the
great blessing do not say I have written a concise letter
because you did, so I made a great communication on the 15th
to my child I must close commending you to the
Lords protection, who has been merciful indeed to us all.
Sister & Wm joins me in love to you my kind regards
to all who may inquire of us.

Yours Affectionate
Walter R. Whaley

ps. I have not heard or seen John Montgomery as you can tell him
what kind of business does he attend to - I, for my part very busy
I want to much so he could or keep readers any more, have you heard
from Salmon, I hope you are collecting as well as paying your debts

Recd. the 23rd
Dec 1849.

Thomas Whaley Esq.
San Francisco
California

Oct

1851

Steamer Ohio off San Pedro, port of Los Angeles
October 2d 1857

Dear Aunt

I have nearly arrived at my journey's end. Tomorrow morning I expect to be in San Diego where the mail steamer from San Francisco will most likely overtake us. You will excuse the hasty manner in which this is written. I have not every convenience at hand. I left San Francisco the 29th ult and have been proceeding down the coast stopping in at every port. None of the ports are particularly interesting. Los Angeles is some 27 miles distant it is said to be the finest town in California and the valley surrounding it a perfect paradise. At the port of San Pedro there are only two or three large one story houses situated upon the high bluff. We have been lying at anchor since sunrise this morning about a mile from shore, discharging cargo and expect to get through before sundown. I passed three or four hours upon shore. Bought some paper, millinery and plans to regale myself with. The weather is very warm. I am glad to be again on board. I am in hopes to do well in San Diego. I have with me a general assortment of papers. All I desire is to get any difficulties arranged and then I think there will be no difficulty. The North America the steamer by which I expect the purse letters to have arrived when I left San Francisco but I have given instructions to have them forwarded to me at San Pedro. Yours affectionately
Wm. H. Murray

Oct 17, 1851 - LETTER T. W TO ANNA
ARRIVAL IN SANDIEGO

San Diego. October 17th 1851

My Dear Anna

I arrived here the 14th inst. find the position of my affairs much better than I anticipated. I am much pleased with the account of my partner's stewardship. We have a neat two story building answering as a residence and place of business. Our store room situated is the neatest in the town. All we want is an allotment of money for which we have made arrangement to be paid by the steamer leaving for San Francisco tomorrow. Our present stock amounts to considerable but consists principally of a few articles. The only thing that looks me a little uneasy is our affair with Green the who owe us a large amount of money. There is no chance of compromise law is the only alternative but we must stick to it with all uncertainty and delay. San Diego is a small town inhabited by Californians, Mexicans and a few Americans. It is a place of very little business. Everything is quiet and still like Sunday. A man make money here but it will take years to accumulate a fortune. I feel contented however & think I shall like the place when I become more acquainted. The American part of our trade is nicely arranged and we have things very comfortable & settled. I have not been better satisfied in respect

to judge of comfort than I can at the present time and to make
me perfectly satisfied and contented your presence alone
is necessary. The box of books which my dear wife the
moment of our meeting cannot be taken off. I regret
the loss of the ring as it is impossible for me to replace
it but I shall be glad I am able to procure in its place
I trust you will appreciate the gift the value of which
is very a better one and really increased. When I can
procure you an other I will do so in case the one which
you have now and never comes to hand. I received your
dear letter of the 11th August informing me that
you had sent me a purse by Gregory's express and
I expect to receive the same by the steamer due from
San Francisco tomorrow. I shall prize the present and
be pleased to accept the letter as evidence of your
kindness. The climate of San Diego is much like that of Italy
and healthier than at San Francisco. It is more uniform
and subject to sudden changes of heat & cold. I
must excuse my writing a lengthy letter this time but I promise
to have one ready for you by the next mail.
With devout and affectionate remembrance to my dear
friends my love to your mother and a best adieu.

Yours sincerely
Wm. W. G. W.

Miss Anna C. Linnay
395 1/2 4th St
East of Jersey
New York

not a word of an answer. I thought I would give your bill to
Send to you & saying I would send him the tea & covered the rest
of the bill. I had he need not think so hard of me if I had
had it in my power to give him the tea for the whole it would
have amounted to more than I have given you with interest therefore
I consider I am helping with as good as the other way that he never
expected a cent from him, or had he asked him about it for years
or does then name a word of the affair. I think he would give you
for £, 200, 7 years ago. He says then is all kindness to him in family
when they visit, but I must say it acts very strange to me I have
reason to think he cares but little for me as all the family
To yours of Sept 3^d. It gives me consolation to see that you
would believe me if I were in your council I wish it was
in your power as they have some of your money. I can
tell you but do not mind. I will try to steel my mind
against all unkind treatment as I will seek advice in those
who manifest their good attention to me, and I hope if any one
John has been to see his grand mother today as he might leave
sooner than he expected. Thomas I fear your case application
to Curwens may cause you sickness as he very careful indeed
you must do a great deal for the sake of your place your
health may be affected by constant confinement as Mr. Hinton
is I trust you will be in a good position I wonder you do
not take a person to assist you. If not being in a fair way
to make a pile, my heart gladdens to hear that you would like
Hinton the same as you intend to do. I would not advise
to any of your creditors in respect of your debt. I should think you would like
to receive all your share to equal. Mr. Lee Smith has been a while

by your words. John read your
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As he has frequently said of you if the weather only says so she
will think some and now can be worried at that, he is an ego-
runt jealous man, all he wants to do get her away, then he can
do as he pleases at least, he well knows it will give me to
be separated from her at a distance. I did not intend
to live in the same house another at the same time I believe
it would be her present wish what she good I never go out with
him. I do wish her she has little or no company she would
mope herself to death, but what can I do when he is so unkind
to me if I was ready to drop with fatigue in the fall he would not
offer me his arm as he has done, the first time he did so I was truly
astonished after a few times of such treatment I would not take
his arm when asked for my I made up my mind that I would not
put up with such indecent behaviour, I remain at home, I have
looked over things at times, of the silent disappointments but,
soon some other mark appears, as though he did it to manifest
that he did not care for me, had I have had the most distant
idea of the like how far I would have been from complying with
his request, she takes his just as well as she can, but never if
we are contending ^{she} does not speak, I told him all I perceived of his
was kind treatment, little indeed have I received as I have told
I well know she wishes it to be otherwise, and perhaps at times give
me the blame to him for peace sake, he is very self-willed what
do I care for that, I will not submit to him, I tell him if anything
befalls him I will always receive him and children, if she was any good him
just as I have always said, let any of you, say what they would
what can I do more, he gets 7000 a year they can live comfortable of
or that, and do, for all I know, she is very economical and is disposed
to make a good man, I think she will give me for quiet
as he is disposed to govern and have his own way, I can't govern the
but do not reflect to deeply on matters she may improve in time
Now to yours of Oct. 19th again you say you have received
more letters from me I am happy to hear that I do not write in vain
though you had not feared them sufficiently to answer them but you

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Thomas Whaley Esq
San Diego.
California.

as she hopes that Mrs May may get an office in City, as she would prefer
living in that City. I do not contemplate house keeping, just at present
myself, for many reasons. John is wishful for me to remain
with him, but I do not like his location, at N.Y. he says he will
leave it as soon as he can, here, where I may, I must do as I
please, and not be subservient, to other people's children
no, no, not I. or I might be imposed upon, which would naturally
create grief and remorse in my heart. As, who would care for
me, thank be to God, I can help myself so far, in all respects
I should, prefer to live with sister, if all should be agree-
able when she is at housekeeping, - only to do, what and when I
pleased, you cannot have forgotten your Mother, I am truly
sensible that you have not, or do I think you ever will.
I presume, John has returned from visiting Henry for a fortnight,
though he has not written to me since he left N.Y. for Wm
I must say John is much improved since joining the Episcopal
Church. If he is one of the Vestry, I spend my time meddling com-
fortable there only he lives so secluded, and then I was so far
away from Sister, which I do not like, I think I might endure in
the same City, so that I could see her at pleasure. Baltimore is a
clean pleasant City, not withstanding I like City. Here, my interest
being there, is a great inducement, you know. I have just wondered
to myself what can you be doing, to day, it being Sunday. I have
reverted and discovered, that you and I, have been writing at the same
the weather to day is wet and raining, therefore it gives me an oppor-
tunity to, pursue a very pleasant task, which I hope you
will pursue with equal satisfaction, if your health will
permit I, trust it will, or I should feel unhappy indeed.
That is a great consolation to me, as I am well aware on that

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the more we are in the enjoyment of your health

I have every reason to believe that it is good property as it is on the
Bay - you say you will be 700 miles nearer home you could soon sail
that distance I have not the least doubt but you will regret to leave
San Francisco and make another place your home as you have been
two years and more there only leaving 24 hours you certainly was entitled
to make money ~~and~~ interesting as you have been in application to a
great pity - I will address ~~box # 7 of~~ you as you direct and I hope you
will be fortunate to receive them. I shall expect to receive the
next from San Diego with glad tidings of great joy to me if you
well doing, I have every reason to depend on what you write to me
to be true at the time of writing. Differently as business matters may
transpire I will not speak of your business to any one
as I would be careful indeed of any thing I might say to injure
you. Thomas you have not written of Anna in your last
letters how will she like you leaving San F. as I presume
Warner gives her all the information you do not, if he is in San F. he
may have left, for W, as he has a knack of making money and keeping
it, by your account, I wish it was the case with you. My great
trouble is if you fail at San Diego what will you do then? not
take a nother partner, if Franklin should prove different in any way
to what you have anticipated. All the reflections frequently
occupy my mind if it in your power to get into some business
that was not so risky I - Thomas your Alta California paper has
come to hand, I think by what I read in it that business at San Diego
was very little doing, then the climate may not agree with you
suppose you was taken ill would you have as many friends to call upon
every ill steps into my mind. I hope more will be realized so that you
will only take good care of yourself and attend to keep yourself well
glad may the lord in his mercy guide and direct you aright is
the prayer of your absent Mother who is all impatience to see you
and hopes you will do all in your power to prosper and return.
Sister joins me in love to your affectionate Mother & W home.

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I have not a compliment left for the other members of the Society
I hope depends upon your future success and prosperity? how is your present
at present Thorpe, Pennington and Van Dorn. as I have not any opportunity to
main hear a syllable of him. Sylvester wrote last week; that he had not
as he will heard a word of Lorenzo Dow, who gave you my letters I hope he
as I has done well, being a clean young man. I hope you have
ren collected nearly all your debts, and are fast preparing to come
naturally home, I have not fixed your return City, my intended visit
care for yet, owing to a meeting which is to take place ^{soon} relative to
lects Wm going to Cty. as then Harriet, will decide to go with me, I hope
agree as the furniture needs looking too, and I cannot attend to it alone
can I then I will again try, to see your children, and Anissa in person.
truly as I know you wish me to do so very much, I would have gone in
a part this, had it been but one bar, I must remain in Phil^a all night
for Wm for me alone. Mr. Dodge whose Brother lives at the corner of
opul Chatham and Oliver St in Cty. went for his Mother, and were to arrive last
- come night at 10 - as we called on his wife, and she was to be down to
for the Depot with the carriage to receive them, Mrs D, says she will
re in remain in B, all winter, she and a single Daughter keeps house
is as some son in Cty, she will find ^{all} things ready for her reception
interest with new Brussels carpets, this is her favourite child, as he is devoted in
hered his attention to her, their father left considerable property, seven
I have children five boys, all doing well, one a lawyer. Thomas as I have
a time written
is same a considerable but have not said a word on business subjects I mean
an oppo relative to our property affairs Mr Bailey continues to occupy the
you place out of town though I wrote to him that he must pay \$50 per annum
will as I considered his term expired which was six years he said it was seven
and Mr Harrell told him so at the same time I and he had conversation to
that the contrary Sister presents, so I do not know what he will hold too

4 I have not heard a word about our vault I wrote to John
that he had better write and inquire of John Deroe all the par-
^{particulars} I presume he will by this time have gained all information on
perhaps has removed all his relations, I trust John will see to it.
I would write myself but I suppose he might wonder that John
did not take an interest in it, I do not like it to remain so, as though
we did care for such a sacred charge. And then Williamsburg is
on soon will be incorporated - if John does not attend to it I
will write the person who was one of the Trustees, at the time I inquired about it
though he may not be ^{now} at that time, I wish it was all arranged I
would feel better satisfied. I give you all words. I wish you was
here I full well know you would see to it, I do not see what makes
the boys so remiss, if John writes I will inform you, your wished for
letter, ^{Sept 16th} has come to hand today Oct 24th which communicates to
me, the grievous intelligence that you have not received a letter from
me since the 30th May, when I have been waiting in my attention
to you, I am frequently at a loss to know if my letters are as inter-
esting to you as your are to me, how that your writing and com-
position is more agreeable to behold, and peruse. I cannot conceive
with yourself, why you do not receive them, I have never neglected
a single epistle from you, knowing how good you have been to us
I could not refrain from to say, when I read your to day, and
exclaim what will the poor fellows think! so you do not
merit such unkind treatment indeed, your letter last, was of the
date Aug 1st Aug 15 & Sept 15, with any of Sept 1st has come to hand
could I neglect such attentions to, never for that you will
this an allegory, your filial fears, can it be possible that not
directed letters to your boy would cause the mistake as I had forgot
the number when I contemplated the long and, endeavoured to be
circumstantial details there written, I only to regret most bitterly
leaving you to form a better opinion which I fail to discern
your letters are a great pleasure to me, it gave me true pleasure
and comfort to read that you would continue to write until you heard from
me

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NOV 1, 1851 - SAN DIEGO

Thomas Whaley writes to Anna:

"The only paper published here is very small appearing once a week and does not contain a column of news, but I will send you one next steamer merely as a sample.

San Diego is an old Spanish town containing about 250 or 300 inhabitants, situated five miles from La Playa (the beach,) where there is a small settlement of 50 to 100 persons. In an opposite direction, in what is called the new town of San Diego, which may contain 100 inhabitants. This is distant five miles and situated further up the bay. I reside in what is called the Old Town. There are here some 6 or 8 stores, 2 hotels, an apothecary shop kept by an old friend of mine from New York, Dr. Painter who is the only physician & 3 lawyers. The public buildings are the county court house & the jail. The only place of worship is the Catholic Church, temporarily in the house of one of the citizens, until the new one now in the course of construction is completed."

Sau Diego, November 1st, 1857

Dear Aunt,

I desire you to overlook the irregularity and brevity of my correspondence for the last two months, caused by a change of residence; but now that I am again settled you may anticipate letters with their usual frequency. It is nearly a month since I became a member of this small community, in which everything is so extremely dull, compared to a life in California, and I find some difficulty to amuse myself. Many, many times have I wished myself back again to my old haunts. But why should I sigh to revisit the scenes of past misfortunes, to recall to mind more precisely the long and unrelaxing struggle against adversity. Here, in this retired spot, unconnected with former associates, I may hope when I have become better acquainted with the people, among whom it temporarily dwells, and their customs, to enjoy, at least, the peace of mind; though the chances of making an ^{improvement} not so good. For nearly a year past I have been, as it were, a wanderer, depending upon other for a place to lay my head, but now I have a home of my own with every comfort a man can reasonably desire. I have previously expressed the satisfaction which I feel upon arriving here with the account of the Stearns estate of my partner. Mr. Franklin is a man in whom I have reposed unlimited confidence and I am glad to find that out of the many who became indebted to me for hundreds in my prosperity he is one of the few to whose feelings of gratitude I exonerate him from all blame respecting present difficulties arising from his disconnection with the house of Stearns & Co. as he acted entirely according to my instructions. Quibb have been with claims and differences are now being settled, and so by and so finally by disinterested parties. The amount for which we are encumbered is more than sufficient to liquidate the debt we jointly owe besides restocking our store. I still feel

believe me as ever, very sincerely and devotedly
 your affectionate nephew
 Wm. A. Wheeler
 P.S. I forgot to state, I wrote you a card
 by the mail, containing of Nov 15th & 16th October as you
 will see by the papers of that date, and I am
 glad to hear that you are well, and hope
 to hear from you again. I am
 your affectionate nephew
 Wm. A. Wheeler

I have no mutual friends
 to Mr. A. Wheeler
 29th & 30th of the month
 Wm. A. Wheeler

sanguine for the future. But what did I ever despair? "Hope on
hope ever" is the impulse by which I am always actuated, and even
truly hope to succeed. Notwithstanding the dullness of this
place and the little amount of business, doing it is not altogether
unimportant. I have only to be exerted to perform in a
small way, and though it may take years to accumulate a for-
tune, I shall feel, in consequence of the little risk to run, that
every dollar I make is so much towards it. But I will not
begin to extend my expectations for the future before present
matters are arranged, lest I should meet with disappointment.
I am writing to you with great freedom upon my private matters,
little considering how uninteresting such details must be to you.
But the fact of the matter is this. I have confidence in you,
and though you are not yet my happy wife, I believe you will
become so one of these days. Therefore, I conceive it my duty to
inform you of my good or ill success in life, besides the relief af-
forded my mind in making a statement of my hopes to one who
whom I repose so much confidence as I do in you, my dear friend.
The arbitration which is now progressing I think can not but prove fa-
vorable in its awards; and, if I had as desperate as I anticipate, I
shall send for you immediately. The time to do so has already
been too long postponed, but not from any desire on my part.
I lament my misfortunes only for the deprivation of the pleas-
ure to see you once more - to have you always by my side
and when I think of the delay which they have caused me
I feel miserable indeed. But, neither time nor distance can
diminate my affections. The moment I shall ever cherish with
feelings of the warmest attachment, and till the moment
of our again meeting, they will continue to increase, but may
that not be long hence. It is not necessary that I should ask
you to continue to love me, even though I should be disappointed
in my expectations, to be able to send for you shortly.
I know you will always regard me the same; and, so you
have expressed yourself in your epistles to me; but some-
times I think you will become tired of waiting for me.

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Excuse me, dear, I cannot help thinking so, because I have already
made so many promises. What should I do, and what would
be the result if my dear Anna were to withhold her love
I will not imagine, as there is little probability of such a
thing taking place. Not a night passes, Anna but what
I look at your daguerotypes. I sleep with it under my pillow.
I think Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. must admire you very much.
It gives me great pleasure to gaze upon it. I have kissed
it, I believe, many thousand times but would transfer them
all for a single kiss of the original. I think Anna if
I were to see you now, I should find you more amiable, more
intelligent and ^{and that you possessed that ever increasing ability to attract the affections of} prettier than when I last saw you.
I wish you must have improved greatly in every respect.
What if I should not know you, at least not be able to
recognize you as a grand! You may have grown tall, be-
come very corpulent and have adopted the "blonde
and" and if they were the case, I am certain I should
not be able to recognize you. I am ready however
to take you for better or for worse, so it can make no dif-
ference in what shape you appear again to me, so
long as you are Anna. You must not mind my joking you a
little. I have not yet received the purse, but shall expect
to receive it in a day or two by the Ohio as I have written to
Miss Hancock to have it forwarded as well as all letters. Your
last letter date Aug 12. containing only a few lines in-
forming me that you were about to send me a purse.
I feel very anxious to hear from you again as I am al-
ways. I wish to know too some thing about Amelia & Peter.
I think I shall write to your sister for direct information when
you tell me so little about her. I hope Peter is at his work
I have no doubt, if the advantages are offered him, he will
do well, he certainly has capacity enough. Remember
me to your mother. I trust she is doing well. Tell me if
an you get satisfaction, the letter gifts of Mr. Vanderhoff,
and the progress they make. I am much pleased to think

you have something to employ ~~your~~ a portion of the time.
What else do you do to keep your mind occupied &
yourself out of mischief. I heard from my friend Duff
some time ago and I shall write to him by this mail. He
speaks of you, makes an apology for not visiting you often
being in love with a young lady in Brooklyn with whom
he spends all his evenings. I understand his position
exactly and should not be the same if I were similarly sit-
uated. Tell me if you have seen anything of Mr. Thompson,
strange as it may seem to you I have not heard from him
since his departure and there exists no good reason why
we should not be the best of friends. You are no doubt
with the papers which I wish to send you, but that I cannot
help. The only paper published here is very uninteresting
once a week and does not contain a volume of words, but
I will send you one next volume merely as a sample.
I have still a little more left. I will fill it up with something.
San Diego is an old Spanish town containing about 200 or 300
inhabitants, situated five miles from La Playa (the beach) and
where there is a small settlement of 50 or 100 persons. In an op-
posite direction is what is called the new town of San Diego,
which may contain 100 inhabitants. This is distant five miles
and situated further up the bay. Inside in what is called
the Old Town. There are here some 6 or 8 stores, an apothecary
shop kept by an old friend of mine from New York Dr. Painter
who is the only physician & barber. The public buildings are
the county court house & jail. The only place of worship is the
Catholic Church temporarily in the house of one of the clergy,
until the new one, now in the course of erection, is completed.
The old padre and his assistant officiate at La Mesa. There
is nothing in the way of amendment, excepting fandangos which are
frequent at night and scarcely a day passes without some
however trifling, transgressions in the way of an experiment to attract
the attention of the whole community. So much for San Diego.
I must now bring this letter to a close my dear Aunt with kindest

NOV 16, 1851 - THOMAS TO ANNA

MENTIONS - STORE ON THE PLAZA, WELL,
AND LIVING-QUARTERS WHICH HE SHARES
WITH MR. FRANKLIN

San Diego. November 16th 1881

Dear Anna,

My last budget of letters from San Francisco contained
none from you contrary to my expectations. I think my friend
that could not have received my letter in time therefore I may
look for something by the next steamer. Your last, containing
only a few lines, bears date August 13th in which you in-
form me having sent a suite. I should regret exceedingly to
lose any mementos coming from you and particularly this
one - not that I have immediate use for the article but I
hope to have one of these days. Either my partner or I will
go to San Francisco shortly with particular urgency with
me for it at Gregory's. I am happy to inform you that the
arbitrators appointed to settle difficulties between Mott
and the firm of Gillies had terminated their labors and
rendered their award in his favor. It is not as satisfacto-
ry to me as I contemplated. Mr Grant & Co are owed the
amount of one thousand dollars besides being retained out of our
money more than three months which has been an injury to
us of a much greater amount. We have the right of appeal-
ing but rather than avail ourselves of this we accept of the ar-
bitrators award. The amount which we receive will enable us
to pay off our debts in San Francisco and purchase a small
stock of goods. This is my protest difficulty settled
and my visit to San Diego has been productive of important
results. There is something to hope for in the future
and I look forward with pleasure and that my expectations

will be realized. I have indeed had a long and hard struggle
 and my labors are not yet completed. For the time being
 I feel some degree of happiness. My mind is more than ever
 at ease. I think I shall do well here. Our predecessors
 did well but money was squandered foolishly and was more
 expensively than books show only a small profit. Had I
 been aware of the state of things I should have been directed
 another way to look after my interests. I attach no blame whatever
 to Mr. H. I believe he did all in his power to promote our
 mutual interests. but one of the parties has played a deep
 underhand game and endeavored to get ourselves into
 his own hands. His villainy and baseness will be revealed
 He stands high in the estimation of one of the city fathers and the
 newly elected justice of the peace, but when things are brought
 to light I believe he will resign his dignities and leave the
 town. And no matter concerning this I think it can be
 of little or no interest to you. You will be better pleased
 to hear that I am well and in good spirits. Mr. H. is
 busy collecting the debts of the old firm and for this purpose
 he leaves to day for Santo Tomas distant three hundred
 miles from here. There is considerable owing. During the next
 week I shall be entirely at ease and an important fund
 I shall have of it. How can I do amuse myself. I think
 I will endeavor studying Spanish. It is indispensably
 necessary and I understand so very little of it. A priest
 gentleman thoroughly conversant with Spanish offers to teach
 me provided I suggest him in English. I think I will
 accept of his offer. besides it will refreshen or rather en-

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convenient. We shall soon have a well. The upper part of the
house contains two rooms one occupied by me and the other
by Mrs L. They are both neatly furnished with com-
fortable chairs in bedchamber and mahogany side and
dining tables. You may think us extravagant but in buying
the house we were obliged to take the furniture with it.
As I have before written we have everything pretty comfortable
but when I go to San Francisco I must buy some more
papers and have our rooms nicely arranged. The rough
board walls do not correspond with the rest of the house
rest. I often think Anna if you would see her I might like to
live together. Though the town is a dull quiet place I
think you would like it. I begin to like it better and better
every day. I am anxious to see you to make a little every
month and to know at the end of the year how better off
I shall be at the commencement of it. There is very little chance to
speculate so that I can not lose much in this way. I have
written you a tolerably long letter but very much of it I
know that what you expect from me when I have so
much to trouble me. You I write to you from Santa Cruz
in a week from now and it is very probable I will then go to
San Francisco to pay off debts and to buy goods and so
on my next will be from there. I send you a ring enclosed in
a letter the middle of last month which I hope you will receive.
I would like to send you something for yourself. At present I feel too poor
after paying over \$500 law charges but something may turn up between
now and the 1st of next month and I may not be disappointed. By the
last steamer I received letters from Puffin and my old friend Susan

be happy, I have every assurance. I flatter myself
that the time is not far distant. I have set apart a little
sinking fund for our mutual benefit out of certain profits of
the business, and when it amounts to a sufficient sum it
shall be strictly applied to the proposed purpose. This is
something I should have done before. The only question
to me is how I shall get you here? Money making is not
exactly my forte, I must have five hundred dollars
it will take such a very long time but how am I to make it in this
place in a short time. In San Francisco the time was when I
have made more than that in an day. Something fortunate
will turn up I hope soon. I am always making something
but the difficulty with me is to keep it when I get it. I
believe if you were here I should soon become a rich man
as you would give me some good advice. When I say
good advice do not misunderstand me. The way that I
gamble or spend money foolishly. This is not so I never
yet in my life lost or won a cent at any game of hazard
and believe no one is more economical without being covous
than myself. So that what I make does not go in this way.
My unfortunate speculations and misplaced confidence in
friends have been almost my ruin. I can buy things
however sometimes give value and as I have
paid pretty well for mine. I hope to see you sometime
out of it. I should like you to see our store
and see everything is arranged upon the shelves. Back
of the store is a small room with a fireplace in it. This is
where we dine. In the rear adjoining the kitchen is a kitchen
with a large cooking stove in it. The yard is very large and

find me in French which I believe I speak more fluently
 than when I left home. Now I wish you were here and
 wish that we might converse in French. If you have any
 leisure time I recommend you employ it in the study of French
 as you will find it certainly very useful to you when
 you come to California. More than half the towns speak French.
 You will naturally ask the question but when am I
 going to California? Oh my dear it is impossible for me to
 answer but that you will come some day is quite certain.
 My affection and desire to see you grows stronger and stronger
 and when the time arrives when I can either send or go
 for you I shall feel unhappy. I am changed in my habits
 and disposition. Reading is the only thing that interests me
 or affords me the least pleasure and when I have nothing to
 attend to occupying my mind in this way my thoughts are of
 you. I seldom ever go in to society or seek the society of
 any kind. Most of my evenings are spent at the
 piano ^{alone} at home. I indeed had a miserable and
 life and under existing circumstances do not desire
 change it. But if you were here my love I should find
 in your presence a revival of my accustomed gaiety.
 You can not at least I hope you do not feel the pain of
 our separation as severely as I do. Here everything is cheer
 and strange to me whereas in New York there exists a husband
 who is to keep alive a perfect insipidation. You are naturally
 my hand to me another and though the time of our meeting is
 indefinitely protracted I know we are both willing to wait the
 decree of an all-wise Providence. That we shall meet again and

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Nutter, who is engineering in Pennsylvania. He desires very much to
come to California. A friend of mine Mr. Eaton well known
to Duffer has just returned from the State. He came pas-
senger by the "Memorial City" which put in San Francisco
last night. I was much pleased to see him. I must now
draw to a conclusion and hope to write you more than
my next in my next. My love to your mother and sister
and remain sincerely to mutual friends. Believe me sincerely
ever your own sincere and devoted
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Wm. Duffer

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995 1/2 Broadway
New York



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Dear Son

We and your sister wrote long letters to you last evening in answer to your very long and interesting letter of Oct 15th 1851. We may give you more according to your anticipation and be enabled to do as your principles induce you to wish to do. I did not assure you of the

ability as the others were called a day or two ago. I am willing, to let you have the same as I have got some one to attend to shipping them. Your sister writes sending you a beautiful present as a small compensation for the beautiful present she sent her, and till she can do more as she is very thankful for the one she forgot to send as the others have, she is glad to compare with

them for your sake, but I am glad to compare with you in your likeable, certain manner shown to her. I am glad to see you in the other side of the water. I am glad to see you in the other side of the water. I am glad to see you in the other side of the water.

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in time, I will write to Aunt Sarah. I had my letter of the 15th in the pocket you gave me, she was on your other side. I am glad to see you. I am glad to see you. I am glad to see you.

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we call it Thorn it is most beautiful when in bloom
I wish it bloomed on your birthday day. I hope Mr
Chrastkin will prove a faithful partner to you
you did not take Thompson, but you are the best judge
How is Mr Puffer, I fear Mrs Palmer has been
sadly grieved that her husband did not come as she expected
I will pay her a visit in a few days she is very pleasant
Return our thanks to Mr Palmer for his invitation to
visit his house, and hope we shall have the pleasure to
see him soon - I heard Mr West read your letter he did not
say much he told him I hoped he would not lose if he did not make
great profits I am at fathers and may remain here a few
months as I want to go to Mrs Hemmick and she can take us
the cost of the trip - I hope we can take us for six dollars
you will but the only room in
the new church is complete
Sutton is the minister
I hope you will be very
of your health and I hope
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when in N.Y. then I will
I hope you will return home
and John thinks but I think
I am sure of my time and when to come on
of your wife is too bad indeed, but I have seen nothing much
of you since I have become necessary to start I have felt
I believe that you will be better in your
I hope you can come home soon I am sure
I will be home soon as I have written to
I will get my
send to Mr. Bury



New York Dec 10th 1861.

Dear Thomas.

Word of your coming to board
a few days ago, and I can assure you that
I was very grateful for it, as you have not
written as regularly but I am glad to see you are
now in New York, and intend to make it your
dwelling place. What in the world possessed you to
leave San Francisco, all your friends are there. How
muddy feel very lonely and desolate. How I wish I
were with you, to show you up, I must have to
think that you are lonely and sad. Keep up
your spirits, for there are bright and better days
in store for you. It gives me to hear that you
have not been discouraged in all your business affairs,
and that you feel to be in it. Do not think of
your failures any more, fortune will turn on your
side one of these bright days and then all
will be right. No matter how dear Thomas, no matter
what may happen in that way, there is one
that will never forgive you or forget you even if
you should wish it. How to tell my dear Thomas
in informing me of your work, and show all your

New York Dec 10th 1867.

Dear Thomas.

Yours of Nov 1st came to hand a few days ago, and I can assure you that I was very grateful for it, as you have not written as regularly as you used to. So you are now in San Diego, and intend to make it your dwelling place. What in the world possessed you to leave San Francisco? all your friends are there. You must feel very lonely and deserted. How I wish I were with you to cheer you up, I cannot bear to think that you are lonely and sad. Keep up your spirits, for there are brighter and better days in store for you. It grieves me to hear that you have not been successful in all your business affairs, and that you feel it so much. Do not think of your failures any more, fortune will turn on your side one of these bright days and then all will be right. No matter my dear Thomas, no matter what may happen in that way, there is one that will never forsake you or forget you even if you should wish it. You do well my dear Thomas in informing me of your luck, and show all your

disappointments with you. My love for you Thomas is true and faithful, and no power on this earth could change my feelings. You must not think Thomas that I am so changed that you would not be able to recognize me. No, I am somewhat changed but not so much as you think for.

What is the reason that you have not yet received the letter and purse which I sent you in August, it is three months ago since I sent them, I hope the purse will please you, as I tried my best upon it. It has been very much admired by my friends and I had not a little trouble too not to have it taken away from me.

It breaks my heart to think of what I have written to you in the letter accompanying the purse. It is nothing in this world but pure necessity which compels me to do so. I cannot bear the thought of having a large bill sent in to me, and not be able to do anything towards it. 'Tis true that I am making some money now, but I never think of keeping any of it, I have made it a point this winter that every cent that I make shall go to Mother as she is not doing as well this winter as last. I have a class assembled at our house of little girls from five to eight years of age, they are sweet little children, and I love them dearly and should miss them very much if I was obliged to give them up. There are five of them and they

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pay Ten dollars per quarter. I have had two offers
for scholars in Music, but not having my piano
now I thought it best to wait until I can have
it again. Do you see dearest that I can do some
thing worth speaking of, and do not waste my
time as you imagine I do. Therefore my dearest
Thomas do not think strange of me in asking
you for that sum of money. I did it because
I was obliged to and you must overlook my boldness
if you think I have done wrong.

You seem to think dearest that I do
not write to you sufficiently about Amelia and
the rest of the family. What can I say if there
is no news. Amelia is always the same and
nearer being married than when you left us. It is
time enough yet says Peter cannot find a
situation now and times it seems are a little
hard with the machinists, but this spring he
had some hopes of getting into a Machine shop
in Saratoga. I will feel glad when he does get
a situation, not for myself but I know he
will be much happier and content himself,
and besides it will be a sort of relief to
mother. Mrs Puffer has not yet called on me, but
I do not mind it, as I know what it is to lose.
I just think it is almost the New Year again and still
separated. No matter I lay wait patiently. I must close by
assuring you of my true love. Yours most truly, Anna.

P. S. I received the ring you sent me by the
steamer of the 15th October. It pleases me very much
and I thank you for it. I have not yet received
the one you sent me by the steamer of May 1st. It
has probably been mislaid. I am sorry to hear of it
again and believe me yours ever sincerely
Anna Elvise.

Thomas Whaley Esq.
San Francisco

Calif.

Box 704

Post office

New York Dec 16th 1851

Dear Miss

In consequence of my not feeling well this evening I decline your and your Mother's invitation ~~to come~~ as they are too ill to venture out. I should be most happy to receive your Mother and sister at Miss Devenex's this evening.

Most Respectfully
Mrs R. W. Thayer

P.S. My compliments to Mr Gomez and should be happy to welcome him to America. R. W.

St. Paul Dec 24th 1851

Dear Son

Your long wished for letter of 8th of this month has been duly received by the politeness of Miss Lamy, in which you inform me that you are safely arrived in Diego, what a change you will undergo. I am pleased that Mr Franklins will retain your opinion and that you are so well pleased with his stewardship. I am sorry to hear that you will be compelled to go to law, as you say its better to lose a few dollars, and more especially as Mr Franklins lets & keeps all is decided in your favor see this. I am pleased that you have a good store or a liver too a good provision, or trouble will occur. I trust that you have received your full amount and I trust you have had such in such, I shall not communicate your details to any one. I trust you may be in a position to pay your debts in cash. I understand that Lee Smith had written to you to settle with him, he wants me to go your security by probate I could not do so as I was not in a position he did not like I told him it was evident you had been fairly importuned by his friends your buildings by the lease proving bad after having trying to depend on him or his you would have been able to pay all your debts. He appeared very disappointed. I wish you was free from them all. I should dread the indignity was I you, I remember how you will be so prosperous use your new distribution as you anticipate. No doubt the U.S. brought you letters from me, as I write often. I know to your of-plee I am happy to learn that you are again settled and will write enjoy-mentally. You say you are very dull no doubt you are contented that you have left here. I trust you will forget some of your misfortunes and long struggle to make you see much of the distribution of your happiness and peace of mind. I am much disappointed with your failure your poor success. I am happy to hear that you have a comfortable home or more how sad I feel when I read that you had been dependant on others for a comfortable place to dwell in, you well know how concerned I feel as I expected that you would have been home ere now.

^{never mind my business}
but you have given me but little expectation to think you would be with
us at any stated time though you are seven hundred miles near I trust that
you will not delay longer than you can help under circumstances. Henry
was in Baltimore a few weeks ere I left he was looking very well asked mail
about you and sent his love to you when I wrote to you I think he is doing
very well keeps a furniture store he has a most beautiful boy
nearly two years off age I think John will remove from Harpers if
he can find any thing to do. The Lawyer says the children must
enter a suit against the executors and bring this to an account
I do not know if they will agree to do so, I suppose Mr Smith will
answer to give a word for you therefore if they agree to do so I must
attend to the matter the best I can that is the best concern I expect
they will be very much vexed to think they have lost the suit Thomas
I presume you will be mightily pleased to think I have seen Anna,
but I must say she looks very delicate but it was owing to her having
a cold they have a few small children to trust that you may know
Gomez speaks kindly of them John is to write to John Deane concerning
the Vault but I have not heard the particulars I am looking for a letter from
him I suppose you are ignorant of all your friends well or ill doing
Mr Montgomery, George, Dances, & others not that I say they care much
for you I would recommend you to them I How does my back come
on or did you lose the rest I wish we could confer the slaughter
house lot Mr Stevens says the 27th lot is worth \$500 when I shall
have paid 4 years interest with forty \$ dollars for paying the lot will
cost me \$ 214 9, include I think it would be best to sell it at that
price as land of that way is pretty high at this time.

I have another good long letter I must cease writing you
a merry Christmas and a happy New Year with my prayers for
future prosperity from your Affectionate Mother-in-Law
Elizabeth Whaley

as Mr West returned he called on Matty Lane on Bowery
where Bailey ^{being that} he said Mr Bailey had just left the
city having been ^{there 3 weeks} on business and never called on Mr West.
I was very vexed to think he would treat me so meanly, Mr W
said it was very strange conducts he took his address of Lane
after learning this I was at brother W's I sent for Somerville
who told ^{me} what to do, I told him I would see Mr W again who
says he will look into the affair and see the tenant, hear what he says
and send for Somerville, if wanted, I think M^r does not mean
honest, but we will see more of it. I fear Mr West will be too
easy with him. I shall go to NY next week as I called to see
Mr H, three times but was unsuccessful each time, as I want to pay
Whiting some money I wish I had come to NY earlier in the season
to day is Christmas all I can do is to write to you as I have a cold
My ^{he is in his 8th year} grand father is quite tolerable with all the others nothing much
said about you. I had a letter from Sister this week finds it very long
some without me, her mother poor child so it is I did promise to return
and intended to do so, ~~so as~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{knows} what she would do with
her husband expects to come to NY as sister informs me that it is
decided that ^{to NY} she is to go from Bal, belonging to his office by
he may get the office in NY, then they will come immediately
on I should be very glad not that I like Baltimore very well
and would like to live there only my concerns are in NY and need
minding I can tell you Mr Harrel attends to C & B, at present but
perhaps when I do not tamely to give Mr Smith notes to secure ^{them}
for you but I know of no reason why I should select Mr S — any more
than some of the other candidates I told Mr Smith that I had the most firm
fast confidence in your intentions to pay of all your liabilities so the matter
stand I hope you will receive this letter as I take great pleasure in penning
to you though some part is not of the most pleasant nature, but
we must endure all things the best we can in this world. Thomas
only consider a nobler religion will pass away you not here to greet us

it frightens me to read that you intend to put additions to your
 house, to dig a well will be very troublesome, but you are prone to
 improve your premises, I hope you may will not take fire or what
 would you do, I often think of you, as your house keeping I hope
 you will not take boarders to cheat you any more, Thomas
 it gives me pleasure to hear that Mr Fz has criticised your
 friend, and will evince his gratitude to you, for all favours
 shown to him, and will continue to deserve your good opinion
 I am pleased to hear that he is not blame for your present
 difficulty. I expect all your troubles will be settled and that
 I shall get a favourable account in your next as you promise
 I presume you will realise your sanguine expectations
 I was much surprised to hear that you had dis-
 posed of your Mills, what can be the reason that you
 will not get a dollar from them I thought Gomez
 was much to be relied upon, what can he mean to do
 again you say all you make will be your own as you
 will not run much risk when your present difficulties
 are settled tis natural to suppose that I feel interested
 for your welfare your life has indeed been a checkered
 one of late, but I hope and pray I shall see you able to pay
 of all your debts and be happy in the result and return home
 in good health, in a few days it will be three years
 since you left your native land for gold, I must have you
 have struggled to obtain it, its little purpose you appear
 to appreciate the deep interest, I feel in your welfare
 well you may, no danger of my making know any thing
 to your disadvantage, I am sorry that you have not
 receive my letter, in due season, the paper of news at San
 Diego, must be very small, your description of the town was
 very good. I have some faint idea of Dr Painter on the 5 avenue
 it is some comfort to me that you know some one at that place
 I have answered all the most important subjects in your letters I now
 will inform you all I have to say about matters and
 things which may interest you, as I am at fathers left your
 sister in Baltimore poor girl she was grieved indeed
 but it was really necessary that I should be present in CA
 no doubt you will be really disappointed that I have

I hope to see you in California
 with a good wife and good friends
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I went to City, in a few days after my arrival here I was at
Miss D, where I sent a note to Anna, to come to see me Miss
Elizabeth had been introduced to Anna at Mrs Stodents so
Miss C, went to Mrs Lanny to ask Anna, to come she was labour-
ing under a severe cold she declined, ^{coming} writing a note to me
her sister came and spent the evening at Miss D, and came
for me to go to her house, I saw Anna who is quite different
looking to what I expected ^{pale} ^{quite} and thin with a cold
I told them I had called on them at my sons request they
appeared pleased to see me, after chatting some time I left
I likewise saw Dr Gomez he has grown quite stout he is a dispensary
for he brought many pleasant remembrances to my mind as you may
suppose I called on Mrs Thompson Henretha said she was sick in bed
left a message for Mr to call on me at Miss A, he came not I presume
it was from choice I shall not trouble him again in a hurry, Anna
thinks you resemble me if had a house of my own I would comply with
request or invite R, to stay awhile with me and gain some information
of her disposition I hope sister would not be jealous I hope she is all you
anticipate she is very small rather retiring in her manner I thought
the eldest sister was married, Mrs Thompson told me so as I wrote to you
Now to business I left home in company of Richard Kips who is stud-
ying medicine attending lectures in City I went to S. trustees of 5 Main
Lane as he has moved his situation through my letters come correct
we went to Sawyer W. who told us that our suit was decided in our fa-
vour he wanted some money I asked the amount of my bill he said
2 or 3 hundred dollars I told him I would make arrangements to pay
I then left Mr Bailey has not treated me right I told him to call
and pay his account lent to Mr West with his tapes \$7.40 - he only paid
\$1.15, said he was ^{not} prepared to pay taxes that was in Jan/51, the following
April he saw Mr West, inquiring if I would be willing to give a lease of
\$40, per annum I wrote that I could not give a lease but that he might
have it at \$50 per annum he said he was entitled to it according to the
agreement he had made with Mr Harsel at the same time he knew
I had told him I might want it in May/51 - if not I would let him
have it from year to year the matter is B, has a farm in Channing
and he wanted to let the promise and move away which he has done
put a tenant on the place now owing last years taxes his money and
this years taxes likewise 2 dollars for rent ending Nov 1851 which is
quite a little sum Mr West went up to the place only ^{to} see his brother

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