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It is a great pity you had not learned the Trade in California long ere this, and hope you will not forget it, as long as you remain on its Shores, though they may be strewed with gold, I have always said your System of doing business was not good but as you turned over a new leaf and are awakened to a sense of your danger, I have more hope that I may effect my anticipations realized, within a certain period. I hope Anna will make the best of your absense, she can. I have not the least doubt but she earnestly desires your return, but she must be well assured of your wish to return to Vaalle. your confidence is firmly placed in her. I think she is wise to endeavour to make herself useful to herself and friends. She manifests a independant disposition I will write you more of what think of Anna when I have seen her more frequently. Thomas I do not wonder you do not like San Diego and am pleased to hear that you will leave for a place more pleasant to your taste. You write that your agreement with Mr F will terminate 1 May I hope if you dissolve with Mr Franklin ~~with~~ you will not go to the mines, if he does it has been your policy to avoid the Mines therefore I beg you will continue to do so, why not keep to your present business, if you care, now that you think of going to the mines, I feel quite discouraged, my child for your safety Mr Franklin is a good Man I am sorry he has decided to go, and leave you the first of May, I hope you will get this letter in time ere you go I hope F will be able to collect the funds you expect, I presume you must be in San F by this time, I hope and pray you will not have any further difficulties with the Indians, I am indeed pained to hear that you was obliged to assist on the expedition of the Chief O my! how dreadful you must have felt, at the time besides I dread their vengance if there to know their expeditioners.

I am now writing at your Grandfathers who is extremely smart considering his great age. Thomas you must be well assured that I would willingly share with you rather than you should be exposed to suffer in a distant land therefore never forget your Mothers blessing, but rely on her aid and willingness to assist in case of need therefore we want on any occasion Sylvester talks of coming to California likewise Richard Keep who has been attending the medical lectures for two winters so he thinks he is adv. a-talk of going to San Francisco, as he is told he will meet with good success there I think he is soon made a Dr I would not employ him on any

Nor mind full of care and take hold that you hold fast to the plan you have laid down for future use. Do you will make a little money from yr. to take as once an more to if you can here you might wish to go not forget home there are many poor Girls here

Your affectionate Father

3rd page. Thomas, I am happy to see that you appreciate your brother's good wishes towards you. You of course must be the most competent judge, in the case and no doubt he will allow your arguments to be very good, I must say your opposition to what he recommends is very strong. If you have such good friends who will give you the wished for assistance and aid may I not hope that you will soon resume your state and standing, I know it will not be your fault. It is a great consolation to me that you have always had funds to help yourself, and earnestly hope you will be blessed with health and strength to enable you to pursue your avocations. You must have succeeded exceedingly well in your investment to pay off Smith a few hundred dollars or that much to be distributed among your creditors as the interest will increase the sum to a great amount, and you will find your debts on the decline. I wish Mr Tilton & Co. was far away, before they had caused us so much deprivation of happiness. Your remarks are strong and at once, induces me to be willing to agree to your absence, a mother cares. I hope you will relieve your good many. I hope you will avoid the man who would fain crush you, I hope that I never have an opportunity to get you in his power. Thomas our hearts will be made glad if you pursue the wise plan and it proves as profitable as you represent, you call yourself a voluntary exile, it pains me to read the observation, it is indeed to me, that you are absent from friends with whom you might enjoy uninterrupted peace and happiness to a certain degree, May God grant you fortitude and strength of mind to endure unto the end, and buckle on your armour ~~for full~~ to fight, to believe that you will accomplish all you desire, and return home to receive my fond embrace and heartly welcome home. I certainly think it is time to turn over a new leaf and am very happy to hear the measures you have adopted, and have begged you frequently not to confide in any one to your own detriment. I have long feared what you have written to me a thousand times do I thank you for informing me of your determination, attend to your own interest and thereby reinstate yourself in the good opinion of those who befriended you in times gone by. ~~not longer~~ If you are ~~[illegible]~~ changed body and disposition I hope your sentiments of liberality are not quite so sublime as they were to be. You will frequently meet with objects who stand ready to take a full advantage of any trade

[illegible] satisfaction to know that [illegible] is safe now all [illegible]
[illegible] you come we can repair to what [illegible] we please [illegible]
and pray God will grant a happy meeting to us all untill which time I will [illegible]
your [illegible] the exact resemblance of yourself and [illegible] do I look upon it my Son you [illegible]
[illegible] good of me, that gives me pleasure

Now my dear Son I wish bless you and
affectionate farewell pray believe me with ma-
ternal love your affectionate Mother

Rachel Shaley

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Thomas I am sorry indeed to inform you that Harriette is very much opposed Johns coming to live a while with me because I am in the house with him and has treated them very unkind but she should not have slept one step out of Town if I had not thought and seen that the house was about to be carried away. I would not have suspected him of such unkindness, but I have reason to believe that she is greatly assisted, not that I care, as I am determined to do as I like independent of any one that comes in the family with respect to any one of my children. She or him has scarcely spoken to John or wife or child they have not the least effect on their premises. I feel the unkindness severely, as she was at his house a week last summer and he laboring to procure food for us up in a morning at 3 & 4 to get the best, how can she treat her brother thus, I must be careful or I shall blot with my tears, I tell him how wrong she acts, but she is stubborn to him, he is real mean as he and I was on the most friendly terms, I want I to take him off [illegible] and ask him why he treats him so mean [illegible] was I his, where he had made his house [illegible] he is without [illegible] he uses, and he has one [illegible] I shall always have a home with me. This is the return [illegible] Elizabeth always liked Harriette, they never had a word I had but not all last summer, or of late she is very good to John you may say why I do not reprimand him. I sometimes think to do so, but I have not spoken to him for months, I saw fit to go in the house with him, he is not the kind man I took him to be towards me: he is to arrogant, I will not submit to him, he will not say any thing to me as I can tell him why, and every one, which he does not like to hear as it is the truth. I wish John had your spunk but he says, Watkins what is the use, he approves of silent contempt, but I will not put up with ill treatment unless I remind the person, and then let them alone but his treatment to John is scandalous what if I comes to see me with his family and the lady cries what of that, I should have certainly left the house only I was fatigued to death and then the rent was $3,310, which was too much for them to pay, as I had engaged to pay half and keep house to myself which I am happy to think I have done so then I am mistaken and others can be Masters but not over me

Let you know, I would not have said what I have only for John being treated so mean I would do more with pleasure to see another in my place. I will see further of it. I will tell any, if any one on the round to be [illegible] I will protection

refers to his old friend
Jack Hinton

Whately also refers to
to his family in S.O.
Therefore we can assume
that this letter was
written much later than
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we will talk it all over. In regard to the means I could raise when I leave here, I suppose from $500. to $1000 would be the most from the sale of my furniture &c. But if I wanted money for business purposes I suppose I might easily raise $500. or $2000 upon my house in San Francisco, and that I might rent it for enough to pay the interest, but I would not like to encumber my property in this way except under peculiar circumstances. I have written to my old friend Jack Hinton to know what I can do at the river if anything and anxiously await his reply. I presume your object in coming to San Diego is to make a payment at the river, if therefore my letter from Hinton is at all encouraging, I should be pleased to go out with you. From all accounts that is the place to make money, but the inducement must be considerable to decide me to take my family there knowing as well as I do about the climate &c. Nothing under $400. or $500 per month would determine me. Hoogan has arrived there with his wife, which is quite an acquisition to the ladies' society already there. I must not forget to tell you that Joe Carpenter's wife had twins girls, one weighing 4½ and the other 1½ lbs. Mr Letellier writes me to say that your dear girl Hanna Rauche is made out and received. He would send it but hearing that you are coming down next boat leaves it with Mr Pendleton. Cousin Hallaway visited Corinne. He has made up their loss and since they have added very handsomely in-

days no better than we did conducting the capital in Wallace. Kelly is very much disappointed and thinks of going to Ranching again. I enclose you a letter from Mrs Mr. Mrs Robinson and all your friends are well. I have written you long since July — but when we meet we will talk more. I am sorry my wife does not come out. Remember me to old Boston and believe me

Yours truly
Thos Wheeler

Probably Feb 1853

sufficient to defray the expense of your outfit. I wish you to buy whatever may be necessary and such fine clothes you may require and have everything nicely made. Common clothing is cheap enough in California besides as I am in business and dealing in all kinds of goods I can always furnish you with everything you need. The balance in my mothers hands will not be more than sufficient to pay the expense of the passage and the incidental expenses on the way such as crossing the isthmus &c. I wish you not to come unless in the charge of some one in whom you have confidence and who will see you safely landed in San Diego — This is the most favorable time of the year to cross the isthmus and will continue till the 1st April you will therefore see the necessity of preparing things immediately so as not to accow the good time passed. Prepare your things at once as expeditiously as possible at the same time ascertain who amongst your acquaintances and friends are coming to California and select some one from them to put yourself in charge of. There will be many gentlemen coming with their wives and families so that I apprehend you will have no difficulty upon this score. but mind and have everything ready so that you can leave at any time. Do not defer coming for this season or that reason otherwise the time will pass and in two or three months the crossing will be so bad it would perhaps not be safe for you to

time when you would be obliged to defer it like an other Lea-
son. It would be a great disappointment to both
us. I have set my heart upon seeing you before the 1st
of April or May at farthest and if you do not
come I shall be made to feel very unhappy. The principal
thing is for you to find some one to come with and
when you have done this there will be no necessity
for further delay. I wish you by all means to come
to San Diego that is to land here from the Steamer but
as your mother will place you in charge of some one who
will probably be going to San Francisco and as the Steamer would not
remain long enough in this port to admit of his deliv-
ering you to me and seeing that we were married
she may object to your landing here and claim that
I should go to San Francisco to get you there, and
if this should be her claim do not fail to come
on that account as I should most willingly go
further than San Francisco for you. Though in doing
so it would be several hundred of dollars expense
to me. I do not however think she will make any ob-
jection to your landing here at San Diego for did she
not have every confidence in me and know that I shall
act honorably toward you she would not consent
to your coming to California under any circumstan-
ces, so that perhaps I may be wrong in supposing
what I have. I have been induced to state what
I have that you may know I am willing to receive
you here or go to San Francisco after you. Now
if this about your landing here you would come to you

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journey and and expressed fears as you might be obliged to remain a month ~~or more~~ in San Francisco before I could join you. For the reasons I have stated I wish you to land at "La Playa" the Sea port of San Diego. For know my love and must give my confidence therefore you must would have your home for my sake and that I am sincere in my intentions towards you I believe I have fully given you every assurance therefore it can make no difference to you as you are concerned whether you join me here or I am compelled to go to San Francisco. If you land here I shall watch the time of the steamers arrival and if possible be at the landing ("La Playa") when the steamer comes in and go on board when you but should it happen I can not get down in time. Look for you when you land to go to Mr Donohue's Hotel near the landing and there wait for me or direct him to bring you up to town immediately. I shall speak to him when I know you are coming and make such other arrangements as may be necessary. Do not think I shall fail to neglect anything. We will get married immediately within the day of your arrival I shall have a comfortable home ready furnished for your reception so that you will be pleased with everything. Dear Clara I would like to write you more and different from what I have. You must look upon this letter as a business letter. I have been compelled to

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