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Friend Tom

Yours of date I've forgotten, I received today as for Mr. Smith and other clothing bills they presented me with on the settlement of their ledgers, and I suppose we that they are settled. As for coming out to California it will be impossible, as I am now engaged on the Erie R.R. on a contract of some ten thousand and a load of wood at two dollars per cord which will yield an immense profit and suits me better than being so far away from home. I would like to go out and see you and the country but as I am now situated it will be impossible. As for Foot Painter he kept a woman in New York city and I believe she or child there Kate is enjoying herself very well and also the children, they are delightfully situated at White Plains on a magnificent farm, and they have upon it some 4000 dollars on their hands or you see that they now live like fifty ring cocks. She has become quite religious and will has settled down like an old man. Henry is now engaged in one of the Offices of the Common Council, and I believe he is getting after a sort of you feel inclined to write to him you will address J. Sheffer Paul Street N.Y.

Factoryville Pa
Jan 12

Mr. Whaley Esq
San Francisco
Box 404 No
California



Factoryville Jan 15th 1852

Friend Tom

I have been considering over the matter
* since last I wrote you, and find that I can
leave the business that holds me. Mr J. H. Stearns
my partner can, he says get along with it if he
can here from one once in Six Months and he
is anxious that I should attempt the journey
we have layed out considerable in our under-
taking, and it will be some time before we
get straightened, So if you feel disposed to
remit me sufficient to pay my passage out
I will return the amount loaned. Our business
will be a "profitable" ^{one} after a while, but I would
like to go out and see California and what
prospects there is, for Rail Roading and Contract
work, As south wood speculations would pay your
way, if so I am "bank" at that, there is no fear
of our doing well, as I have wholly given up
to not forget to give me the first lesson time
in answering this "Scrawl"

If you can possibly arrange mat-
ters which I know you can, send me on the amount
and I'm with you, we can do well there is no doubt
I will wait patiently till you write word.

Wm. J. Stearns
J. H. Stearns

A.P.S. Loderille, Luzerne Co. Pennsylvania

San Francisco January 17. 1852

Sir

Your favor of 24th Sept. last. has only this moment been received by me. I have been for the last 8 or 9 months in the Southern Mines and only came to this City yesterday on business and return to day. I understood you are not now in this place and can only regret that my absence should have prevented the interview you wish for. My present residence is at Clinton about 12 miles from Jackson but as there is not any Post office my address is P. Office Jackson.

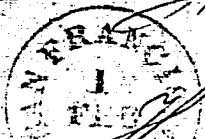
I am, Sir,

Yours truly

W. W. Durham

Thos. Phelan Esq.

Jan 1852



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Mr. Mealy Esq
San Diego
Calif

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New York. Feb 8th. 1850

My dear dear Thomas.

I received a letter from you through a gentleman by the name of G. V. Palmer Esq. which I assure you was happily received, but I noticed that you did not acknowledge the receipt of any of my letters since June. I surely cannot account for it. it is no doubt some fault of the mails. Since the one of June. I have sent four, and if you have been so unfortunate as not to receive them, you must not blame me. If you had you are rather hard upon me, and seem to think that I deserve to be scolded. But you do wrong to write me such a letter. This letter I write with the hope that you will receive it without delay, which no doubt you will, as I have taken some trouble to have it put on board.

My dear Thomas how could you for one moment think I had forgotten you, you, on whom I dote, and on whom

My affections are bestowed, I have I not told
you over and over again that - I love but
you? I wish you could say as much. never
fear. dear Thomas, I have made up my
mind to have none but you, and if it were
not for the little hope that exists in my
bosom, life would be a wilderness to me.
But I am determined to keep up as long
as that little spark of hope remains. You
cannot imagine what an effect your last
letter had on me, it moved me so, that I
cried every minute of the day, I never dreamed
of your sending me such a letter, in fact
it has almost broken my heart - and the last
word said to me against my conduct - caused
me to melt into tears. I know it is very
foolish to act thus, but I cannot help it, if
I did not cry, it might perhaps be worse
for me. No one knows my dear Thomas, what
I feel, thus long separated from you, and
nobody know how many tears I have shed
in secret for the one I love so tenderly.

Why did you raise my expectations

written in pencil as
soon as I saw the
letter. I have never
before told you and
I be at rest but
as if you were
of an hour
I have ten years
with you, of the
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names of all the
read the names
that I had
of all I gain
of all I gain
just if you do
an encouragement
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not everything
I had said
you that I love
I feel as change the
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by telling me that you would
indeed have been better not to
have told me and then my mind would
be at rest but now I am discouraged
as if you were departed forever. What will you
do when I see you that I would
have ten years of my miserable life to
with you, and see you once more, not to
depart from California, but to pass the
winter at all the dangers on board for
I read the same over a dozen times, in hope
that I had perhaps left you
and all I can do now to write my
so bitterly that it makes me sick and
just if you do not return soon, I
can encourage your letter. I know I
fit of returned. To be sure I look well enough
as that of Palmer. Will tell you but looks are
not everything & feelings are all worth
what I love you dearly! Yes, I think so.
I hardly know how to
thank you for your kindness, and liberality

New York February 1st 1802.

My dearest Thomas.

Word of the 1st December came to hand to day, and I can assure you that it was very welcome. Not having heard from you for so long a time, I was fearful from all accounts that the Indians had perhaps dealt rather roughly with you and your kind. It surprises me very much to learn that you have not received any of my letters which I have sent since August, there is certainly something wrong about all that; I wish that you had, but yet, received the parcel which I sent you, it was a pretty one, and I am sure that it would have pleased you very much. I shall make another, and see with what safety it will reach you.

You must have the good news now. I have become acquainted with your Mother, and I like her very much so far

and I hope that she falls the same towards me. Miss Severus called for me one day and wished me to accompany her home to see your Mother, but unfortunately I was very sick from a heavy cold and was obliged to refuse. In the evening Amelia called on your Mother, and they arranged it so that Amelia would call for you the next morning to accompany her to my house. So the acquaintance is made, and yet I have not heard from your Mother since. I call at Miss D. to inquire about her, but she could not give any information, not having heard from her sister.

Mr. Gomez has returned from Europe and has again taken the Office. He had quite a conversation with your Mother when she called on me, and from what Amelia says he persuaded me not wonderfully. I hope your Mother was not disappointed when she saw me. I was as sick as could be, but still I was attending to my little class. They improve very much and are so fond of their school, that if I was inclined to let them stay all

day and come to school would willingly be as enough for me. I start or duty for me. The winter at last, and business is very slow, and that is discouraging. I am doing all I can for the spirits - give every one help all I can. I am resolved to do as I know that state for us all. Thomas & Co. are long and long to for a moment. I was to hear, in my return home in such a savage, Indians who

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his school, that
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day and come on Saturdays, besides they
would willingly do it. But all the work
is enough for me, although it is a pleasant
task or duty for me to perform. It
The air is not doing as well this
winter as last, and in fact I may say that
business is very dull. No other has not one
scholar, and that, you know is very dis-
couraging. I am the only one doing any-
thing and I do try my dear Thomas to do
as I can for Mother, but sometimes my
spirits give way and then I too almost
give up all hope of doing as much as I
would wish to for my family. But now
I am resolved to keep up good spirits -
as I know that there are better days in
store for us all. Come how is other dear
Thomas I do not feel happy this winter,
long and long to see you if it was only
for a moment. You do not know what
a change it would make in me if I
was to hear in your next that you would
return home in the spring. To stay in
such a savage place, and live among
Indians who may at any time kill

New York Feb 8th 1852

Dear Son

I received yours that gave me the most
unpleasant impressions of The Indians, being troubled in
in the town of, San Diego, which I have answered
and am anxiously waiting for the information
from you, I read in the papers that peace and
quiet is restored to your town, which relieves
my mind very much it appears that all our
affairs attend you go where you will what will
be your next difficulty I fear to learn.
but I will not predict evil. You have been
so greatly blessed with good health amidst
all misfortunes, which calls for the most
 fervent thanks, for you and us all,
it appears to me that the time must be
at hand for you to return home though you
do not want any time, for us to anticipate
your long expected return, my dear child, I
did not look forth to your long absence, but
have become enured to it from time to time.
as I presume you have done by the deprivation
of beholding your Mother, and friends, to speak
of it is great excitement to realise is a quiver of
mind, though your goodness in writing has
mitigated in some measure my anxiety for
your safety

and happiness of mind I hope you have resumed your business
and will meet with the best success likewise I hope that Mr
Franklin will continue to deserve your approbation
by his worthy conduct, and strict attention to business
now that peace is again restored to the Colon, you
line in Feb 10th not very long. I believe I will con-
clude soon to say I never will go to California
but I am at a loss to know if he will do so at present. He and
sister was at Mrs Montgomery's ^{last week} in Brooklyn. It was the
first time I have seen her since his leaving for Cal. she
is quite well she says Mr M. is buying the ^{house} Franklin
in San H is doing well - I would not say to say -
Mrs M. Smith a visit I was sick with a cold which prevented
me from going around in a few days we left Brooklyn to
take board at Mrs. Downing but they was full then since
decided to return to Jersey City unless we found a boarding
place in Brooklyn as she would like to reside there
We ^{are} having an office in NY which was long anticipated
I shall well keep house and I shall have with them
I shall be extremely glad to see Thomas and I re-
mained at NY as she would not see her in Brooklyn
as I wished to travel then to your sister as soon
as we get a new place I will do so at present we are
obliged to be away from here in quest of a look at a
dwelling in a short time we will be more at rest I hope
I have considerable to attend to which I have been compelled
to neglect on account of the severe cold and muddy walk-
ing the post office delays the mail is now at its usual time
and I trust to be able to attend to business one day while we

were in NY
I had told her
when we arrived
is now a week
I waited some
said Mr Harrel
to see him
was for three
he said he was
my mother
been so long
Harrel though
the place
you have to go
Mr H was at the
I am now for
for repairs I will
give him \$20
- swans - John
then he was
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I told him
here the the
the proposals
what to say
his movements
time to pass
and paid \$15
in April he

your business were in my way we would from Mrs Smith to Mr Platt
I had intended to call on Morse for a years interest, but
where we were when he was gone with his daughter who
is now a widow her husband having been dead 4 months
I waited more than a hour he came not though Mrs T
said Mr Morse had been there and left his card, but I can
not see him in regard to a account of the ^{100 page} ~~same~~ which you
was for three years I spoke to him some time ago about
he said he was unwilling to settle the mortgage and to settle
my terms easy until the time come The weather has
been so disagreeable that I have not been able to see Mr
Hazel though I have been at Mr Smiths store three times
the place he does his business so Mr S. says I left word
for him to call on me at Mr W. Smiths Lee Smiths said
Mr H. was at his house out of town so I flagged my
Lalan has paid this quarter but he says he must have \$20
for repairs I said \$15 and he says that agrees with Smiths
give him \$20 that properly ought to be improved by all
means John wants of money to Detroit I hope he will
then he can attend to the other I received him as
Latham yesterday with a long detail of ^{things} weather and
I told him he must save the piece out of town and
give the house from Parly just as to wife not like
the proposition I did not write as I want to know
what to say to John I think he has decided we had
his seven year quarter for view to my going to battle I told
him to put it to the test with G. J. says when he called
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Mr. West wrote to me I refused to let him have the pin
less than \$50 and I was not to pay his taxes or any
more rent till this day got a thousand on the place
and moved away on a parson ^{for \$4000} what I do not like he was
in City B, much in Dec. and soon called on Mr. W. I went
to Mr. W. in Bowery and made inquiries Mr. W.
says he will be in N.Y. about the 10th perhaps then I will
look him up no doubt he is quite despondent Mr. Lane
said he was much troubled I replied Mr. W. city has received
considerable indignation from us and should again if he
had acted as he always has we more of these
Thomas I trust you have seen some of my letters
so that you may be in favour us all it is two months
and 8 days since you wrote your last how impatient
I feel to receive some glad tidings from you I want to
see Anna to know if she has a better date had one if I
do not get yet settled I will write to her an inquiry I
presume she thinks you are a long while getting settled with
myself, I see her mother is a sharp woman, Anna is
very stille, the sister is a smart girl, could George
take a fancy to her, but he is a Jew, I hope his brother
with many a friend has paid you I asked Mr. Smith about
Mr. Palmer he has not seen one of them I think I shall
call and see him, his speech about the affair really
saying I was to have a part of the money on account of
what you owe me it may have some effect I shall say
but little I am in hurry while I am writing you are
meeting with the best of success in your business affairs X

* which will enable you to return home sooner than
you expect. I thought I wrote in my last that the
suit was decided in your favour, I have the bill, which
is \$,500 or 12, including what I have paid him which is \$,150.
I will pay it if you can convince me & commence to
bring the executor to an account. John says he will come
on and attend to it. What my late brother said was
no account to it, as he was getting old, he is quite
fleshy. I will write the instructions with care
as they have built stables in 2/3rd the way next door
to my lot, a great deal of labour I was well equi-
pped to do, if I wanted to, since I had better provide
that as I had been disappointed in the purchase I
had purchased it, I intended to leave it for a few
years, he said he thought the scrupulous of the large
house in 2nd would have given a large price for it, that
I should have it traded out, to have my own to be well
attended to it, as he is well acquainted with Mr
Hurry, the great architect, what do you say to the plan
I must certainly make it pay an interest in some way
give me your views on the subject I have had your Lincoln
Point land some west of there, that is good building
I have written the particulars to John, hope he will
decide to move to city, as he is not strong and has to work
to hard, you see straight. I will write you a long
letter in hopes you will receive it. John says you had
better come home than get sick, as you are so very
unfortunate in business I trust as you say you will succeed

Theresa and I spent the day at Mr Brown's they made
great enquiries about you and send you a thousand
good wishes. The children were back very soon most affec-
tionately saying give my love to Thomas and tell him
not to seek gold alone, but think of your future hap-
piness. I said I would write as she desired, she is a fine old
lady. The girls says you must hurry up or they will all get married.
Elizabeth was a beauty who has given me a gold watch. What
we expect they will be married soon. Theresa Mr
Shegauge is living in the next house to Miss Fensley
I am determined to have some interesting papers and should
have had them commenced in this and we have gone to Miss
D's and will fix it all right, as I may get in with Mr
Brown alone, but she can't not like visiting, I would have talked
over Mr S. I wish I could not unless could ask him when I
could commence to sit, one objection is the position ^{coming} in office
we have had a severe winter. Sister Elizabeth is glad that
is a great consolation to me, we frequently sit and talk
of you and your future prospects - she sends her love to
you and says to see you soon. I beg that you will take
the best of care of your health as that is your main de-
pendance. The three years is expired and you are still far
away, my great solicitude is that you will give the usual
affectionately invited you granted no interest in your
affectionate Friends & Relations.

A. W. Haley





Nicholson Oct 15th 1852

Dear Mom

I have now decided to go out to
the bank of Roll. If I can raise enough to
get out by the 12th of next month (I think)
I shall go. you may at any time effect
me out, & if you think of sending any
letters direct them to Capt. J. [unclear]
I think the number of your P.O. [unclear]
704. & if I send any letters direct to
that number I suppose you will get
them. So keep a look out. But write at
my rate.

I read the short letter, all are
well & I wanted to let you know I'm com-
ing. Your mother I'm not seen, but
don't doubt I'll see her before I leave.

I find your letter in the
course of a couple of months to be
found in Vol 707

Yours if all
And

Wm. [unclear]

Nicholas Pet
Oct 16 1852

Wm. W. Haley Esq
~~Box 100~~
San Francisco
California

San Diego, February 14th 1852.

Dear Aunt,

You will be surprised to hear from me again at this
place having informed you in my last 16th ult of my intention to
go to San Francisco. Circumstances have prevented and may de-
cide my postponing to do so for some time to come. My partner
is now at San Antonio and I have the full charge of every thing do-
ing & have very little leisure. It was the which prevented me from
communicating with you by the last steamed articles I have not
yet advised you more than those already acknowledged. I heard
from Mr. Brownkin a day or two ago. He informs me in conse-
quence of the late disturbances in the lower country he is unable
to make collections and must remain there some time to ef-
fect the object of his visit. This will delay his return and my
going to San Francisco also near the time of our dissolution of
partnership, to have effect the first of May. I think my going
will be rendered altogether unexpedient and I shall postpone again
his return to commence winding up our affairs in mediocrity.
I think I can employ my time & capital to better advantage than at
present. A proposition has been made to me by the largest house
here to associate myself with it on of the partners intention being to
return to the States and if I can command the necessary amount
I think I can not do better than accept of the offer. From my present
business I expect to realize fifteen hundred dollars or more and if I
can make this available in time it will be ^{as that} necessary for my purposes.
I have given you a succinct account of my present position
& future intentions but how affairs may shape themselves is

impossible for me to-day things work so wonderfully strange in California's
calculations, are not to be relied upon. The way way is to meet emergency
at the time they transpire. What I have written dear Anna could in-
deed give you as it concerns only myself, but you may possibly think I should speak
of something more interesting, and so I would, if I only had a letter from
you to prompt my feelings to discuss some other subject. The fact of the
matter is that I am so much engrossed with the thought of how I shall acquire
a little competency to enable me again meeting that if I appear egotistical
in my communications I am ever ready and crave your forgiveness. —
I care for money only to aid me in the object which I conceive to be the most
laudable to which I can apply it, purchasing the happiness of two hearts
long united. Ah! dear Anna, when I considered my erstwhile 3 year em-
bittered with not a friend to cheer me, and think how happy I should be
were you only here, I could the iron gate which separates us. Minutes have
passed, years have passed, and still we are away from one another
thousands of miles. How much longer must we wait? Think Heaven
grant that the time may be short, that before many months more shall have
elapsed we may be clasped in each others fond embrace! Whether the
time be long or be short my sentiments will remain the same, and I shall
continue to love you as fondly as ever. Mine is not a selfish ungrateful
disposition. Were once I place my affections there they remain unaffected
by time or circumstances; and, that yours an equally stable the trial
of three years long separation is a sufficient guarantee. I know that you
and I are destined to look hands, and though circumstances seem to interpose
and to deny us this boon, yet, the time will come when we shall stand at
the altar and then plight our solemn vows, what a happy day will
that be to you and to dear Anna! I shall feel the pleasure of that moment
a sufficient recompense for the trials which years of absence from the land of

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of my business
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To Miss Anna C
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by the war
I shall trust you
I shall be in response
last stand at
every day will
of that amount
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love of all things on earth, has, saved me. But enough, the subject is and,
I have, such as times I am pleased to entertain, close and that my
I cannot just now while I relax an hour or two from the cares of
business to justify my duty towards you in pursuing a good line
as a guarantee of my health. Thank God I have no reason to com-
plain upon this head though I do not always feel so well in spirits.
Dear Anna you must excuse the shortness of this. I have very little else
to say. The Indian difficulties are all at an end, and, as I previously
informed you, and quickly will continue to reign. This is my
thing I very much regret and that is the impossibility of my remitting
the sum which you stated to be in need of some time since. I have more than
the amount contained in the beautiful purse wrought by your hands and my
friend in opportunity, to send the same which I shall do by the first oppor-
tunity that offers. The amount I intend sending will not be of the least
inconvenience to you as I have made ourselves more independent
of my business, since I came to San Diego. So you will accept it un-
hesitatingly and apply it in whatever manner you deem most benefi-
cial to yourself. I am now busily and anxiously, my remembrance to
your Mother & Family, with every assurance of my unobscured regard for
them all.
Believe me, dear Anna
Yours very affectionately,
Theobald

To Miss Anna E. Conway
395 1/2 Fourth Street
New York.

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of my business. Since I came to San Diego do you will accept un-
hesitatingly and apply it in whatever manner you deem most benefi-
cial to yourself. Give my love to your family with every assurance of my unob-
dient regard for
Prison me dear Anna
Yours very affectionately
Wm. W. Channing

Ms Miss Anna E. Conway
395 1/2 South Street
New York.

Please excuse the apology to my cousin Sam Dyer who claims to be ignorant
of no 82 machine since I have forgotten the number but it's the same as
the last was adopted if no other way let Sam inquire by postscript
of Mr. Woodbury.

D. C. Dyer

Miss Anna E. Lammay
395 1/2 Church Street
East of the Brewery
New York

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New York Oct 21st 1853.

Dearest Thomas.

Again I have received another letter from you dated Sunday 14th and a very long one too it is just the kind I like to read. I am very sorry my dear Thomas to hear that you are not doing as well as you would wish to in your business affairs. You must not be discouraged for I am certain that there are better and brighter days in store for us all if we only wait patiently and put our trust in Almighty God our heavenly Father who is the giver of all this comfort which we now enjoy. Your letter of June pleased me very much, indeed I may say than some which you have sent me. It now begins to think that you love me dearly and that you will return home soon! You must not think readily that I have thought that you did not love me

Genoa City, Feb 22nd 1852

Dear Cousin

The Mail steamer will sail in
a few days I must write and inquire after your
health and happiness as the last from you was of the
date of Dec 2nd which is now over two months I
wrote a note to Anna inquiring of her last date
from you she wrote that hers was Dec 17th the
intelligence from her and the news in the paper all-
ayed my fears, for your safety with regard to the
sickness. What will be your ^{present} troubles, I hope
and trust you will be more prosperous in business
than you have been of late. The weather with
us has been extremely cold, and severe, this winter
I presume it has not been any cold with you
I am tolerable well thank mercy, Sister enjoys
good health, your brother likewise who I have heard
of lately, when I saw him in Nov he looked very
well. Thomas in my last I wrote you many
particulars about matters and things and hope
you received it, as if you do ^{not} you must think I
have not neglected to write to you. No, No, I
earnestly hope you will come home in a short time
with a pile, so as to pay all your debts.

Thomas I feel rather impatient for your return
home. I hope you have secured your debts in Cal.
how does your Coffee Mills come on? has George paid
you? Had we have went to Miss Duersey to ~~have~~
we might have seen Anna frequently but all her rooms ^{was}
taken, then Sister decided to go to Brooklyn to reside
as Wm office is in Wall street 29, you had better
direct your letters there, as Sylvester has left Swand
here. I am wondering when you will return
safe home. You may wonder why my letter is
dated from this city, Wm was doing business here
when we came from Newark, so we took board
here for a while but ~~as~~ he has returned we shall
not stay long here. Thomas, it is really surprising to
know how full all the Steamers sail to Chgo.
no tickets to be bought until May first, poor fellows
many will never see their native land again.
Henry is doing pretty well, I think John is coming
to N York. I hope he will get something to do so that he
may not have to work so very hard. his health is
not the best in the world, if you pay my letter
is badly written, it is right there for you will
over look all deficiencies, as I would with you
I believe Palmer is doing a good business. I hope he will
pay you the debt he owes you which he ought
to pay as it was for boards. I think he was ^{mean} dealt
well they will be a long time ere they find a
not her friend

of my money
I am nearly
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arrived by way of ...
I am nearly written out as such a length of time
has elapsed, since your letter came to hand. I suppose
my letters are sent to your box 7-4, then sent to
you, I must say if you remain in good health
you are much blessed indeed, I hope Franklin
continues quite faithful to you in business and
then you may both prosper and do well. I hope and
pray you will be attentive to your health, so that
you will have good health to come home with
as it would be most melancholy affairs indeed to be
your good father is pretty well considering the weather
I have not settled with whetery but will soon as the weather
has been very bad, I think it will do better soon
do write about what has become of your Beacon
Point property, I hope it is safe. I met Harrel in the
Street he has been selling and buying a large house in
Brooklyn, and selling several in El York, I shall see him
again soon, Thomas, I wish you had been here
of late, as I would have let you bought some adjacent
property, but I have no one to attend to it with the
same interest as you would. I cannot say if John
would, but if he comes to El York I will let him try
It needs one who is well acquainted with the City
and its locations, Harrell, said he would but I do
not know that he has you will recollect that I have
been absent from El York a whole year that
you know makes a difference and since I have
been here I have failed to meet him at Mr Smiths
store where he takes most care

Thomas I hope Sister will get a house soon that I may
 feel settled and be able to attend to my affairs when the
 weather shall be improved. I will ever remember the
 winter and will go up home in a short time to see
 father. Was I you I would write a note enclosed to
 Henry about his seventy dollars as he may think you
 you have forgotten it I will send it to him. I wrote
 to him last week to inform that I had not for-
 gotten him if he would not write to me and inquire
 after his beautiful boy I wish I had him on my
 lap I could tell you just how he looks, the girl
 is very well but not so handsome as the boy. I fear
 that Han thinks me unkind because I sent John
 different articles after I had been there some months
 I told him the reason there said you give all to John I
 can do for myself, I must give him half a dozen of tea
 spoon for his knife set, so you will lead by one way that
 I have given John liberty to live on the place out of town
 that Han will not approbate what can I do, I must do
 what I consider right with all. Thomas I have seen Anna
 but I cannot decide on her disposition as she was very still
 and then I was only in her company a short time I hope to see
 more of her when I write next time as I shall certainly send
 for her to call on us, and if I like her invite her to stay a few
 days with me all this I do for your sake and at your request
 I believe they are quite poor - hope you respect able and in-
 telligent that is some comfort for ignorant people are very
 disgusting. Now my dear son I must close by sending
 your sisters and Mother affectionate and sincere wishes
 for your health and happiness. Your Mother
 May the Lord guide and protect H. Whaley

Dear Son
 I am glad
 to hear of
 your health
 and hope
 you will
 be well
 soon
 I am
 your
 Mother
 H. Whaley

San Diego, February 21st 1852.

Messrs. Sage & Smith,

Gentlemen,

It was my intention to have you to San Francisco by the steamer of to day, but events have transpired to render it impossible and I know not where I shall be able to leave. I have one or two favors to ask of you which you will much oblige me by attending to. I wish you a long letter than time of enclosing certain papers in relation to Mrs. Peck et al. I should like to know the result of your interview with him. The letters I then enclosed you will please return for me. All communications for me or Mr. Franklin coming by express through my box 704 P.O. you will please forward to me. Before coming down here I sent my last at River Point to Mr. Dougherty for six months commencing Sept 17th 1851 per month payable in advance. I received payment for the first month and left instructions with a Mr. Billington an elderly land man who keeps a small tavern near the observatory and my house in River Point to receive the next monthly from Mr. Dougherty. The next now due is considerable and I wish you would be so good as to present the order for the same to Mr. Billington who I believe will pay with any difficulty and request him to come and settle with you each month. He will also please renew the agreement with Mr. Dougherty and should the same be unoccupied remit the same for what ever you can get and I will compensate you for the trouble which you may have. The agreement of Mr. Dougherty you will please hold for me. I have forgotten Billington's first name but I think it is Thomas but you will have no difficulty to find him according to my directions or where he is to be found.

I have no more favour to ask of you if it is that you procure a bill of
Exchange on Paris banking bank in New York for fifty dollars
made payable to the order of Miss Anna E. Conway and
to enclose one of the drafts to her by the first mail of Steam
the other you will retain for me. This is a prudent Sam
Leaving to a young lady or rather something in lieu of a
present. I wish you would keep it secret for me. I
should not have troubled you with it only that it is im-
possible to get bills of exchange drawn there.
You will please to enclose it in the enclosed.
Let me know if Sullivan & Co. is still with Mr. Sprague and
if you have seen or heard anything of Mr. & Quincy of the
"Cawoka" Coffee Mills. I have troubled you with several
commissions but I hope to be able to repay you
for your kindness when I return to Saint Thomas.
I received a letter from Dr. J. J. Smith some days ago and
he desired to be remembered to Mr. Sage.
With respect gentlemen I remain
Yours truly
J. H. Tracy

Pls. Place just the enclosed in an envelope with
the bill of Exchange and address it the same.
Miss Anna E. Conway
365 1/2 Fourth St
1 E. of the Bowery
New York

1907
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Messrs. Sage & Smith
Box 712 Post Office
or Safford Building Merchant St
near Market Square
San Francisco

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259 no 6 of my papers, moreover my ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} was to see you & see so much
 to know if I would let him have the place for ^{year} ~~year~~ ^{year} at \$40 per year
 I answered No - I could only rent it to him for 1 year at the rent of \$50 &
 charges, accordingly West let it to him, after I came to Cty, Dec 8th
 I called on Mr W, he explained the whole affair, and that he had
 only paid \$15, I did not like it so, Mr W. went to see the tenant
 he was not in, his man was no impost, in coming down he called
 on Madetty Lane. the feed stone, Bailey bought his feed, he told
 Mr W - that B, had been in the city for three weeks, just left
 Mr West did not ~~just~~ like that, Mr Lane said he would be
 in town in 15, 10th of March, so Mr W. thought I had better wait
~~his~~ ^{his} coming, which is near at hand, I hope I shall not have any
 difficulty with him, as he has been a good tenant so long - I
 went to Judge Covets & 17, White St to have my self ^{settled}
 as the wife of Thos Whaley, in relation to the land claim
 as John has written, they would not accept it in Wash
 ington unless I was sworn to by some one, I think ^{right} ~~some~~
 is a good person, but I could not tell the C^{of} of the Warrent
 on the date of the horse it was deposited so I wrote to
 Gen. yesterday, I hope to hear from him soon then I will
 go again to C, the Judge has a claim he has located in
 Iowa, he in conjunction with a notary public, attend
 to ^{establishing} ~~prosecuting~~ land claims. I named the affair of B, ~~to~~
 to the Judge, he said I was wrong that I had let it to him with
 out an agreement I told him Mr W. let it to him, and that it was
 different than though Mr B, occupied the place himself, he
 said if Mr B, would only acknowledge the last years rent before
~~with~~ ^{with} then I could have a ground to work on, so I will see
 what can be done he may mean all right - the last con
 versation I had with him in ¹⁸ ~~18~~ I told him before sister that I
 should want the premises on ¹⁵ ~~15~~ ¹⁵ following on May 1 he replied

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you will find my name
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James Clark, Mrs. Betty, has a son, his name is...

It is certainly a most lamentable affair to reflect upon to see
 others prospering on your hospitality. Palmer is doing a good business
 I hope he will come forth and pay your draft and not forget
 your kindness to him Thomas with what respect you must
 look on your past favours to maggy who treat you ungratefully
 I Gomez prospering with the Mills has he commenced to pay
 you? How is the \$500, coming on in connection with the
 law on your buildings. Thomas you must not mind
 my speaking of these matters, it shows the order, I feel for
 you. How is Mr Dittmerville I believe his name is
 has Mr Warner left Cal? I think I saw
 I hope you have received some of
 letters which is the 30th I have written since your Dec, 2
 if you get them all you will say Mother is crazy to
 write one thing so frequently but I fear you may fail to
 receive them as you have certainly been greatly deprived of late
 with myself it now wants two days of three months since
 your last letter was written to me concerning the Indians
 I wrote a note to Anna she said her last was Dec 17
 she may have heard from you since, she knows to direct
 to Mrs Ellis 29 Wall St for me, I think she would
 inform me had she received any more news, there are many
 Steamers expected in soon then I hope I shall have
 some one to call on if John comes No. 27. he is disposed to pay
 attention to appear as he knows his own interests depends upon it
 How my dear child I must close with a hope to hear from
 you soon May the Lord direct you in the right path your
 curing the public approbation of your own mind under existing
 circumstances Sister joins me in to and hopes to see you soon
 as she intends keeping house believe my blessing and may my
 prayer be heard for you safe when you Mother P. Whaley's

I have not seen you since you were in the city I hope you are well I have not seen you since you were in the city I hope you are well I have not seen you since you were in the city I hope you are well

Dear Son
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1852

San Diego, March 2nd, 1853.

Dear Anna,

You will imagine I have either grown negligent or in-
dolent in writing only a few lines as I have done for the last three
or four Steamers but my love you must excuse me from concern of this
kind as I am not desiring of it. The want of time only preventing
me from being more communicative. The steamer is now at the
Paya a friend of mine is a boat starting with letters I must
therefore be brief. Hoping that it was impossible for me to
go immediately to San Francisco and not desiring to keep you
waiting longer for the fulfillment of my promise, do this if
the will. I sent Mr. Taylor to Mr. Sages & Smith & Co. San Fran-
cisco together with a short letter to your wishing them to purchase
a bill of exchange on New York in your favour and to enclose
it to you and send it by the first opportunity. Now
whether my letter reached them in time for them to remit
by this steamer is a matter of doubt. However you will certainly
receive it by the next. One thing more, perhaps by the
time the money reaches you it will not amount to quite
the same sum which I have sent owing to the difference
of exchange. It affords me dear Anna great pleasure to
be thus able to gratify your wishes and admitted desires
and efforts. I hope therefore you will make such use of this trifling
amount as will conduce most to your own happiness for
I should indeed be sorry to know, in your generosity to divide
it with others, it had diminished any of your own efforts.

I am not selfish in respect to you, but to speak plainly, and the
is intended to give office to no one, to keep it to yourself, than
not in the position to lavish money if being as much in my
power at the present time to extricate myself from difficult
ties. Do not dear Anna hesitate for this reason to apply to
me again in case you should find it necessary, as you will find
find me ready to supply you wants as I consider it my
duty. The little which you may require from time to time in this
way will never be missed from my coffers though they are small
and should you hesitate I would certainly feel displeas'd
All I can say is that you have the full benefit of everything
and I have not what you ask for within my means.
I consider things in this light. We have plighted our words and
utmost love in kind I look upon you as my wife and you upon
me as your husband. Could I ever have prevailed as
from contracting this with marriage. Can I therefore let irrespon-
sible for you and is it not my duty to do the same towards
you in administering to your comforts and happiness the same
as though we were united by the law of the land? Put
in weight of this I think we understand each other without en-
tering further in the matter. To conclude by way of cheer-
ing you a little dear Anna let me say that for some time more
I aim to spend upon you I have done well since I can be
am doing well and hope soon to be doing better. I think I
shall be able to conclude the partnership mentioned in my last
& find having put at my disposal the funds necessary to be
can realize sufficient capital from my present business. If I
succeed in making this arrangement I ask nothing better

for I shall then
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Thy sincere
servant
C. M. H.
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up. If I
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for I shall then soon be able to send or go for you. Mrs
about Anna's relation with my love to your family
and remembrances to friends. By the way I forgot
to say I have received no letters from you lately
but I trust to get something on the steamer which
arrived this morning

Yours Affectionately
Geo. W. Carey

Oh I would enquire if Anna has yet been to see the Misses
Severus if so. She will please remember me to them.
One thing more have the letter enclosed delivered.
I have taken the boat to find this is

Geo W

Miss Anna E. Conway
395 Broadway
East of the River
New York

Newark March 7th 1851 1 page

Dear Son,

I was delighted indeed that you was enabled to
prolong your letter to me of Jan 1 - 1852 for I had been
waiting with all the patience I was in possession of to hear
from you. Yes! I met the third anniversary of your departure
with no small degree of disappointment I was fearful that
I should not see you in a long time if I ever did behold
you again. Who can indeed foresee the events produced by
time! I rejoice to hear that your determination is strong
and health good which I hope will enable you to succeed
with your undertakings. I am happy to hear that you
decided mine of Sept 26th & Oct 11th has been duly received &
know if the you have a keeps, I trust they contain interesting ones
I hope John will prosper if he comes to Alford, I feel
willing to assist him as he will be of great use to me in my
affairs as you say. - Wm. Hief has obtained the office of
Telegraph, and your sister is boarding in Brooklyn, as she is
to keep house there, I hope she will be more comforted
her plans, I have to dwell in Baltimore, I ardently wish to
settle as I have been wandering around a long while.
Thomas, I am heartily sorry to learn that I must wait
another year or longer ere I give you welcome to my
maternal roof, though I trust to be sustained until I once
more behold you. We may effect an alteration in our
affairs but, I do not think you would understand
the business, as well as you, nothing will be done unless
we consult you. I likewise think our property might
be improved considerably in the way you write of.

^{2^d page}
But if warlike judicious management I will let John
lead the battle when he comes on, he thinks it may be the first
of June, or he comes. I must tell you that several states
have been built in 27. ^{It} one next to our lot therefore people in
general recommend me to sell, I may get 2,500. Flors & the
one if I would take \$3,000, I said I would see when John
comes, as John wished me to do. The gent who owns Doty lot
has built a beautiful fine house in 26. It therefore he is
very anxious for our lot, he has seen Flors several times. The
very cold weather has prevented me from seeing to it.
Mr H. has taken ^{to Florida} a wife, with his wife and son his son health
is bad, he has returned by this time. I am at father's ^{work}
gave Aunt Angelina, has been very ill, I return to morrow
no sister will require my attention about a house I
will send for Anna, to take upon us, as I presume she thinks
I am not in the city yet, and impressed her. As the lots
out of town are becoming quite valuable I will hold onto ^{them}
I have written that we have gained the suit for
the foreclosure of the Mortgage is gained by us my owing
nothing a bill of \$300, including what I have which is \$150
will soon attend to it, then your children must bring
- expectations to an account. John, will see to it when
- comes. The burying lot will be attended to for which
am very thankful, as I, and all of us have been greatly
dismayed, & with respect to Mr Dick, still at the Islands
I sincerely hope he will succeed, I have not heard that
Ward Dorr had returned home - I am sorry that you did not
see Mr L Dow, no matter he might have ploughed for fa-
vours alone, I hear that he is to return soon. - I am indeed
sorry that I have not received all your letters, I am loathe to lose
any of you to be deprived of mine after I have written them
I hope to have better luck in future, as I shall be so near
New York.

3 pages, when I commenced to write I thought to have a
very brief epistle but that appears impossible for me as
it affords me no small comfort to inform you of what
is transpiring at home my great consolation is to hear that
you continue to have good health & until I shall be per-
mitted to see you once more I went with Sister yesterday
buy a half dozen of silver forks she spent the ten dollar gold
piece ^{you gave her} for two large spoons & two desert spoons they came to 11th
I paid the one dollar, so that your name, ^{there} Whaley, was marked on
them I gave her half a dozen tea to correspond with ^{them} Whaley on
so she has a handful of silver, very well for a beginning.
she looks much thinner I am grieved to see it, I do not think
she is strong by any means, I shall be obliged to close
shortly as I have to mail this to day; when will
you receive it & soon I hope Mrs. W. Smith has been
at Saratoga for some time this summer, looks better
but very thin. Every body has their difficulties in
this world. — I must go and see why Anna has not
been to see me, I told ^{her} I could not visit her frequently
as the weather was so warm, I ~~hope~~ ^{invite} her to come and spend
a few days with me she will do so I expect if go and
bring her, she may feel to particular, to come alone
I would wait a few days if I thought I should get a
letter ere I mail this I will ask at the P. Office and act ac-
cordingly May the Lord guide and direct is my
prayer and hope your affectionate Mother
H. Whaley,

New York March 11th 1851

My dear Thomas.

I have received two letters from you since January, I am glad that you enjoy good health, and are getting along well in your business affairs. Mr Puffer has just called on me, and you must know how quickly this letter is written. I wish to let you know that I enjoy good health and feel a little happier than when I last wrote to you. Mr Puffer has just mentioned about the draft which you gave him on me. We have had quite a laugh over it, he had forgotten to bring it along with him. I am very glad. Oh how happy I shall be when I am settled with you in our little cottage. My pleasures are exceedingly. I must now close by all the family sending their love to you.

Once more adieu.

Yours most truly,
James Lannay O.

Recd April 27. 1851
Alfred

Thomas T. Talbot Esq.
San Francisco.
Calif

San Diego, March 14th 1852

Dear Mother,

I prepared a letter to send you by the last
Steamer but was too late to get it on board. Therefore you
will receive it by this express and I am glad at this crisis
I have nothing further of importance to communicate to you
and am induced to write this in the hope that you may
receive it in case the other miscarries. I have no more
letters from you I am sorry to say your last bearing date
in December. So that I am growing anxious to hear from
you ever more. I cannot account for this irregularity and
have not had time to remedy it. I learn that my box was not
renewed in San Francisco according to my request though
I left money in there for that purpose. Hereafter address letters
Simply San Francisco and and they will lie in the
post office until I send for them. I have mislaid the
letter containing Silverdell's address and shall therefore
in future enclose letters to you to request my son to
return them if this number be unable to ascertain S M S's address.
As I previously informed you I settle my affairs the 17th
of this month with Mr. Franklin and shall probably be
able to complete my new arrangements for our residence
Simple here about the 1st or 15th next month. Things are

to you as you can neither advise or assist to them as the dis-
tance you are from me but were you here you would certainly
be of great service to me in the distresses as I am at. I would
everything to you instead of confiding in other persons. But
this is impossible at least for the present and I must to be obli-
g'd to manage my own affairs without loss and to find some

other way. This will reach you a box the first
of May the time for flowers. So gather a nice paper, parcel
and send it to me as I can post it early for you. My
dear friend, surely, in letters you read of I have, than all
carefully, judicious. I should like to add a few to the ac-
cused. Ensign from you & dear Anne. Should you receive
the money which I have sent you be very careful of it and
let it purchase for you all the happiness that it is possible as
it may be soon gone again before I can conveniently spare
any more. Let not this small present give you again request-
ing me. Should you require more ever soon as you will ever find
me ready to administer to your happiness in any way that lies
in my power. This is the best I can do to alleviate the de-
stressed of time until we again meet and if money can purchase
if you are willing to see that I have, only it must be for your
independent self. My present will allow me to do no more.
You must pass a little time in the country again this summer
and don't forget to take Oliver and a boy with you if the

Dear Ann
be not married before you go. Captain to stay with me and I
will be a day or two with you and of the large sum
of money I have
sent you
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must be a day or two with you and of the large sum
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San Francisco Cal. 15th March 1852.

Mr. T. Whaley

Dear Sir

I arrived here last day from Benicia and was handed your note by J. Smith both for which I am much obliged & on 23rd of last month went to work at Benicia for O. M. S. C. and on same day had the misfortune to break the forefinger of my left hand, at the lower joint back. It is now mending slowly & I trust will be well before long. I wish you if it will not be too much trouble for you or Mr. Franklin to Remail all of my letters which come to San Diego. To Mr. Pitts to Benicia, To care of Lewis B. Bell, by doing so you will oblige me much as I am very anxious to hear from home not having heard for some 7 months.


Give my respects to Mr. Franklin.

I hope he enjoyed his visit down coast. I should be glad to hear from you any time you have leisure to write few lines. I saw two letters advertised here for you. I should have taken them & Remailed on sent them. If could have seen any certainty of the sending you safely with some one I knew but understand the Post Office will suffer no one to take the letters out of office, but will Remail them at the Persons order to whom directed. I hope you are prospering in your business, and have commenced on the Pitts, and soon be able to visit your friends & friends on the Atlantic whom doubt

wishes your happy return into your Parishes and all does what

I Expect to go up the Sacramento to morrow if nothing
prevents how long I shall stay not certain, perhaps for the
mines before return and if any inducement to stay will visit
May try the Pick & shovel cant say.

in haste Your Friend

Robt. McQuinn


Mr. Thomas Whaley

Mr. Franklin

Merritt

San Diego

California

Thomas

Brooklyn March 19th 1852

Dear Son

I received yours of January 1st informing me of your intention soon to leave San Diego, for San Francisco, which I think gave me pleasure as you appeared to be much pleased with your expected journey; happy indeed shall I be to hear that you have met, with great success, as you have long been a pilgrim in a foreign shore. I am waiting, most anxiously for some good news not but I might be far more depressed about you, as I am continually buoyed up with anticipation of your prosperity in business; I wrote you a long letter a week ago, in answer to yours of Jan 1st, as something is daily occurring, and I am fearful that you may not receive it I feel inclined to write again, hoping you will be at San F. Well so your friend Palmer which ^{was} has been arrested for selling false tickets for passage in Olden boats and other steamers, if all is true that is in the papers he ought to be made suffer, I have not forgotten how he treated you not long since, most out of principle, I hope he will be willing to pay you some day; The papers announced his arrest on the 17th of March so you can look for it yesterday when he was brought up before Judge Lathrop nearly 100 men, had complaints against Thomas Palmer promised to make a compromise with them, at his office what tomorrow paper will bring forth I cannot tell, I say it is most rashly what would the poor men do when they came to Panama with false tickets, only think what many of them suffered, perhaps death, I have little mercy for him for his treatment to you; I should be sorry if he was unfortunate

Well now to our own business in the first place Mr Lee Smith &
 wife leaves for Europe next month. Mr Harsel, has just returned from
 Florida went there for his sons health I saw H., a few days since
 he has let No 3 to the same tenants the dwelling part \$400 - store-
 3.37 - lot none last year a good luck will attend soon times - to the 27 lot my
 want it, it will be a stable & indeed, there is a carpenter shop very nice
 a gent who owns the corner of Madison square & 27th he joins our lot I think
 but at all events he has been to see Harsel many times called me
 to Brooklyn to see me he asked me if I wished to dispose of it I
 told him I was disappointed in my purchase, as so many stables had
 been erected therefore I must improve or lease it out, or if I sold it
 would be the ^{to induce} price, he appeared to be quite anxious to get it, but did not
 ask me my terms, as he well knew it would be \$3,500, from Harsel.
 I told him I would write to John, and converse with Mr Harsel, he is
 anxious to have it settled in a fortnight thought he never made
 an offer, or said what is your price, I told him I would acquaint
 myself with the value of property in that vicinity, as I had been in
 Baltimore for the year past I shall hear from him in a fortnight -
 I should like to get \$4,000 for it then I would be pleased with ^{our} ^{lot}
 purchase? Do you remember the morning we all went to select a
 I wish I had a mother at the same price - But! let us not complain
 We have been up to see our lot on Bloomingdale saw the tunnel
 the house is in pretty good order, and John might live comfortably there
 the road is graded and a wall built in front of our lot of 5 feet high
 to keep up the road B. has built many sheds our stable looks badly
 Barty is to be in town this month as he is on a favor of his
 own in Shenando, I suppose he will want more than I am will-
 ing to give him for his buildings, he lets them out for \$200

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pay me fifty this year and. (Capes he has had a first rate
opportunity to make money, I hope he will pay me) all he owes us
fifty dollars for this year at any rate besides 930 of seven dollars
for for 1840 taxes he did not pay West as I directed him to do but
I hope all will be right - I have not had a letter from John
for two weeks. I shall leave the evening this to a close
as a steamer sails to day and I wish to send the
your last letter cost 40 cents, not the Coast Mail which
40 cents in pencil numbers, it was left at Sylvester's
address if they sent it to Mrs office 29 Broad way he went
to the P.O. they told him it must have come by express
it is strange as the postage ^{to Cal =} is only six ^{cents} you had
better direct to 29 Wall as Sylvester has left 110 Burg
and J B Maiden Lane he has not any situation at present
I will soon let you know my address when convenient
A word of Anna a few days after I came here I wrote
a note of invitation to her and likewise to the girls I
the following Saturday they called, unfortunately we
were not at home it was quite a unpleasant afternoon
as we had a mind to turn home several times on our
return home from house stunts ^{with large} Anna was left
for us I was sorry it happened so as I wished to see her
not that she could, blame me as I had not appointed
any particular time, the weather has been very cold
and stormy since I will see her soon as I expect
she may have taken news from you. I do not know
how it is
but, Sylvester has a charge of seventy cents on a package
of news papers sent in June or July, I think Sept

let her all the post offices say they must be pre paid
 in bal a but I must pay it and say better as I was writing
 favours but write paid on your letters or let me know
 if they are pre paid I do not pre pay any as I think
 you may not get them. And my dear Love, I beg
 of you that you will take the best of care of
 your health; may God bless and protect you in the
 earnest prayer of your Mother R. Whaley
 I will write soon and let you know how I proceed
 with my little affairs in posse how it is with the Point
 I do not like the thought of your going to the
 mine and hope you will consider it well
 ere you go tis quite this morning my fingers are quite
 cold as the fire is dull to burn I shall be have some one to see
 to our concerns when John comes I would not be willing
 to remain from N. any longer as people interest is there
 own concern I shall see Whiting and pay his bill \$300
 including what I have paid \$150 so we have that
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Brooklyn March 27th 1852

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Dear Son,

I received yours of Feb. 17th favoured by Miss Anna L., which informed me of your continued health, grateful indeed to I feel, to see you off all good, for the blessings bestowed on us all, and trust that your success in business has far exceeded your expectations. You write that you had received a favourable offer from a good firm, at San Diego, a new concern. I am happy to learn that it is not for the want of confidence in Franklin, that you dissolve as you observe it would make a material difference to your mutual interest, to have the store closed so often. I most heartily wish you was in a substantial way of showing. John informs me that I have to grand daughter, born on the 10th inst. E. is quite comfortable, that comes from you each of them. Then, says in a letter to John, that his wife is quite poorly, I think, she is too ill disposed to the health, so she must do the best she can. She is bringing the children up in catholic faith, or do I believe she could hinder from so doing. What would she do, if she was to die? it would not be attended to after her decease. I have written to Helen about the land married the day and date it was deposited 6 weeks ago still he will not inform me I want to get. Somers day, to testify under oath that I am the wife of Ben Thomas. My claims or that record, in the American for 1842, on the said settlement, I never expect to reap a crop from. So I cannot say, what can be his reason for his neglect herinow best she may influence him, if he let her go, and prosper. Franklin what will Portman say now?

The above is a true copy of the original of the letter written by me to my son, dated March 27th 1852. It is a true copy of the original of the letter written by me to my son, dated March 27th 1852.

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 feel jealous, because I have made a proposition to John to come
 to New York. I require some one to assist ^{me} and John writes that he
 does not think he could stand the confinement of working in the Army
 another summer therefore I consider it my duty, tho' I had him ^{aid}
 so if any of the rest complain, I cannot help it, you are all the same
 to me in need, I have not seen Bailey yet, I was up to Lane's in
 Bowery where B's formally brought his feed he said he expected him daily
 I am anxious to know how we are to arrange matters, as John is to have
 the place, if I can buy the buildings reasonable, John says he will
 not be here before first of June Sister has concluded to purchase
 a neat frame cottage a mile from Fulton Ferry, in Brooklyn
 \$200, she can pay \$600 down, the rest on Bond and mortgage
 you know she has her money in the Seaman's Bank which is \$575. I think
 this the best she way to invest her money - Well the gent. Mr. Walker
 he has built a stable next to our lot, as he owns a house and lot in the
 he wants our lot to build a ^{other} stable on to rent out, I told him I would not
 sell unless I could get a good price, I told him \$3,500 would be the least
 he left saying it was a great price, at the same time desiring me to
 inform ^{him} if I sold or lease, which I promised to do, so I presume I shall
 hear from him again. I think I shall make a little soon which I
 must try to insist for the benefit of us all, I expect you will say, how
 my mother calculates, yes and I shall conclude you are coming ^{home}
 before long, then I will tell, as much as I write, I wish you to converse
 with my communications or make some comment upon them, so that I may
 believe that you understand ^{me}, as I wish you to know all
 that is transacted, at present I shall live with sister, have three
 front rooms up stairs for my room and a entry bed room, that I shall
 be enabled to accommodate a friend when I please, at my own expense
 though I will board with Sister, I am, ^{thinks} indeed of going without
 a permanent home. I wrote a note of invitation to Anna ^{Walters}
 and unfortunately we were not at home I have not been
 able to call on her or Miss Severest since I have had a bad cold
 she writes has been very call to duty to day

I am very glad to hear you are well and hope you will be able to visit us soon. I am your affectionate friend, M. W.

San Diego March 20th 1852.

Dear Mother,

Without further receipt of a letter from you I have very little to communicate excepting of a judicial character and will write you in my last of the changes which were likely to take place you will be more than usually desirous to hear how I have succeeded. In the first place, to commence, my business connection with Mr. Franklin terminated the 14th inst and I have received as my share nearly a thousand dollars in goods and five hundred dollars in cash from the first collections made. Besides this I have property in his hands amounting to seven hundred and fifty dollars as collateral security for becoming my businessman in the suit which my old land-lord in San Francisco brought against me. This sum will be paid over to me whenever I shall have released him and as it is my intention to compromise the matter with Gerke when I go to San Francisco for five hundred dollars, it will not be long before it can be paid in full by Franklin. To secure myself against him he is to give me a mortgage on the store and lease of the lot here. I am anxious to make myself free from the judgement of Gerke that I may more able business in my own name. It is for a large amount exceeding with the interest, two thousand

dollar. Now let me speak of other things. I have in fact conversed
with Mr. Isaac Hinton of the firm of Raymond & Hinton
doing the heaviest business in this place, and there remains little
doubt of my making the final arrangements to become his partner.
At least twenty five thousand dollars will be necessary, two
thirds of which must be in cash to purchase Mr. Raymond's
interest as he is about to return to the States. I think I
shall be able to raise it in this way. Four hundred Hinton
pays me for the available half of my goods received from Frank-
-lin, five hundred I receive from outstanding debts, five hundred
I have borrowed and I have the promise of from five to eight
hundred more within a weeks time! I think this can be no doubt
of my success. Upon the money I borrow I pay five per cent per month
amounting to some fifty or sixty dollars per month. But what is
this when I am sure to make four three to five hundred dollars
per month the present profit to each of the partners of the concern
is less than six months I shall certainly be able to pay off the prin-
-cipal and interest and if I do this only it will not be doing much,
better than I have done in a very smart way and under many cir-
-cumstances, since I came to San Diego. I think dear mother this
is now an opportunity of my succeeding me more, soon to be able
to pay off my debts and returning home to see you within a
-year time. My prospects have not been for many a day so flatter-

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ing I address you. Again to say I only hope I may succeed but more
of this in my next when I have completed my plans. I shall
likely go to San Francisco but not to remain there if I associate
myself with Hutton as my services will be required here. I shall
go to make some purchases and to attend to the settlement of some
old accounts which I hold against different parties and to look
after my African Coast property. Do not communicate anything
that I state to you otherwise proper wise think I am making money
and that I ought to pay them when the fact of the matter is that
I am a very precarious state & my affairs badly managed though there
is a prospect of all things mending for the better and my being soon
in a responsible situation when I shall be willing to pay all I owe.
God knows I would feel thankful to be again freed of the world and
to put forth my own name as it is, I am compelled to make ma-
ny a shift and to submit to numerous inconveniences, but
then they will not last always if I retain my usual good health.
I received no letter from you since last writing indeed not for a long
time past and I have ascertained the cause. My friends in San Francisco
have not been as attentive as they might have been. I heard from Mr
Little by last steamer. He is at Seneca in the P.M. Company's employ but
thinks of visiting the mine. When in San Francisco he had two letters ad-
dressed for me but the P.M. Master would not deliver them without an
order so I sent one to a friend & another one to be sure, requesting

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him to look over the different letters, as there may be others, and to
forward them by the "La Plata" which will be here in three or four
days. I hope to get during your stay from you and my dear
Grand — What I have written can only be perseverance in
travelling to you but what could you expect to say were you
in a state even of not more than two or three hundred in the
parts and without a letter to reply to? Can you of mind
have been transported to stay by an express from the Plata bring-
ing intelligence that the Indians there had murdered Sir A. S. D. and
a traveller, which, will doubtless cause no little disturbance
these parts. The Plata is a long ways off. The Indians about
here have been very quiet since we executed several of their
chiefs and there remains little likelihood of their ever trouble-
ing us again. — Now dear mother explain my love to all and
tell Sally whenever she has leisure to write to me I should be
pleased to read the communication. This goes by the steamer
leaving in ten the 1st or 2nd of the month. I am well.

Thine ever affectionate Son

Wm. M. Smith

April 30. The matter is over and I am contented being now a partner of J. H. H. H.

APRIL

1852

Brooklyn April 15th 1852

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Dear Son.

It is now two months since you wrote your dated Feb. 17th from San Diego, I am feeling very anxious to receive a letter from you, and inform me of your proceedings in the way of business only - think how happy you are to read of our progress in our affairs. You no doubt are safe arrived in California, I hope and trust with good prospect as I consider you have enough wisdom to have an end to the like. We are still in Brooklyn unprovided with a house notwithstanding we have exerted ourselves to a great degree Sister decided to buy a beautiful cottage, but the Agent said he wanted \$200 down to bind the bargain I told him I never signed or paid money unless I consulted my counsel, I called on Billings he told me that I must be careful how I paid him money. Sister was with to tell W^m I then left for Newark - as I have agreed to sell the 27th for \$3,500. every one thinks it is a first rate sale Mr. Harsell thought \$3,000. was a good price but I told him I would not be willing to take less than \$3,500. I have written you all particulars in my last; I sincerely hope you have had the pleasure of perusing it, by this time, William called on Monday to see the Agent, he said he sold the house to a gent, a short time after I left, the day I was there. Sister is very much disappointed, as she had only \$500. to pay down. I feel very sorry for the circumstance, there is another house near to that one the main terms is \$3,400. \$1,500. paid down, so if that is caught I should have to make the purchase it is a frame house, 2 story & attic with bath. range & ^{self} sub cellar, third room, for a conservatory, then I shall be able to please my eyes with birds and flowers I should let Sister a part of it and me and John would occupy the other portion of it, just as you doubtless have learned from my letters that it is to come on in

I consider that it will be beneficial to his health as he has been very much troubled with cough and pain in his chest therefore it became my indispensable duty, to advise him to come to W^{ash}. What would his family do if he should be taken away so I conclude to have him with me for ^{while} I hope now will be jealous of him, as he is not strong, he will find some employment no doubt I thought first to buy Bailey's house and fixtures but he charges me \$250. which I am not willing to give therefore I have offered him the premises for a compensation for 1 year as that is as he let them out to a milkman for \$200 last year, but he told, Mr West he was in haste to leave the City, I do not think he is anxious to move there as he is to get \$250. but I am resolved not to give him more than \$200, and that in case as Mr West says if it was left unoccupied a month it would all be carried away if John was here I would know what to do but Bailey knows all the people about, so he may keep them for \$200. for 1 year or move them off I expect him here to day then he can decide and go, to work as he pleases for he is either wiser that I will not accede, to his proposals, he has had a fine time to make money, - he has done well in 16 years - as I told him, the tenant who had the premises last year will move so Bailey must do the best he can I am fearful they will move away with the stables before John comes on, if I buy the house I speak of, I shall have a nice place for you to come to - I met Anna on her side the other day in B^{rooklyn} - I shall call on her my son but we have had a cold & spring so far - all the people are tolerable well, we have only been at this Hotel only a few days who should we find there but Mr & Mrs King & 4 children their parents look pale by and well. Let me tell you Richard ^{is} to leave city the first of May for California to practice as a Dr I wish him good luck if he prospers John K. will follow there is a young man about to go to California from N. Jersey with whom John is acquainted he will call on me if I desire I will inquire for Mr Puffer in

Brooklyn but a great amount of with what I gave the executors to as to come on soon stand - John something of delay convention to a the same he he holds a p leave the thought of from you to the day and the day I letter I ha myself, only. I was in Wash to do so I told G, says he so foolish I I saw him - his children is your Grand, only think I shall have Karsell's I to morrow has been over,

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^{every part} Brooklyn but the weather is perfectly disagreeable this spring I have had
a great amount of business to attend to I have paid Mr. Hitting 50¢ -
with what I gave him at various times, he says the children must bring
the executors to account then I can be their witness I told him John was
to come on soon then he said he would talk to him. So affair
stand - John may get an office in the Telegraph as he understands
something of telegraphing John was appointed a delegate to the state
convention to appoint a candidate for the Presidency also elections for
the same he was in the County convention last winter so you see
he holds a position in N. Jersey he will be obliged to
leave the honor to other for the [pictured] John is much
thought of by the Jersey people I hope to get a long letter
from you soon Thomas, I have written to her to inform me
the day and date I went to the judge in Washington
and the day of the month he put them in the Land Office
3 letters I have written I have told him I am not anxious for
myself, only no one can claim the land but my, it is year since
I was in Washington and kept the papers is it not vexing for him
to do so John wrote that Sanford was soon to go to see them then
J's says he will gain the inheritance, I feel very sorry that he is
so foolish I thought he might have come on this summer to see
I saw him last Nov. in Baltimore he looked very well indeed
his children is quite well he feels as though I was about to neglect him
Your Grandfather is very well considering his age nearly 90 years old
only think he is much pleased that J's is coming as then he says
I shall have a body to help I should say I could do without
Haskell, I hope it will clear up to day so that I may go abroad
to morrow You have had great inundations in Cal. Maryville
has been overflowed what sad calamity attends California Bay!

April 19th I have been waiting for many days for a letter
 from you (I cannot tell why it is your communication come
 so slow to hand it gives me pain to exercise so much
 patience, though I hope to be compensated by glad tidings of great
 joy when I do receive your welcome letter, we are enjoying a good
 portion of health we often talk of you and what you are doing and if
 you are safe in California San Francisco
 Yours Mother
 W. Whaley

Dear So
 I received from Sam
 from you, and info
 think how happy
 credit are safe are
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 We are still in N.
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 beautiful cottage
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 my counsel. I call
 I paid him money
 I have agreed to sell
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 be willing to take
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Mr. Harsely cannot name to James Whaley
 but for convenience he may be
 W. Whaley

How does Mrs. Garrison
get on now?

Brooklyn - April 25th 1852

Dear Son,

Yours of the 21th & the 14th of March came to hand
 the 22^d of April. It gives me great pain to learn that you are not sur-
 prised that I left Baltimore on the 8th of ^{the} 1st of March. Sister came ~~to~~ the 4th of
 Jan, 1852 - I have written long letters, ^{but} it grieves me that you have
 not received them; they must have miscarried, as you say. O my! what
 a pity, in future I will direct my letters as you say. I do not get you
 as frequently as you say you write, I trust at your return to San F^{co}
 to be more fortunate in receiving your communications. We are indeed
 anxious to see you again, and hope that you will be enabled to
 succeed, is our most sincere hope, I will refrain from being too sanguine
 I write the incidents of Mr Tuttle, to John as I presume he will prosper
 by your advice. As I am not conscious of your owing any thing more to
 Henry, than what you gave him your note for. As the weather has been in-
 tensely cold with us you may will be surprised to hear that I am in Balto
 as I expected to leave so much sooner than I did, I am decided to reside
 in C^{ty} on Brooklyn. I presume you have received letter from me or Maria
 giving you a full detail of matters. I myself feel more at home in our
 new C^{ty}. I hope and pray, you have some of my many letters which contains
 a lengthy account of my various intentions, I have not the least doubt
 but you will approve of them. I am pleased to think that you can
 feel better satisfied with San ^{Diego} as you have been successful in little
 circumstances occur to permit you to return to San F^{co}. No doubt you
 have formed many acquaintances in San F^{co}, whom you wish to see, but
 as you have been so prosperous, I do not blame you for remaining a
 while longer ^{in San Diego}. I am pleased that you will be enabled to purchase 'one

interest in the house you speak of, I wish you had have settled with
Franklin finally as you may have some difficulty, but I trust not I shall
be all fear and expectation for your future success as then you
are to come home, grant that fortune will continue to smile on
you, I hope you will cherish her smiles. Thomas the good health
you enjoy is a great consolation to me. We have all great reason to
doubly thankful for the same blessing. If I did ask you concerning
Anna's health, and if she was firm to her persuasion, I hope you did
not take it unkind of me, it has given you an opportunity to ex-
cite our her consistency and firmness towards you, You say "you have
taken great pains to make me acquainted with Anna" had she
have come to ^{my} invitation of me and your sister, we should not
have had the reason to complain as we did. I write this in my
own defense, as you blame us, not to hurt your feelings, by any
means the strange indeed that Anna, has not informed you that I was
at her Mother's house on the 12th or 14th of Dec^r - a few days after I set
and from Balt^e should you have received letters from her she
not mentioning the affair, she did not care for it as much as you.
I am happy to know that there is no existing cause for our ac-
quaintance, all I have expected with respect to becoming acquainted
with Anna, has been in compliance with your request what I have
seen of Anna is perfectly pleasant her sister's business I was not pleased
with her manner of disservice when I sent for your likeness as I have written
Anna has called twice upon me in Brooklyn where ^{we were} ~~she~~ ^{was} boarding
as Sister has decided to live ⁱⁿ ~~there~~ ^{Brooklyn} ~~there~~ ^{there} her whole time has been taken
up with seeking for a dwelling we had decided on a house and
lot, one mile from Fulton Ferry, and told the agent we would take it
a few days ago sold it elsewhere to us, so now we have to look
further, which a source of great regret to us I have had a present

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^{some more} my ^{of} but your young wife is a very - who was
ing deal of trouble in settling around and will abandon it for a while
to rest until John comes but June I shall be in need of next week intend
to repay Anna's sales. Thomas you ask "why Sister does not write to you
even occasionally" I am sorry she does not, I know you would feel the neglect
I gave her, your letter to read, hoping that would work some good
thoughts I did not wonder you wrote to inquire the reason as I
consider you have been very kind to her. I trust she will conform
continue to address us both a while longer at least. Thomas
I will do as you says give your kind remembrances to all friends
I certainly intend to call on Mr Puffer as I should be pleased to see ^{him}
and give you an account of our interview. The Flowers are beauti-
tiful I show them to all the people it bespeaks the climate. You say
you desire a long letter I have written so lengthily in all my former
letters this may be old news, I will endeavour to contribute all I can
to render my letters as interesting as possible to you. This is in answer
since to yours of March 1st which was welcome indeed to your
Mother on April 19th dated Feb 17th. Now to March 14th I am
happy to learn that you have concluded to confide my letters to Anna until I am
permanently situated. I think it very strange that your box was seque-
stred at the P. Office, Sylvester instructed the letter carrier, to take your
letter directed, to ⁹³ Springfield me at Saratoga which place he has left
to Mr Richards, Maidens, he has left Richards employ, he has an
office in the same building, still I have troubled him a long time
in hopes of having a place of residence, I presume, Anna will know
my whereabouts, as it will relieve Sylvester ^{the trouble} from ^{me} from being under
obligation to him. I trust you have settled your affairs on the 17th as
you contemplated to do with a happy result - which will I hope afford
you ample means to come home, how happy we shall all be
to welcome you ^{to} ^{the} land of your birth yours of the 14th of March

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longer and interesting I could read the writing very well, for you
shall ^{have} the pleasure of knowing that your letter was received by me in
the city of Brooklyn, forwarded by Miss Lantry. I have answered
all your questions. Now, to Business. I have paid Mr. Whiting
\$300, including what I paid at different times so that is settled.
I bought the building of Mr. Bailey on our place for \$80 -
the man who lived there last year is to remain until John
comes on I shall have some one to assist me. I hope when he comes
to help, he may rent the place out as he has a long shed for cows
of 62 feet, 2 1/2 wide, a good cistern of water well of water
tis a fine location for a milkhouse, or a carpenter shop.
Bailey was to put up a ^{to rent it} bill, before he left City, as he has a
farm I have written all this detail in one of my former letters
likewise I have sold my lot in 27, St. as stated will occupy the lot
I shall take the money to buy me a house, I wish you was here
if I do not decide upon a place until John comes he will help
me I hope, I hope John will find something to do, if the place
rents John can have a mother as I would not like him to live
there in the winter. I am all disappointment because the
agent acted ~~mean~~ ^{mean} towards us about the house, or we might be in
our own mansion, at this time rents are high in Brooklyn.
I have written four times to Henry to inform me what time
the papers for the Bounty Land was put in the land office
all to no purpose. He will ^{not} write me a word, I think he is
displeased, that John is coming to New York, he is very silly
he ought to be glad, then if any thing happens to me he is
on the spot, I think I can endure with Elizabeth better than
any one, but we will see further of matters and things now
I expect to see Grandfather soon, I trust you may see him once
Well my dear child, I hope to be comfortably situated ^{come} ^{house}
as you write of business, I hope to be fortunate and find a
very soon. Your ^{my} most fervent prayer for your
success in business also your health and happiness your Mother
Rachel Whaley

The Sea Lydia

San Francisco 5 April 52

My Dear Raymond & Antonio

Dear Boys

Write by the

Sea Bird we give of the 75 and shall
give as per bill of invoice enclosed goods
for Lydia you will see that prices are
higher than before but as low as possible
goods of all staple kind have advanced
Wool is not to be had by the 5000
and do not send any more than the
best for stock & wool I could the kind
you wish can not find there
This is poor many kinds of goods
are getting scarce and but light stocks
on the way holders feel as if they
are going to get good prices the
way many kinds of goods has
been selling for the last 18 months
has been paying over the left to
the importer the migration to this
country from all sources & by all way
will be immense and they must eat
if they don't work hope to see you
Very love soon remain your truly
J. Miller

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To Kereu

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By ^{Ex} ^{Ch} ^{of} ^{the} ^{City} ^{of} ^{San} ^{Diego}
Messrs. Hammond & Rinton

San Diego

With Friends

In the midst of
Life we are in Death
Leprosy. Therefore this
Life has become

MAY

1852

I have never been so happy in my life as I am now. I feel that I have found my true home. I am surrounded by people who love me and care for me. I am free to do as I please and to live my life to the full. I am happy and content. I am at peace with myself and with the world. I am grateful for everything that I have and for the people who are in my life. I am looking forward to the future with confidence and hope. I am sure that all my dreams will come true. I am happy and I am proud of who I am.

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Once more your direction for the future
is
No 225. Stock Street.
Corner 4th Avenue.

Mr. James M. Mearns
San Francisco
California

Received by Mr. Mearns

My dear Mearns,
I have your letter for choice
and have not yet had time
to answer it. I am sorry
that I cannot do so more
promptly. I have been
very busy lately and
have not had time to
write. I will try to
write you again in a
few days. I am
very truly yours,
Wm. G. F. Mearns

Dear Mother, New York, May 13th 1852

Dear Mother,

I had been tired but still I must answer your many letters
lying before me since last evening in full of the month I have decided one
letter dated April 2nd not to summer at New March yet. I am glad
to hear that Mrs. Webb has obtained the office in New York and that it is her in-
tention to live in Brooklyn where you and Daniel may be more comfortable.
The more it has been used Mrs. Webb's place but it might be made to pay
better and to night the 4th of Oct. I recommended you to buy the buildings of
Hartley at the best price you can at you say to rent them at \$1000 per
\$200 or per annum this together with the rent of the Slaughter house will
leave you an income of at least one thousand dollars a year which is enough
to support you very comfortably therefore I would have you supplied with the
best of everything and to enjoy life to the full extent. I recommended during
the 27th of Oct. as \$3,500.00 or more if it is possible and I agree with you
in purchasing a lot of a cottage house in Brooklyn where you may have
a comfortable home of your own and a place to welcome your chil-
dren and grand children but you must not be surprised or
by any of them that would decidedly be wrong. Think your
plan, so far as your happiness is concerned, in purchasing in Brook-
lyn is better than buying in New York. but can't you make ar-
rangements to purchase the lot east side of you so that you may
have a handsome garden. The cottage would look very pretty. I had

ing alone by itself and in the course of time they would become balua-
ble for building purposes. I recommend this if it does not incur an
extra expense of \$1000 or \$1500 upon which you could afford to pay
the interest. Let me see the calculation: Suppose you sell 27th St East
for \$3,500. You owe \$1245 upon it leaving a balance of \$2,255 towards
buying the cottage I will suppose you have a little reserve cash on hand say
\$245 making the amount \$2,500. Suppose you buy the cottage for \$3,400
and the 2 lots, one on each side for \$1,250 making the purchase \$4,650. Was the
amount you have on hand \$2500 taken from this will leave \$2,150 on bond & mortg-
age which at 7% per annum amounts to \$150.50 of what you would pay
in rent for part of a house in New York. I think the thing can be
done provided my estimate for the land is not too low. I think it is not.
Such a house as you speak of buying I should not think could be built for
much less than \$2400 leaving value left \$625 making in all \$3,400. What
my matter I leave you to consider and act upon. By this time John
must be in New York to assist you and may be proper manage-
ment improve all the property so that you need not be down
and your income will be increased by it but above all things he
should commence a suit against the heirs of Mues. Sotter for a proper
& speedy settlement of accounts. There is certainly considerable money
due us. One item alone the balance of the purchase money of Mrs Cabrero
place with the interest will amount to many thousands of dollars. We
have them there that is certain. Uncle sold the house & lot as belongs

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to the estate and consequently had no right to take a mortgage
for \$5000.00 in his own individual name. I think this a good
point and if I understand the matter rightly, it was wrongly ground
upon which we built them upon the mortgage of the straight
line. Besides this there is considerable cloud upon him for
losses as well appear by the books. Then again there are many
other things with which he is chargeable besides account-
ing for the real estate during his co-partnership.
I hope John will attend to this and not neglect things
which they have done so long. Their hands were surprised
me when by a little trouble and attention the whole
matter might have been settled years ago which
would so much have been to the advantage of all of
us. It has really worried me and I have often wished
myself home to attend to it, but how could I possi-
bly have gone when I was and still am doing so
much. I believe even now it would be impossible
for me to leave San Francisco by the Panama Steam-
er without being arrested and compelled to give bonds
for what I owe. Old Gierke is hard upon me and writes
at my movements pretty severely and if I were to go
to New York what letters I would I be? There
are those there who would beset me on every side

As that I had better remain in California where I know I can
make money and sometimes it will be able to pay all I owe.
Therefore let not John say, if he thinks I speak rather sharply
"that if I am so anxious the affair should be seen let I had bet-
ter come and attend to it myself" as it is impossible for me
to do so. I ask not for one cent of the money, rendered
equal the amount received. Though I should receive credit to
your giving the children whatever you thought proper
I know I can do well in California and be satisfied
am I of this with good health. I never intend leaving
the State until I can pay all I owe. My
prospects are very good, brighter than they have ever
been and upon a State basis, and I see no reason
why I should not succeed this time though I have
often failed. I have been in San Francisco now
only two weeks during this time I have bought and
shipped and paid for in cash five thousand dol-
lars. Tell you this that you may have some idea
of the nature and extent of the business of my part-
ner Mr. James Hunter. He buys for cash, sells for
cash and though our profits are smaller than some they
yield quicker returns. I leave again for San Diego by the
next trip of the coast Steamer Ohio, about two weeks hence,

Dear
Young Man
I have the
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Mr. Austin who has long been complaining of Rheumatism
 desires my advice that he may be relieved from the
 pains of traveling and enabled to spend a couple of months
 at "Aqua Caliente" (Warm Springs) to recruit him-
 self. I shall not be sorry to return to San Diego.
 Contrary to my expectations I do not like
 San Francisco so well as I did formerly
 though I should have it better were it to remain
 here long enough. I have felt as if worn fast and
 when unoccupied with business have not known what
 to do with myself. My old associations are destroyed
 many that I knew have left the city and but few
 of those that remain I know not where to find or do
 not care to entice their acquaintances. Besides
 that the difference in the climate and temperature
 I find very perceptible having felt cold and
 uncomfortable in the afternoon as evening approaches
 so much as I have disliked San Diego I think
 I shall return there with a more emboldened spirit
 and willingly make it my home for some time to
 come and wish in future you would direct all your letters
 to
 Thomas Mackay
 San Diego
 Cal. This is my address.

I have at last got settled, hired a room of a friend who came
passage with me in the old Ship Sutton. So far I am com-
fortable. Breakfast with him and take lunch
and dinner at a restaurant. My expenses by this
arrangement are not more than \$15 or \$18 per week
including everything. You will chide to know how
I have succeeded with some of my old affairs here.
A few small debts I have collected amounting in
all to a little more than \$100.00 - I had some land
on Stevens Point that I placed there. Arranged to pay rent
next May, went there, he had removed the rancher
that I had from him but I intend to look after it with
a sharp stick if I find the man responsible. The prop-
erty remains always the same nothing has yet been done
in the matter by the City, State or government though
I may have been done out of it in an other way. How-
ever the deed of the last purchase was in Edwin Gomez's
name. He I understand became insolvent and has ~~lost~~
it away! This is my what I hear. I have been most the
day searching records but see nothing of the transfer.
I must know more of the matter before I can believe such
nonsense. He is at present at Milwaukee. On my trip
downward I shall see him to meet. Write a word what
I say. Will be to I fall back upon my "other grant" ~~copy~~

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entitling the matter by right of possession. The question
of title to property in San Francisco is a dif-
ficult one to decide and even though George
had not decided my lot today it is doubtful if
I succeed in holding it any length of time with-
out incurring a very heavy expense perhaps more
than the benefit derived to let it go. I have been
so unfortunate in managing speculations here that even
should I lose upon the remaining few they will not cause
me one moment's regret. I can then say advice to
San Francisco and all future speculations in Cal-
ifornia. My present idea is business and nothing
else that does not appertain to it. Chappin
has returned, doing nothing and unable to pay
me. Sutterville has withdrawn from emmer and spec-
tily and is now a "Soup" at the Mining and
Theater. When the time of his last letter to me I
never expect to get a cent from him and the
amount is more than \$150.00. Thus the money goes. No-
body pays me and I am damned for what I did on
every side. No matter what things come. If I get within the
power or reach of I will give the next man a chance to cheat
me out of a hundred dollars if I am generous enough to lend

of to him and not say one word. I am pretty well satisfied
 that the Credit System will not do in California and
 I have now adopted the Cash and "No Land Debtors"
 plan and hope to benefit myself by it. The charac-
 ter of people change mightily in coming to this part
 of the country. It is said if ~~all~~ in a single word
 all is "Self" and nothing but "Self" no matter who lives
 or lives. One thing more and then I shall have
 done speaking of my private affairs. I have offered
 Gentry of \$500.00 or rather the matter is now in the hand of a
 friend to make the offer, to be paid within thirty days upon
 his agreeing to compromise and a receipt in full of acc. ac-
 counts. Yesterday I learned from a friend of his that he
 was about to bring an other action against me to recover \$9,000.
 I told this friend of Gentry's that I would save him the expense
 and perplexity of a long law suit that I was ready to con-
 fess judgment to Gentry for any amount he could satisfy
 me I owed him whether one hundred or ten thousand in full
 condition that he should give me a suit of fine clothes from
 head to foot or that he might put out from his lawyer
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 I would upon payment of one half the amount confess judge-
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probably \$1500.00 but to receive it it would cost him at least
\$500 or \$750. which would be the same as throwing so much
good money after bad. The little I owe him will never
make the much expected debt to draw much the poorer as he is
a man worth more I suppose seventy five or a hundred
thousand dollars. It is indeed a ridiculous to be
placed in my present position and I would for my-
self did it not take my acc'ges even more than I have at
the present time. I can ~~not~~ get ~~far~~ along business in my
own name, necessarily compelling me to make confidants of others in
whom it would seem there is not always trust. Had I but
am striving to get ahead again in the world thru by trusting or mis-
placed confidence I may easily lose my acc. Hinton I believe
to be an honest man but I cannot think I can ever have cause
to doubt him. He has acted so generously and disinterestedly towards
me I can never think he will wrong me out of a cent. When I think
of my relation with him, how cheaply the advantages which I participate in
were bought I can scarcely realize my good fortune! He has paid
paying the profits of a business yielding at least one thousand dollars per
month! Five hundred dollars or more it costs every month! And this I have

for the small sum which I have advanced. I think myself in serious
luck and I shall endeavor always to merit the confidence of my
friend and patron. He and I are similar in disposition
and our habits, are about the same therefore I have reason to ex-
pect no difficulty will ever arise. He and the late painter
Raymond got along together as brothers together and the terms of dis-
solution were agreed and acted upon in less time than I have
seen writing this. You will rejoice with me dead mother in
your good fortune but say nothing to anybody. I tell you more than
I should and would sometimes weary you with my lengthy details
but you will bear with the natural disposition of your child relating
to Europe in some and that can sympathize for his misery or delight
in his happiness. But you are growing old and very misfortunate.
Must weigh heavily with you. I do hope to have an other in whom
to repose my many doubts & will sympathize with you and recommend me
what to do in it is my determination to send for Anna in the fall should things
continue prosperous with me till then. I have already made some arrange-
ments for her coming in a Clippers ship around the Horn. I consider this the safest
and most expeditious route with a certainty of getting her from there to you monthly
free from exposure to sickness or insult. It was to Capt Hamilton of the ship
^{which sails tomorrow for Europe} ~~which sails tomorrow for Europe~~
free ~~to whom I spoke~~ a gentleman long in the employ of Capt Weston and
whom I have known for many years. Mrs Elam came out with him last trip & my
dear Mrs West. He says if he comes again to California he shall bring Mrs

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Captain Hamilton has promised me to put Anna under the ad-
special charge of his wife and if he does this I shall feel satisfied.
I have written her some to Anna but say nothing to anybody and
may do much to her as you find her writing to write about.
I am so glad you have made her acquaintance and speak so
highly of her. She is a smart girl and no mistake and I
think she would a little of her natural disposition in teaching
school. She tells me she has twelve little girls to stand of whom she
teaches French and has been giving lessons upon the piano. Her
being intellectual I think you will find her amiable. She and her
would you like her for a daughter-in-law or rather see me had do like her
and that you are well acquainted with her? I hope you would
like to come to see her often and when you get in your mind house
or a home to yourself you must have her to pass a few days with you
if she can do so. She is fond of flowers and birds as well as your-
self. I will say no more about her at the present time, indeed I must
leave the rest of your letters and then close. John & Henry appear
to be getting along in the world. Each you say have two children.
Welcome to my niece and nephews. It is almost time I think that
Harriet had one or more but every thing in the course of time.
What difference does it make whether Harriet's children are brought
up in the Catholic faith or any other. When they are old enough they

12 will show for themselves. It appears to progress mightily slowly in getting
- your land warrant and in a long while providing yourself with the
wife of Thomas Shacey. I have read the printed notice of Edward
- Knight's flight. Very hard that my friend should have disgraced
himself in the manner he has but he must expect to suffer
for his conduct if taken. The amount which he owes me is of
- no consequence. If he pays me his well, if not I shall feel some
the poorer for it. I have made up my mind to look upon all
- my past transactions. At the present time I hold notes for near
-ly two thousand dollars more of which I never expect to be
- paid. I thank you for your offer of assistance but of what
- avail could they be to me if I stood in need of them? You are
- too far off. There is little probability of my suffering from
- the want of money or anything else so long as my health continues
I have understood many changes during the past three years
- in California without ever being so far reduced ~~but~~ that I could
- not command a hundred dollars or more at any ~~time~~ and
- my prospects are not less bright than they were. Harris
- will do well to invest his little money in a cottage
- house of Lot in Brooklyn. Tell me the exact locality and
- the one you have chosen. I have several friends in Providence. G. H.
- Hamilton, Mr. Grandin, Geo. S. Puffer, Theodore Corbridge, Lewis H.
- Newman and several others besides Anna tells me that she wishes
- is going to move there. It appears the old lady has not

made not very well for some time past. I am very sorry
 but every body have their own troubles. ^{Private} I believe
 she is very hard and if I can judge rightly she has for
 some time past contributed more to the support of the
 family than all the rest of them put together. What a
 misfortune it is to be poor! I will not say unhappily
 for me I have chosen my wife among such, because I love
 Anna and prefer her to all others. I had rather marry her, ^{tho'}
 she is than an other inheritance, a large fortune because I
 know she loves me and is calculated in every way to make me
 happy. but in marrying her I was not able to take the whole
 family along with her. though if my position was altered it may
 with mother never should want for a home. While I speak
 of this let me refer to another thing. Even though you should not
 altogether fancy Anna which I consider a thing quite unlikely
 I wish you to entreat her acquaintance as you may be able to serve
 me in some way. Should my success entreat I shall send for her
 It will be necessary to remit money to pay her expenses and outfit. If
 I do this to her I am afraid that she will not receive the full benefit of
 everything and perhaps even half provided. I shall send \$500.00 which
 will be quite enough. \$250 for her passage & \$250 for clothing &c. I should
 would wish you to attend to in personating and having made telling it
 appear to her at the time that the gift was entirely your own to prevent dis-

judicial on the part of her mother that I had not employed in her
to send Anna the money. I know what the necessity is therefore
I must be guarded. There could certainly be no propriety under the
circumstances in your offering Anna at her future marriage to pre-
sent her a handsome outfit in the way of clothing & certainly not
if you were upon terms of the greatest intimacy with her. I would
with you to buy an abundance of good substantial clothing fashion of
grade, a handsome wedding dress and the balance of the funds
laid out in table & bed linen &c. I ask you if you are willing
to do this in case I send for Anna? I wish to know in time
that I may make my arrangements accordingly. Do not breathe
a word of what I write to any body (not even Harriet) as
what I have written would appear so ridiculous. The idea of
a man purchasing the clothes of his future wife is laughable enough
but what is to be done in the present instance Anna's mother
cannot afford to do it and therefore I must. You speak in the
first of your letter of living with Harriet. I think it more advisable to have
a home of your own when you can receive more Christian practicality
so if John is coming to New York he will want a place for himself
and the least you can do if he alludes to your business property is to
give him & his family a home. Besides when I return home I shall want
some place to go to and I had rather live with you than any body else
though that will be many months longer I fear. You know how

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late practice will continue business at San Diego through the
The gentleman Mr. Davis, at the head of the mining company
my father he may be interested to join him. He has got from him
short time since. My position as you hoped it would be it is dif-
ferent from what it was nothing would tempt me to go to the mining
You enquire about my mine speculation. I am doing nothing more than
expect I have lost everything I invested in it as Mr. Gomez is not here
to render me any account. I cannot tell you when I shall re-
turn home certainly not before I can pay my debts. It depends
entirely how prosperous I am in my present business. but I hope
to be able to return home in a year or eighteen months from now
on a visit at least to visit your sister. Anna & I used
pay our friends a visit together. I am glad to hear that you
are well with the exception of some who I doubt not will re-
cover in changing his residence. You enquire about your brother
When I last informed you concerning them I told you there were remaining
2 lots Slides & clay mortice and some few others. Since then there
have been sold 2 mortice and 1 set Slides for \$10 in all. The slides were sold
for \$950 let Comp \$3.75 making net \$93.75. This money have been obliged
to appropriate but I will account to you in full some day. As I saw
you a due bill upon Samuel C. Stanton the young man son
of J. Stanton of Hutter Market which I then may be able to ex-
act what he owed and pass the matter. If paid all well if
not keep it safe for me. Also a ten dollar bill which may

be good for nothing. I see by a note on your let-
ter that you intended to send the lot for \$3,500
It is well probably the most you could get. You have
certainly cleared something here & I take upon my-
self the credit of having been the purchaser for you
I would advise the money that it may again do be itself
in four years time. It can be done. Let John try
his hand.

I have written you a long letter
given you my best counsel and enlightened you
upon all the points you wished to know. I must
now close wishing you all a cheer. My next word
probably be from San Diego when you write in
future accept your commendations. Remember
me to grandfather & his wife I hope he may live many
years after I return home. My respects to the above &
family and thanks to Miss Elizabeth for her kindness &
attention in calling upon me and some to Mother & Sister
and heartfelt gratitude to my dear Mother

Yours affectionate Son
John M. Kelley

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I know, and who is the unfortunate fellow who galls
you around. I thank him very much though I must
own him the privilege which he enjoys in your society.
I was not aware that Mr Amey had returned from Europe
and taken your office which from my mother's last letter
he could have kept only a short time. You paid me a visit
to him and so I ought as I have a letter remaining in arrears
from him but my correspondents are so numerous and
that several letters are lying over. I write you so and so
and I write my mother so and so that I neglect every-
body else but the pleasure which I derive from this should
at least be yielded up. I must write what I have to say
to you and my mother first then if I have spare time
and feel in the humour I pen a few lines to others.
But tell Amey I will write to him soon and give him my best
respects. My letter of January 1st seems to have pleased you very much
but they contain much more of interest, to send you joy. Do dear
Anna keep up your spirits. It is trying to you I know to be separated
so long from the one you so much love and thus I can say I deeply feel
from present experience. But what can be done? It is useless to give way
to melancholy thoughts and pine in sorrow. Therefore cheer your fortitude
and place your sole trust in God who crowns all for the
best. I feel confident that we shall meet again therefore what

matter a few months more or less its long that we do mind and
are made happy. It is rather surprising to me that Buff
had never called upon you since the second must indeed be
heart and ears in love and so he will think of me if I
don't write to him soon. I will be present the draft say
what you will to the contrary you are obliged to honour it
or bring ruin upon me and it will certainly be protected.
I can spare one or two of the many you are rendering for me with-
out being the poorer. I am sorry you could not at home
when Amos & Grand entered upon you and I would like
to have heard what they said. Singular as it seems I
have not had a line from either of them. Mr. Grand
I hear is about visiting California again. Mr. Smith has
not yet returned. He is engaged sailing and will probably
bring a young lady not with him. Amos is getting as much
in California as they are in the rest of the world and they
are no longer looked upon as emigrants. I hope Peter
has found some employment which will release you from
your great responsibility. Of course I received no
patentees. From whom could I expect to receive them but
from you. Why did you not send me one? The whole
things find their way into California and many must
have been sent from San Francisco as they come ex-

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well. I suppose so. If you had said it was done in
peace or peace I could have immediately told you.
and if it were that because you said it went to the capital
people. It takes weeks to get around in a
then on the 10th December 1851 I received
All taken and that you were present. The last from my
Wade's copy is a notice in which it states that you and
that that day arrived upon the and in fact that it was your
voluntarily to some degree. I wish I had some
you. I am sure to have you in mind the day
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I shall address letter. For the present I have not
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free. Make me a letter later than this. We are
particularly interesting. You certainly must have
much of your time as I have. But I will not say
too hard that you must write to me whenever you can.

much or little I shall gladly permit the hired boy
if possible to send you some thing handsome before I return
to New York. Now adieu and my beloved Anna
I shall ~~and~~ share with the usages wish to be remembered
to mutual friends. May God guide you, protect you
and be with you, is the prayer that night of your beloved.

With all sincerity and affection, believe me I
remain ever most devotedly yours,
Theodorace

P.S. Mrs. Austin Elvira and Mr. Harriet Lee frequently
The former lives only a block and half from me so that
we can sometimes converse upon old times. Something appears
to have transpired between your family and her to which she
freely feeling always existing though she speaks in the
highest terms of you. I do not state this with prying curio-
sity therefore you will not please not state to me the cause
I don't care to know as it is a matter which does not inter-
est me. I merely mention that something must have occurred
to destroy the former feeling friendship existing and this I
say to you alone.

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you and as I do not think you would quarrel your
word to me I consider I already have your consent
though I prefer it should be rather more explicit to apply
to the present demand. You may object to coming by
a sailing vessel around the Horn but I would not have you
upon any account to leave your beloved the Western Island
at the present time, owing to the difficulty of finding the short-
cut of the place, the probable attention and the incidents
to which all parties are more or less exposed to. Also
their wives and other innocents are absorbed in sailing
around the Horn. Besides you will arrive here in a steeper ship
certainly in from 90 to 110 days. Fat, honey & beauty. I think
that a voyage of this kind would at your age particularly enjoy
give you general health and give a refreshing tone to your
constitution, which you would derive benefit in after life.
Sea sickness is the only thing which you can dread. It lasts
only a few days and when it is over you enjoy your apper-
tite to your hearts content. The time passes not so strangely
as you may imagine. I always found something to occupy
myself between reading writing conversing & the time passed
swiftly and when I arrived here after a passage of 204 I told
you that it was with regret I left the old ship. The Eclipse
however is a new vessel, elegantly furnished and supplied with

all that can in any way conduce to the happiness or com-
fort of passengers. I think she has a piano on board, if not
you must tell Capt Hamilton to get one. On things more
regarding Capt Hamilton my confidence in him is so strong
that even though his wife should not care I should not hesi-
tate for you to put yourself under his able charge. There will
probably be some lady passengers as merchants here prefer
to have their wives even amidst the Storm. I speak of more wives
as so situated as not to be able to return home. The Express
made his last passage in 105 days and time before last in
95 or 96 days. So you may have some idea of his sailing qual-
ities. He will be again in New York about the 1st of Novem-
ber. So look out for him. I have said enough to you upon
this subject I think to have been plain, and deeply interested
I feel in your service. And I will please your letters over
and see what requires answering. I am glad to hear you
are not so changed in looks that I may know you again.
You seem to share with me my past misfortunes and offer me every en-
couragement for future success. I know that you are sincere. And kind is
the only ministering angel. I believe that the offer of money prayed
for my welfare and success. They have not been entirely disregarded.
It is seldom that I address myself to my Maker, certainly not so often
as I should for the great blessing of health and many other kindnesses

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which He entrusted upon me but whenever I do address him I never
forget to ask him to bless my dear Anna, to keep her true
faithful, to grant her health and strength to resist all manner
of temptation and that she may lead a holy and righteous life.
This is my simple prayer for you and if I could a better man I
should say it every night of my life. How comforting & the
following: "No matter, you say 'no matter what may happen,'
there is one who will never forsake you or forget you even if you
should wish it." Then again - "My love for you Thomas is true and
faithful and no power on this earth can change my feelings."
But you must not think that I shall ever wish you to forget or to forsake me,
for my affections are as immovable as your own. The purse I
received long ago and acknowledged the receipt of it at the time with
a full expression of my admiration of it. I am sorry you should refer
so frequently in your letters to the simple request which you made me.
It seems to have excited you much uneasiness and this was unnecessary
if you believed what I said which induced you to make the request.
Do not suppose I think anything which you may see of me either bad
or improper. You certainly have the right to command me in anything
and whatever it is in my power to do, that will I perform.
Dear Anna I believe, yet, I may say adore you. You have shown your-
self capable of performing much more than I supposed it
possible for me to do. Ever since you wrote me that you would

Keeping school I have entertained a high opinion of your capabilities and so far from being ashamed of you when you become my wife I fear you may regret not having united yourself to a more educated man. The ideas that you keep school pleases my mother very much who certainly thinks that you must consequently know a great deal. The details and or rather just ignorant people and that she is so very well informed herself. I am sorry to hear that your mother has been so unfortunate and not to have any sensibility as the taste must come very hard indeed upon you but I suppose Providence must be of some assistance to you. I think your time must be pretty well occupied. It is a good thing for you not to persecute you from thinking too much of me but do not deprive yourself of healthful and early recreation. I wish you say has no beans that is certainly very provoking. I see only one way you must be got rid of first and then their will be a better chance for her. This is generally the case the general first. We must persuade her mother to let your come to California. Miss E. Severin and you appear to be very intimate and you seem to appreciate her society. She is an old friend Susan's and the family are and I respect them highly. Give me what kind of a writer you have passed, if you have enjoyed yourself what balls and parties you have been to, and you saw that

!! Private, excepting those portions which you may, and consent with my request
read !!

San Francisco May 10th 1853.

Dear Anna,

I received no letter from you by the last mail, but there
I have remaining unanswered contain considerable and my comments
upon their contents will fill at least one sheet. I have written my mother
a longer letter than usual, and what I might state to you in this
you will probably learn from her. I understand that you are becoming
intimate with my mother, who speaks very highly of you. Do not fear to
call upon her too often, as I feel well convinced she will always be glad
to see you. The old lady informs me that having disposed of some property
only in New York it is her intention to purchase a handsome little cot-
tage in Brooklyn about a mile from the city. I hope your mother has
recovered then, then you can visit my father often. My mother begs she intends
to soon as she is willing to write you to come & pass a few days with
her. This will be very agreeable, and as great a compliment as my
mother could possibly pay you. You find my sister somewhat
still do you not? It is her natural disposition, she has however a good
heart which you will soon find out if you are any way intimate, and that she
can talk as you. My mother is of a different disposition, rather lively &
gay even talkative for a woman of her years. I trust you like her very much
and if we were a bit on her part may it nothing that she may not do for
you. It can be however never to deceive her in any way. (Not plain

and finally Miss Hartley's assistance for me to execute you upon this point
as it is not your nature disposition to receive things as I do for writing
what I have. Dear Anna you will rejoice with me in my continued
success. I feel so happy in the enjoyment of my present position that I forget
everything else excepting your dear self. You are to me my guiding Star that leads
me on surmounting every obstacle however great and I trust that the present
the path I am tracking will ultimately bring me to fortune. The disappointments
and losses which I have met with since coming to San Francisco would al-
most have desisted me but that I know I am in a position to recover from them and
I can laugh at the reality of the thing, and should still feel merry even though the
rest of my investments should turn out as bad. Then I can say to San Fran-
cisco and its future speculations, adieu. After my talking of leaving for good
reducing me I am to have been temperately the 1st of the month. My father
in account of ill health desired my return to San Diego. My next to you will
be from Mexico. In future address your letter Thomas Macey San Diego Cal.
and I shall receive them sooner and with greater regularity than her-
etofore. I am not sorry to leave San Francisco. I have been uncomfortable
on account of the climate being so severe, and unhappy if I may say so
to express my opinion. All my old associations are destroyed. Many of my
friends have your home and the remaining few I know well where to find.
I shall return to San Diego better satisfied and more inclined to make it
my home than ever though friends will require my visiting San Francisco occa-
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to have you know as this paper is intended to send and should my
present through distance be months and more be with me. It is interesting
to our hearts to be thus separated and separated to communicate our
thoughts upon paper, you after you without being able to listen to sym-
pathizing tones of our mutual affection. It is clear all should for-
tune favour me with her letters only for six months. I please myself to
send for you. In anticipation of my success I have already spoken to Capt
Hamilton of the ship Eclipse which leaves to day for China and Thais
for Madras. This gentleman I have known for many years. He is an honor-
able man. He was long in the employ of Capt. Sutton. It is well known to
Puffin Thompson, Warden and many others of my friends but if you desire to
satisfy yourself you can ascertain from more reliable sources than even
these. His wife & family are living in Brookland. Mrs. Beck, sister of
George W. Warden came passenger with him this last trip and Mrs. Elizabeth
wife of Mr. Beck, partner ⁱⁿ passenger twice before the last. Mrs. Capt. Ham-
ilton was with her husband time before the last and the Captain
says next year he will bring his wife out with him again and that he
will please you under her especial charge and that he will not de-
ceive you to me until I come aboard the ship and the circum-
stances all performed. His wife has introduced to the Captain in
time should I send for you also to his wife and family. Do
not communicate what I write to your family through you and free

to talk to my mother, but not to anybody else. Nor must you con-
sult yourself to make inquiries respecting Capt. Hamilton. You will
have ample time for this and other things. Now almost assured do
not consider this a decided promise because you I may not be able
to send for you and I should be wrong to promise you any
thing of this kind without the certainty of being able to
perform it. You will therefore not think of what I have here
written until I again refer to the matter which will be
some months hence. Tell me dear Anna of the utter impos-
sibility of my going to New York after you. You will be as-
sured with what delays me without the necessity of any more
repeating it. Even though I should meet with the ever good success
I see no chance of going home until eighteen months perhaps
longer. I know you would wait for me this length of time for
you have preserved your life to me, but suppose I can send for you
in six months from now. Would you not come? I will listen to
no other answer than Yes. Let friends say what they may
it matters little so long as you are willing. You are of an
age now when you may act for yourself. Will you not at least
prefer that you should obtain your mother's consent and if you
approached the least difficulty upon this point inform me and
I will try the force of argument in your favour. You have al-
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Dear Madam
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you have been obliged to leave your country on account of the illness of your mother. I am sure you will be able to return home as soon as possible. I have the honor to be, Madam, your obedient servant.
J. M. Smith

I am to write you soon with all the situation
to take account of but I will write you to my
best advantage and I hope to see you soon
You will see in the paper what I have done
you are still true to your engagement, I mistake
the letter as an engagement since the disagreement
with your lady, you should intended it should fall
through, the only excuse I can make is that my
time was taken up with my lady, I think it
better to excuse you and not to do it
and I have found now that my lady neglected
of waiting for him married a young man, two
weeks before the arrival here says that all
good fell in his hands and was carried to Hill
along and well and much remembered to
you, he is at present in the house in Forest
Street and takes the world of my lady his
your wife has been very well lately, making
enough to show well, Thomas has gone
to the island to make arrangements for you, into his
staying in your wife the family business and
between the day ends himself, the first

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to which my father, and they have their hands well
attended to such a point against the house of
Genl. Dand's etc. my note must be unpaid. I
shall immediately set in a few days. Maria is
at the boarding house, and engaged to be
married to a young lady of Brooklyne. Pains
Madison goes to school in Brooklyne and
spends his evenings among the young Ladies, he
is quite a beau. I believe you have with the
history of all the California boys now, that
are dead. I have seen of two young men
in your public names, Sierra, with me about
1840. They are commonly known the latter one W.
Sierra spent two years in Brooklyne, their
parents reside in Dublin and have not heard
from them since they arrived. I have inquired
of every one from California about you, but no
one has heard of you since you left San F.
so that I sometimes fear you are dead, a letter
from you will revive my mind. I will
write the day you were kind enough to present

W. H. Wood
Thomas W. Hales
San Diego Cal.



June

1852

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On board Steamer Ohio

June 1. 1852.

Dear Mother,

I left San Francisco the 27th inst and hope to arrive at San Diego safely tomorrow morning. The voyage had been tedious at times especially at sea but the crew was in consequence of the detestable landing freight at the several ports. But I am glad again to return home to the sunny earth where I shall enjoy myself much more than I have for some weeks past. Already the climate is decidedly warmer which seems to agree with me better than a colder one. I do not intend to write you more than a few lines to send by the mail steamer touching at San Diego tomorrow. By the last I wrote you a long letter and may again show as it always affords me pleasure to do so. I have no further advice from you than I have already acknowledged, though could I have remained a day longer at San Francisco I might have received better intelligence. The steamer from Panama was coming in to this harbor as we were leaving. I have left such instructions at San Francisco as I think will be attended to concerning forwarding letters to you therefore I may hope to hear from you soon. Continue to address me at San Diego as I addressed you in the one previous to this as it is likely to become my

permanently resided. I can not say that I like the place neither has
San Francisco any longer the least attraction to me after the late
disappointments which I have met with. I return to San Diego better
contented than when I last left there and I shall not wish to
quit it so long as I am preparing as well as at present.
I am now about coming to a hasty conclusion. The object
of a boat party, however. I wish you to consider upon the
proposition I made you in my last about coming to Cal-
ifornia when I shall send for you and to give me your
earliest answer to the same. Remember me to all
and all love to my dear old maid

Yours affectionately
Wm. Whaley

Brooklyn June 12th - 1852

Dear Love.

I was preparing to return you letters gave me a letter, to my surprise it was from you ^{of May 13th} ever welcome. I was soon seated, it was quite a balm to my mind, I am indeed happy that you receive my letters, and I yours people wonder what you can possibly find to communicate, when I tell them your letter was 20 pages: Is it his journal? Yes, I reply. - Thomas I thank you kind, solicitations for my comfort & happiness, I will endeavor to treasure up your good councils, I should have had a neat house, but, was waiting for sisters movements therefore we were both defeated by other persons, who might have been more wise, It may be all for the best we have rented a house at \$300,00 containing 11 rooms we each pay half, \$150, I shall have room for John, I am sorry to say sister is, averse to his coming to live in the house with her, I tell her she shall not be annoyed by any means at first he was to have up town house, but I had enough room and then, I could go out and about with John, but not a word of this in your answer, I did not name it to G, as I consider I ought to do for my ^{own} pleasure and comfort. I can remove them if they become very obnoxious, I must have ones to call upon, my own, is the most agreeable, at least to me and of course, I cannot expect to call as usual, ^{on sister} at times I feel quite lonely yes, even sad, but, I write frequently, which is ^{my} great consolation. I do not wonder you contemplate G. being with me, I expect him ^{for} I say, a cottage with rather more land than what the building occupies, John shall assist me to seek out a spot, if it is not too ^{high} expensive the lot is sold for \$3,500. I left \$1,600, on ^{19th Jan} Mortgage at 6 per cent \$5.73 I received in cash which I placed in the Seaman's Bank \$500. I would

My address corner of Williams & 9th Sts Brooklyn

put in more but I could only receive 5 percent, on the whole whereas
 can get six for that, 1000, and put the other 15 ^{until I buy} ~~1500~~, I will
 as though I was rich, I am most gratefully, thankful to divine
 Providence, that I am placed above want or to depend on my children
 parents are different in their feelings towards children, ~~some~~, children
 one to parents, would be good, that children felt more for their
 poor parents. I do not mean needy, for alms. In return to your cal-
 culations, for me, they are good, and you only estimated as well for
 yourself, you must have been in possession of thousands, what
 a pity! I trust, John will look to all things I will let him
 read what you propose, I suppose their being distant from, N.Y. is one
 reason, they have been so heedless, I have often wished you home on that
 account, but your objections to coming to N.Y. ^{for}, are reasonable
 therefore what is to be done? You need not say you do not ask for ^{and}
 you have the same right as the rest of what is gained. Your creditor
 might attach your expected share for ought you know, I have heard it
 spoken of. But thanks to Mary with your bright prospects, I
 coincide with you in your future prosperity, I am all astonishment
 bought and paid the cash for five thousand worth of goods, can
 it be otherwise? I have ^{to} your path ^{if you do not do well} ~~to~~ you have soon again London
 is it possible? That, if our mind has so change, with business, I do not
 much wonder if San F. has become disagreeable to you, I must earnestly
 beg to pray you to look well to avoid dropsy, as your constitution
 is not able, ^{to} bear with it. You and your partner must indeed be
 simalar both to be attack with circumulations, but he conspire
 or Anna will think you an invalid. I am glad your old friends
San F. are gone, as they were only birds of prey, and would poison, again
 if possible. I am ready, fearful the difference of climate may affect you
 materially, I shall long to hear, I must direct to San Diego in future
 you have met with an old friend of Miss Stilton. I think, quite good of ^{the road} P.S.

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many who would take it with both hands, I will call often
matters are more quiet, your^{are} welcome to my offer, I did
not want to think, no one cared for you, in trouble. I shall call on
on Mr Puffer, in Brooklyn, you have a number of friends in
Brooklyn, I should say Anna was a great assistance to her mother
the other daughter eyesight is very bad, this very unfortunate to be my
you always said as your brothers had chosen poor wives you
would not, marry any poor girl, so you see you have not kept your
I should be far from countenancing you to have Anna, if I thought you
must take the whole family, goodness knows, I do not wish you to be
addled with them all, because you marry Anna, as I never liked
John's affairs for that reason, as I believe it kept him down, I saw
enough but now, her mother is married, his sister dead I should have
often, I know more but I only made more for others to help them
selves, How I shall have no one to beg or borrow. Thomas
you say, I can serve you in a certain way, with respect to reli-
eving some \$500, I might do as you say. I consider your plan
good, as I can offer and do as I please, as you say on your account
but I shall you to wait longer, and come home to see us. I do not
know, that I could object. No I will not name it to sister as she
would not approve of my doing so, I do not feel as free to name
all things to sister, as I won't do. You say I must have a home
for my children to visit me, I may for a while but I may not have
one if you will not come soon. I thought Mr & Mrs Arden intended
to go to the mines, I am glad you did not decide to go, I presume
better business, I hope you must see to your Wills. You will have enough
money now I trust, but you hold on his note, in as much as people
make you pay, I must you treat other John, wrote in his last that
he had been ^{before} of late owing, I suppose to his retentions from salary
I think locks sell slow in Cal^a but look will to them what is the

Ten dollar note you sent, I will inquire about it it may be good
 John will call on Mr. Eaton, I hope he may pay it as I shall
 want money to support the little ones, they are ^{improving} ~~improving~~ girls, assist at
 their Uncles, yes, the credit, results to you of my purchase, I will
 try to do the best I can with the proceeds, in time you shall have your
 certain share. if you are sick you can have the pleasure to hear
 it on your Brothers & sister Aunt Minny was here yesterday. Mrs
 W. Smith the day before their "regards to you" I live near Mr. Montgomerie
 I hope you saw him in Jan. St. I trust John will attend to
 the Vault the first affair when, I expect - I feel bad, I expect your
 father here soon, Thomas, as you say you write me long letters
 and portray all things very clear, I do my best & endeavours to
 answer them, as I presume, I frequently ^{wife} the same communication
 in several ^{letters} you may exclaim, Mother! write that in her last
 but remember the anxiety for you, I cannot suppress, I hope your health
 will continue, when Mr. H. returns from the Spring, you will take
 a jaunt, do not trouble too hard, or you may get sick, that would
 be sad indeed, be careful to sun and ventilate your dwelling, and
 let it be damp, as you can make windows to admit the warm ^{air}
 do pay attention to your linen in laying it in the Sun to ^{be dried} ^{by}
 wish, it was possible for me to buckle on my armor of faith
 and take a trip to see you, as quickly as you would, if you was
 placed in my position, only fear, states see, what a pity!
 I must draw to a close, still pleasing you in the hands
 of Lord as from him I ask your protection I will write soon
 of all particulars as they may occur. Adieu May we meet
 once more, Your Sister & Brothers join me in love to you
 your Affectionate Mother
 P.S. When you pay your letters name it Rachel Whaley
 your letter, I received a letter from you the first week in March free
 post mark, W. M. paid 40 cents the carrier demand, he said, he went to the

Given Mrs. Johnson's manuscript in the papers a few days ago the 11th of June 1840

My kind regards to all the dear ones

while whereas I
Bank, I write
shall to divine
and my children
than, children
in from their
are to your cal-
culated as well from
these ends, What
I will let him
at from, etc, is one
you home on that
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not ask for a
ed, your creditors
I have heard it
eight prospects, I
all astonishment
with of good, can
again for some
business, I do not
is, I must earnestly
a constitution
might intend to
but the careful
near old friends etc
D. however, again
the may affect you
things in future
I should
quite great of \$15.

I am pleased to hear that you collect old debts (little as it is) That is good
look after Bencon P. mean, with two sharp sticks; make him pay as
people do you, I am afraid you will lose it, I would sooner sacrificed the
Gorks with it, as it is most miserable to be placed so long at other
people's mercy, I trust the worst is over, at all events, I do not think
of Gorway of much import, but look well to your Patron Clinton
he has my best wishes for his & your future success, I hope you
do nothing wrong, but I quake for you, as people has taken so much
advantage of your generosity to them, No, I will keep dark. I say
call at Monterey and look Gorway up on returning, It may be
for you to hold real Estate than others, but do not give it up
to hannely, as it is valuable. Where is Mr Warren I believe you
him, to be a great friend, I was much pleased to hear that you
had settled satisfactory with Franklin. Chappel must be mean
kind of principal, why does he not sanction his brethren to pay you
they said they had not received any order to pay it. Determined
might have paid even to spurn all such mean dogs, in future
and pay you debts instead of granting favours "Loafers" and
give them an opportunity to call you "Greene". I think you
ought to suffer loss, if you send in place of paying your
My word is the cash, is not revived, while I am in debt, but
my creditors, and they shall have it. beware, in future, a pity
you required such heart-felt experience, as you must have had
"Self" a first rate plan the System I have adopted, long ago
that you had only imbibed the example, you might have been at my
side giving details of your plans are and fair I truly hope that
in your next, you will have made a final settlement with
with Gorke for you I think he will accept of your offer. I
think, you had better get the matter of your mind even if
It costs more than \$,500; so you say he can commence another

Dutchman, as he is, you are in his power, therefore get rid of him
and stand in your own shoes, and look well, that you keep able to do
was I to lend my sword, you would be vexed with me, you making
confidants of other people placing your all in their hands, you cannot
expect to find them all true, you no doubt have had a great success
on all points, but get matters arranged with Gentle, as soon as possible. Do
I do not doubt your patrons honesty but still he might steal? I cannot
realize myself for a fast the prominence of your profits: how often I think
of it, since you wrote. O! if it fall off how had I should feel even as I,
I have in relation to your coming home I will not snake up my mind to
set any time, as I have. No, wonder you say "glorious luck" you indeed
as you say "I will rejoice with you" I do most sincerely join you in your
good fortune, not that I need any assistance, but to hear of your pros-
perity, is grateful to me, as yours. Whether, there,^{as} I am convinced
you strive so hard, NO my child I am not weary of your
details, if you only persevere and succeed to a good end, I am willing
to say nothing with you on all occasions, I am not so old but I can
feel for any child's misfortune, and rejoice in his prosperity
and, I grant, when your choice is made it may prove all you
anticipate, you may feel more contented though it will be
hard after waiting all this time, to see you conclude to send
Anna, as then I should give up the idea of ever seeing you, I hope
you will be able to come on, I have heard you speak of Capt Ham-
ilton. I did not know that, Mrs Glan and Mrs Beck was in Cal^a.
I would be a good opportunity to send for Anna if Capt wife is on board
this all right that she is able to teach. Her patrons speak to like
her, I shall like her very well if she is only kind to you, and
behaves polite and pleasant to me, that is all, I ask of her, to see
you appear to think highly of our being acquainted to a wonder
she hesitated for your sake, as it was to gratify you, I went to see her
I will decide how I shall like her for a daughter, when I am better
acquainted, I expect her over to see us soon, then I will ask her to
spend some day with me, then, as you say I can judge better
Yes your brothers have two children each; Fluicill I am sure will
wait a while longer all well. Fake will attend to the Land affair
now while in Washington, then I can soon prove all that to me. I am
I believe James gave himself up, but how it terminated I can't
I suppose you cannot refrain from being sorry for your friend
I will call on his wife one of these days.---

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Brooklyn June 6th 1852

Dear Son.

I am heartily rejoiced to acknowledge your long and communicative letters containing such pleasing information of your bright prospects in business, firmly believing nothing on your part will be wanting to ensure a good success and may you feel grateful to your benefactor's words to God, that ^{we} could mingle our tears in thanks, how happy should I be; I have wept for your many misfortunes, I shall indeed rejoice, when your present engagement will enable you to prove to your friends that you are the man of integrity & honesty, they supposed you to be, and I shall once more behold my child! who has so long been a wanderer on the golden shores of California, in quest of a competence, I trust he may succeed and my loss a while longer will be his gain. I was grieved to read that you had caught such a violent cold, then the rheumatism, grant that you jaunt to San-Fr, may prove a cure, I beg of you to be extremely careful of your health, as it need less for me to tell you how valuable it is, to you, I read that on May 2^d you ^{was} in San-Fr, quite at home. Now to your letter, I do not think I should will leave you Cal = he and W^m was here on Sunday inquired of your intentions to return I replied next Jan^y, they are looking well L is on his own hook furnishes houses with locks a good Gashee? Othe Miss D, has removed to 24, Clinton Place, very well I will ^{them} tell I presume John will be the most competent to attend to the Law affair I expect him in a few days bag & baggage I hope I shall get along with the little brats, both girls he is with Helen a few days on his way, he will gain all particulars of the Land Warrant then settle that

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as we are entitled to the claim it appears no one can get but one
therefore you may rely that it shall with the vault be secured
Yes they are to come to live with me, as I rent part of the house
with sister John has sold of all his chattels, he has had a severe
thru on the bank of the Shenandoah by high water, it rose in
the night 20 feet above its usual level, swept away tail-bridge
foot-bridge, so that J_r was on the Island of Virgines to go by boat
to the Ferry he said he passed an awfull night as he was fearful
the back of the house would give way the surges was so heavy
though it was bricks I was thankful indeed that their lives was
to return I have done it all for the best as he had been there a long
and I considered needed a change, if it was for his good why not
assist him there I shall have a sore to call upon one more and
will he not comply, I feel that he will, your Grand-sire is much
pleased with my plans then he pays us a visit J_r will bring him from
Newark, Thomas I do not mean to win Gran-my scuse No. No
I must keep up my dignity for your sake, and to compare ^{with}
the new Brussels tapestry carpet I have been buying for myself as I
always promised sister the one we had, sisters if we do not agree he
can go to the place, as I have bought the buildings of Bailey's, 180,
the good to have a resource I am filling up your letter with indignity
I trust he will find employment that is his calculation. - Thomas?
Yes I have seen Anna, as I wrote she is a very different looking girl, appears
gentle but it is impossible to tell, if she is only good, I must feel ^{sure} sat
if you are, I hope she has a good education as she has nothing else
to boast of, she appears indistinct with her little perfils about her
what would her Mother and sister do if she was to get married, I
hope they would not depend upon you, I will invite her to come and
spend a few day with me so that I can be more able to judge
of her qualifications I hope I may like her for your sake as I do not

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 tail-bridge
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think much of her, Elizabeth and I agreed pretty well last evening
 she was very attentive, ^{to} John I think we may agree I am determined
 not to be imposed upon by other peoples children, or my own, as I am
 quite willing to do what is right and proper, and what more ought
 to be required of me, if I help John there I shall know what the
 money goes for, he is poor, I feel sorry for him, could I feel happy
 in amassing, he wanting, No! and if he gets sick, I must aid them an
 ounce of prevention" I think you will agree with me If Anna
 deserves any esteem she shall have it you know I did not like
 her not letting you see your likeness or the manner she treated
 me, as it was not polite but by your request I have looked it as
 you say it may all be right. Thomas too will you approve of
 for coming it will indeed relieve me from business and especially
 if you children commence the suit who is to find the cash
 I think the proposition you made in one of your letters for
 the general improvement of the property is good, I will show it to J.
 as you are willing and wish Mr T. to act for you it will write
 own determination in my next. I am pleased that you have written
 to Palmer, often rumors are still I will call on Palmer speaking
 as you direct I know you esteem him highly and would
 not have treated him in such a manner, as I ^{am} convinced it is or
 has been in his power to pay. The suit is decided but they may
 commence again I met Swan in Broadway he is quite fit to speak
 of it and said he did not believe they would trouble it again.
 Whiting ^{said} that suit was given in my favor, we could not act again un
 till they moved I paid \$1,500 - I mean in all I will write when John has
 called] father used to know Henry Raymond, your Brother Mr H. must
 be a generous man tis a great pity you cannot do business in your own
 You had great reason to feel happy in taking the mortgage you did
 to those who had promised you cash I do not wonder you confide in ^{him}

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Will you have some resemblance to him - \$5,000 quite a handsome
hand your receipts per day are good the system of credit to bad - I
hope all will be paid by Franklin when you settle with the Ladies
if you purchase so largely in a month you will have to keep busy
Thomas I do indeed think you have good luck, owing to your steady habits
and honest intentions I certainly think you may make money in future
well, I have done as you recommend sold the lot to the State for \$3,500 I think
better to do so than lease I think the 5th Avenue ground will see what it comes
and go out and look as I did with you, I wanted rather keep my proceeds
separate as you say and raise cash on the property what do you say you
know nothing of your lots at Kinson point, I trust you may collect all
debts you will have more invitations to lend but refuse I beg that you
will lease the Kinson property great in safe hands. It vexes me to hear
that you have thousands owing to in bad debts you say you have
done without it long, it would help to pay of your old debts - The B^{ro} are
are well I believe the old to be a good abolitionist. I trust your
of her friendly remarks to god will tell her, he will be happy to hear it
Henrietta has a beauty, Do not say you are tired of my speaking of my
portrait being taken you will hear when it is finished [yes the winter was
indeed very severe] I hope you will see snow this winter [I do ex-
cuse your writing glad to get any, No, I like my likeness of you best
it could be better each one says you are a handsome fellow I sampled
with Brooklyn and tried hard to purchase a house but was not as quick
as another person it may all be for the best Anna said her Mother had
a mind to move to Brooklyn [I wonder that she did not come to see
when I invited her as you desired it, so fervently I hope I shall find her
you represent but people change now a days to suit themselves]. I expect
Mr Smith knows I feel a deep interest in your welfare therefore
he made the request, he has gone to Europe, I told Mr H. Smith
he said to what is the other poor creditors to do, he said he thought
you had done middling fair and time would show if your promises
were good, I told him I had full confidence if your life was spared
you should pay them, all would have been settled long ago only for a
false lease, but let us speak of your jaunt to San Diego, how
truly beneficial, it will prove St David is it was possible for
the people to hear how Mr H. has favoured you but I will be silent
I must tell you are as he is fearful that you may despond but I tell
him I have great hopes for your prosperity do be attentive.

a lot of business besides about two miles to see the place the best of them
 from over the way are most go
 (M) How to our (best) 1852
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 I don't know why you
 do the same as it is no longer proper to order in
 My dear Sir, will not be by from 1850 and say we don't
 your last lengthy detail has awakened in my

mind the most lively sentiments for your prosperity, I trust
 you are still with your benefactor, as so I am led to name
 from your pleasant detail of this kindness. I have to inform you
 that John and family live arived they are pretty well. I have just
 been called to the parlour to see Mrs Montyomery and her 3 sons
 she is enjoying tolerable health I am always pleased to see her live
 near to me, Miss Severney called yesterday they wish to be kindly remem-
 bered to you in return for your polite inquiries and remarks.
 I received yours of Mailed May 3rd & June 15th which I have answered. I
 am looking for another which will no doubt contain pleasant
 tidings. The weather as you may suppose is middling warm
 we are nearly settled, the house needs alterations, it was not
 treated untill May 15th. I do not think I shall ever visit it again
 it quite soon, John is with me at present was up town yesterday
 Mr Bailey brother was about to rent the place but gave it up I think
 to take up some furniture ^{and lines} untill it is rented, and repair it up as it
 is warm weather, I fear it being depreciated he has not called
 on Mr Whitney yet as he has only been here a few days he was
 at Henry 9 on 10 days his family well He had a most serious ^{time}
 with the high water, they were in eminent danger Boy!
 what a dreadful scene it must have been, real devastation
 great loss sustained to many of the inhabitants, John
 is tolerable well. Thomas wrote a long letter giving you
 a view of matters and things. I presume you have re-
 turned to San Diego, enjoying all the advantages of
 your business, I hope preparing to come home to see us

Dear Sir,
 I am the most say to Mrs a word concerning the letter I mailed to her last
 on 4th of June from you but I will leave all particulars about I see your return I presume
 the fact received, the

no doubt you will be surprised to hear what I have written on the blue paper

as I am convinced of your great desire to do so. after such a long absence and arduous attention to collect a "pile" you must certainly be more competent to do business than ever from the actual experience, you have had "gain & loss" I shall forget the least from the improvement of that which is to come - But let me tell you Henrichetta Brown was married last Thursday night to a Mr Brown of Brooklyne, doing business at Providence engraver, wither he will take her to board, they appears to be much pleased with him. God grant they may not be disappointed she is a fine girl. the ceremony was at the church calls at the house we all went from & remained one hour congratulated the bride who looked mighty well there was a great many there the bride, dress was white figured silk, three brides maids & groomsmen, nicely attired all puffed of well they all send love to you the old lady in particular, when I gave her your answer written in one of your last letters Mrs Brown has taken Mrs Johnsons house, and boards Mrs & Mr Johnson son & wife for this year, so you see they had fine parlours Billy Johnson married Mrs Parsons daughter \$10,000 to portion at least he is to have the store next spring, his Mother withdrawing, he is quite a dutiful child I do not think John understands business as well as you I hope to see you home soon. - Thomas suppose I do take care of J & his family what of it, all goes in my life time and he has not been any great trouble to me ere this and suppose he was to get sick I would not like to go so far I think he would not be satisfied unless I did, was never ill I did not intend to go to house keeping again but what could I do when I decided to take him home. Grandfather is tolerable smart this summer J is to go up for him and bring him to Brooklyne he is to old to come alone

Thomas. Let me
The boys had no
West said he had
intention to look
and they went up
wish to part with
away for the 4th
and let out the state
prosper in some
I want them to
very dark blue eye
and John will
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may be comfortable
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& dutiful child
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ce I do take
of life there
to me ere this
-to go so far
was he ever ill
again but what
I should rather
to for him
come alone

Thomas I request you to be very careful of your health (as I am) no nurse
fresh or ragony or much your ~~concern~~ or so how ever enjoy
Thomas. Let me inform you on Friday John came home and said
The boys had commenced to brake the windows up town and Mr
West said he had better move up quickly, I immediately gave my at-
tention to looking up house hold, to make them comfortable
and they went up yesterday afternoon, bag and baggage I did not
wike to part with them, but the whole concern would soon be carried
away for the 4th John thinks he may keep free street, in the State
and let out the stables, as there is considerable of shedding I trust he may
prosper in some way, I must go out this week and see them as
I want them to be comfortable the place is a nice little fat thick
very dark blue eye black hair, I quite wike them but it is summer
and John will fix up the place, I had a mind to raise the
house so the wall of the street is 9 or 8 feet, above our land you
know we must be low, I will see what John says a while to
come, I wanted John to go up and arrange matters first so leave his
family with me, but Elizabeth was not willing, saying she could do
if he could, but I told her it was the baby I thought of I think they
may be comfortable not that I call them good contrivers by any means
I thought John was a better inventor. - Thomas your last
date of June 1st on board the Stearox Ocho, came to hand, I
was pleased to read of your devotion to San Diego as it is so
absolutely necessary for you to be there, and make it your
home, if it only enables you to visit your own formal home
once more. John has more hopes of your prosperity. Do you
think to go to San Diego every two months, and buy so many thou-
sand dollars worth of goods, you must certainly be in
excellent business, how happy I feel for your sake as you
well know I do not need any of your assistance but I am
equally as anxious that you should prosper to repay me for

the celebration of the birth of my darling son John
the day about any time in the month
as I was opposite to the city about
the 10th day

past pains and attentions, I was pleased to learn that Mr
Hinton's health had improved so that you would not be left alone
I have just reposed my forehead on the the thickly carpeted ^{bed} ~~bed~~ ^{reclined}
up the bed I can but I must resume my letter, ere you receive this
you will have gained the mournful news of Henry Clay death his
remains is now at the City Hall, in N.Y. it has caused deep sorrow
I could not refrain from some small share of condolence having
seen the great Statesman and shed tears when I read his funeral
Sermon by Mr Butler: "How is the strong stuff broken and the
beautiful rod" Jeremiah 48, Chap 17, the verse it was very impressive indeed
he was firm to the last he had his wish to die in Washington
The different Cities have paid him great respect I presume it is all
right. Thomas I have not seen Anna, since I called on her, I wrote in-
forming her of my place of abode and have been expecting her to call on
me the first letter addressed to Wm cum with mine he brought home
Harricott gave it to me, I had lost the card I received at 4th St. ^{of Mrs Stoney address}
Anna telling me she had directed the carrier to bring ^{three} letters
to her new abode, I considered it quite safe to address it to her ^{at her}
recent dwelling, in 4th St. ^{she has another office at Wm office and in-}
quired for letters I then ^{mistakenly} furnished her a note stating the
facts of what I had done, and that I had forgotten her number ^{and}
and had lost the card, ^{hoping} she had received your letter
mailed by me to 4th St. I have not heard a word from her since
which I think strange, as I had made up my mind to invite her
to come and spend a few days with me, if you wish me to go to see
her frequently I cannot the weather is very warm and I have not been
to N York, to see any of my friends since I moved but will I hope
soon she may have written, and I not received it but why ^{not} have called
as I was there last, all may be right when I see her, she was
at the Office a few days since if she left any regards ^{from}
I did not receive any, or any word, which, I thought strange
as I thought I could like Anna very well if she only treated
me kind and polite for your sake, at least, as I had con-
sented to call on her first, but I will, ^{not} decide against her until I
see her personally there must be a mistake, about it she will
be along soon and explain all to my satisfaction she is much
engaged with her pupils no doubt all will be correct with her

p "Globe"

San Francisco March 26/853

Mr. H. H. H. E. E.
San Diego

My Dear Sir

Considerable time has elapsed since I have had the pleasure of hearing of or from you and only to day was I informed by Raymond of the probability of your remaining with the General Store

I have still a small quantity of Mexican Goods suitable for your market which I will sell out cheap I send you a sample of some Riatta ropes, 9 dy in a bale 10 yds long which I will sell @ 3.50 per dozen - Seamen use to consume a great quantity - There are a few dozen Robes at from \$12 to \$26 per dozen there at \$12 are childrens - spurs at from \$32 to \$40 with straps & chains the latter for the largest size also 4 or 5 Mexican Saddles at \$20 each - Shirts you can always have as you know by sending your orders address for me as follows J. F. Woolf Clay St. - send the letter inside the envelope with my name then I wish you to do as in my absence he will open them, & they are put into his box, but when addressed to me considerable time elapses before I get them

I am your truly

J. F. Woolf

per G. Smith

*Mr. Whaley Esq.
General's Troop
San Diego*

July

1852

San Diego, July 2nd 1852.

Dear Anna,

If you, as well as my dear mother, I must
say a few words before returning to rest. I have
been and was very busy. I might I think write you a
long letter it being the first since my arrival here just
a month ago today but as this is impossible a little
must suffice to dissipate your fears regarding my well
fare. From early morn till midnight I am busily
not relaxing. This in time grows along imperceptibly
I am well and would be happy even you with me very
dear Anna. My success has exceeded my anticipations
and need continue a few months longer only to enable
me to realize my most ardent hopes. — My Anna, may
believe how gratified do I feel to the chance which seems to
work so propitiously in my favor for the accomplishment of
my wishes at the present time which remain and will ever con-
tinue the same until they are fulfilled. To be possessed of
a small fortune and have you to share it with me
this is my chief ambition which with industry and atten-
tion there is a probability of my soon attaining; for I am
doing well better than most I was. What more can I desire?
My association with Mr. Newton was a fortunate one and I be-
lieve will be attended with satisfactory results and through
I tell this to you I expect you will keep it secret until I
am in the position to make a further revelation of it. We
are doing a good business considering the many difficulties

to which this distant portion of California claims under and shares
except attend as we may hope to realize something hand some within
the next year or eighteen months. Our Store is called the
"General Store" and to interest it is. Articles are seldom enquired
for that we have not got whether it be groceries, dry goods, hard-
ware, tin ware, crockery, wear glass wear clothing boots shoes
liquors tobacco, fancy articles, all the staples in what might be
called having cheap prices and carpenter work &c. We have the
largest establishment and do more business than on the other Stores
in San Diego put together buying & selling only for cash. I think
this will give you some idea of the business in which I am interested
and endeavor you of the probability of my success. It is said
many thousand emigrants are on their way to California and
that San Diego is the terminus of their route from whence they were
separated to all parts of California. There is little inducement
to determine many of them to remain for long though their ad-
vantage of their coming here must be great to the place. Should
this need be true I consider my fortune made in less than a
year's time when I may not have gone to California and effected
a more certain interest amounting long about though not forgotten
privately. Excuse I must now conclude. Though as usual as
the case this letter contained much of self I trust you will find
it sufficiently interesting more so than though I had not written
at all. I have not received a line from you since my arrival
here but trust I shall tomorrow. Hereafter direct your com-
munications to San Diego I shall be more likely to get them and more
sure than heretofore. My remembrance to your mother and
brother. Inform me of your address. I trust you see my mother & sister
often and that you like them very much. My mother speaks highly
of you. Give me direct news, your affectionate & devoted
son
J. M. H. H. H.



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Miss Anna C. Sewall.
Care of H. Scribble Esq.
113 Nassau St
New York.

225 West 12th St

Dear Son.

Beverly July 18th 1852

Yours of June 1th gave me additional pleasure to hear that you was on your way to San Diego, and in accordance with your own feelings, calling it your future home, I call but little the place so that it suits you for business and will only afford you an opportunity to visit your maternal home, once more, I do indeed feel quite encouraged with accounts of your success, may each letter bring ~~bring~~ ^{bring} glad tidings of great joy it assists me to look forward to your return so long as you are blessed with health & prosperity John was here yesterday as he lives up town he looks very much like father his health is smiling good. Aunt Lyner spent a few days with me she surprised to see that he resembled his father so much she has not seen him since you left for France he has not been able to save a great deal but I trust all will be well with him he is frugal thinks of keeping free store in the State as I do not want him to engage in a shop to work steady it is too laborous for him he must be in the open air at least not confined he will require a horse & a wagon if any thing happens to him I should have to come for his family so I had better look well to him if it is not so well approved off I feel as though I was a judge. Thomas! you say you have shipped a large amount of goods and \$2,000 on board how glad!

to read such news no doubt, and we feel quite happy to
hear of your success I have been expecting to see her
a long time I should have been there but I have not
been to call on any of my friends since I was at Annas
I shall go soon as I have been much engaged at home
with G's family when Sister was here week after week
my time do not say I am neglected but I was there last
and wrote to her, to which I received no reply but
she no doubt can give proper reasons why, only she
was at Wm's office and did not send me any message
or so is said, but I shall know, when I see her, as she
treats me very polite, personally, I ~~know~~ I shall
think much of her, and would like her to pay me
a visit, shall tell her so when I see her.

"I think dear Mother, I shall succeed this time
and if I do how happy I shall be"; how joyfully
I read that sentence. May your wishes be realized
my dear boy is your mother's prayer. - Mrs
Wontgomery was sure, said she had letters from M^r,
who was well, had seen you in San F^r. you was well
I was much pleased I was pleased to hear that Mr-
Hinton's health was restored relieving you from being
left alone I trust your and his health is good at
this time I cannot refrain from connecting
you well with his I am all anxiety to get another ^{letter}
I direct all mine to San Diego California I hope you
get them as it gives great comfort to inform you
of matters and things as you cannot will not for
get your Sister & Brothers at home, and loved ones,
soon the spell will be broken and we shall meet

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I trust not to be parted for so long a time if again
John has been putting up the fence as he says things
is going to rack fast was he not there this my belief
it would have all been carried away by the Dutch &
Irish who are constantly prowling to see what they may
devour I have not been up yet will go next week I
think I will not but I tell him I shall, as I had to attend
to my dearest for summers. I have been a month behind ^{hand}
the morning and repairs to the house was the hindrance
on to the 10 of July a very large detached building took
fire near to us, we were in considerable danger as there are 5
new houses on each side of us our house being the corner the corner
had great fears, the wind being in his favour, we escaped
as if the 10 new buildings had fired, we we must have gone
as our house is wood. I feel rather unsafe, and often wish
we were more secure, I hope to be protected from here
I like Brooklyn very well, but no Creton, to put out fires, I think
to take your advice and purchase in the suburbs of Brooklyn
or some thriving city. several told, take John with me ^{things}
and let the place up town time will bring forth all
The weather has been moderate so far, I think B, cooler than
Shotten has just read that it, decided on to have a Crystal
Palace in city the different nations are invited to attend
5 2,000 have been subscribed the site, chosen, in ^{Square} reservoir —
quite up town, it is to be completed May/1853 You must calculate
to witness the exhibition as no doubt it will be worth seeing
your grandfather was its ^{worn} indisposed to come I trust he will
in cool weather your Aunt thinks him quite as well as ^{usual}
Lyboston was here yesterday has been sick. Looks thin I told him

to get married so that he could have a good nurse in case
of sickness. Thomas as I sit writing I hope you are living in
security from the attacks of savage Indians and in all the
enjoyment San Diego affords. How does old Jerks come on
and Rincon Point property; do not say, I ask too many ^{things} ^{from}
you the great interest I take in your welfare that includes
by the name I write again, I hope to make many ^{any}
agreeable communications, I have not heard or seen any
thing of the Brass family since Elizabeth's marriage I
sincerely hope she has made a good choice a deserving
We have not decided upon a burial spot, John
Dewee wants me to go 60 miles further from the Vault
where he has purchased and removed to, but Elizabeth
is fearful to be alone until the fence is up and she used
to the place, it is tiresome I must say, we will go soon
sister you Aunt and I was as Greenwood it looks beautiful
I say to get a small tot there I don't go to Paergreen some ^{day}
soon. I have had so much to attend to this spring I was obliged
to neglect something but I hope to repair all injuries I wish
you was here though I know that is impracticable just at
this time, How is Mrs Montgomery doing, she says he sends her
\$50, each month. John will attend to Dator's note, he thinks
the ten dollar note not good, I hope Dayton will pay it and
refuse, at times John requests coming I tell him not to do so
as I will help him all I can I do not wish him to return
as, it is to far of for me, to travel in case of sickness and he
has laboured long enough in the Army, on will I consent to his ever
returning there again, I help them all I can I sent up
any girl to clean have their cloths washed every week all helps
you know I must see to them she has the babe to mind if month
soon it will sit alone Now I must close May God protect
us all from harm as your Mothers prayer for her absent son
John sends love to you he } Yours Affectionate Mother R. Whaley
wants to see you very much }

Sau Diego. July 13th 1852.

Dear Annas,

I wrote you last the 11th of the month since & been ever since
May had come to hand offering me the satisfaction of hearing from you
again after a long while. When our letters go and come more regularly
as I think will soon be the case we shall both of us have no further cause
for apparent neglect. You tell me that you have moved to the corner of
12th Street & 4th Avenue. I believe that I should like the house and the locality
around having lived two years in the vicinity while on my way at the Wash-
ington I will think so that I imagine you have chosen very comfortable
quarters such as will be advantageous to you obtaining as many pur-
suits as you desire. — You mentioned something about going to New
York to reside and I was in hope you would do so, but only
because my mother is wishing thus. You can undoubtedly do bet-
ter in New York amongst your friends than elsewhere. — My thin
k you must be fairly located in your new quarters. You tell
me you are happy & well morning and that you were trying to assume
an air of gaiety. I am surprised at you having been so kind in spirit
and that you have allowed your mind to feel so depressed as to
cause you to forbode so much evil upon so slight grounds as rumors.
Can it be possible my dear girl you held my confidence so lightly
as to think I have had the power to let you off in reality when
was a change in my sentiment towards you! I will not believe
that you think me hypocritical and that I am deceiving you by
my continued protestations of love when there exists no person
for suspicion. (When will you learn to confide in me and to
act wisely as I advise you to do? Until then you can never
believe me to be your own dear Annas. How often must I have
wrote my feelings and wishes? Again, and again I tell you

you are dearer to me than my own existence I love you for ever and till I die
again must I shall feel miserable indeed no matter how fortune favours me
What more can you think or desire to make her believe I am as much attached
to her as you but it would seem for me to say even as much as I have if it
she no longer enjoys in me. I do not doubt your contrary but believe
that you are as warmly attached to me as ever

Brooklyn July 26/52

Miss Loring.

I received a communication from you by Mr. Gleig, I was totally unaware that you was waiting for an invitation to call on me. I should be pleased to see you and sister on wednesday afternoon. I have been expecting you for some time. The intense heat has prevented me from visiting my friends in your City. I consider it much cooler in Brooklyn than in N. York. I feel an anxiety to leave Miss Thomas. I was much troubled in my dream last night as I thought I had a letter come to hand and lost it unopened, the rest when I see you. Truly, R. W. Chalmers.

My remembrances to your Mother

Miss Anna Loring

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New York, August 1st 1852

Dear Anna,

News of the 4th May came to hand the 16th July, I don't
wonder to write in reply to it by the last steamer. You must not think
my love for writing less frequently than formerly, that I am growing
indifferent towards you. The fact is, almost all my time is occupied
with business and the little I have to myself is spent with too indi-
cation to write. From 10 in the morning till late at night I have much
to do and not infrequently I am troubled from my chamber to open
the door to some strange customer who may have some suits for
a particular article. He or she may have business more than any
other store in the place and then even in the night and night to at-
tend to it and as he is not at all times well satisfied you will
infrequently I write to you and glad that my day work is done. I will
not however complain even though I had double to do. I am making money
and this is a sufficient compensation for every thing. I am clear since
doing better than ever before. I may not make money quite so
fast but I know better how to keep it. Within a year time I hope to
be free of the world. Before that time I shall send for you. I do not
nothing to prevent my coming here. I would not wish to keep you wait-
ing till I can return home. The time is too far off besides it would
only be for a week and I should return to England. I shall probably
make this country my home for some years. I am confident I shall
make money here & be enabled me to live comfortably in New York
whether you stay here. I would have you with me dear Anna
and as I have you love me. I think you will not hesitate to come.

I am now thinking seriously to send for you to come out with Capt Hamilton in the
Clippin Ship Esper which will leave New York some time next December. Before then
I will send you the means necessary to defray all expenses and to make you com-
fortable during the voyage. We must come clear again. I shall listen to
no excuse. You have persuaded me and I shall expect you to keep your
word. How happy we shall be when we meet. - Your kind friend has
hurled to you you say that I may already be settled in California. I sup-
pose you mean to infer that I was married, but I am glad to know your
confidence in me is such as to know this is not the case. Do not sur-
mise I would be the villain to tamper with your feelings and delude
an unweary heart like yours. I am not yet clear again, and shall proba-
bly ever remain single should I never marry you. I am now getting to be
an old bachelor and having loved once if I were disappointed in you I
should never court women again. My whole soul is cast up in you
and you are dear Anna the only object which animates me and
keeps me the mind from the for you with the thousand temptations
betelling young men in California I fear that I should become a worthless
creature. Do not believe these malicious reports raised by your
friends probably to diminish your affection for me and to keep
you in New York. I am glad you tell me of this. It shows your
frankness and gives me an opportunity of refuting the vile insu-
lations. Every thing else that concerned me that you loved me and
that too with all the ardency a young girl could know how to love.
You do not think I would deceive your mother were I not de-
voted so faithfully to me. - Alas! that you should at last and know
that I am yours and only yours. Now I to act differently
from what it is my intention to act towards you. I never kissed

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hood I break my dear Anna's heart and commit her to a premature
grave. He my God you are above the edge of my heart and indeed re-
main so and when ever we are united I think you will indeed have
cause to regret. I shall prove a kind and faithful husband to you.
Dear Anna your mind will feel low spirited. If you have heard any-
ing to the reports which have reached you, you must revive your-
self. Believe what I say. All that I write is true as I myself
be witness for my actions hereafter. Do not mind the trading of
your friends. When you tell about it. Be independent. They are not worth
of your regard. Let them possess the best feeling for you they would
not treat you in the manner in which they do. You is a passion not
to be tampered with. Open your heart to me about I will listen
to what you say and do all that is in my power to alleviate your
suffering. I know that you are impatient upon, that you suffer on
my account and soon do I regret it but for I hope to remove you
from your kind friends and take you under my own protection.
What enough of this. It is a subject which pains me. —
I am pleased to hear you received the money and though you have
not applied it exactly as I wished, yet am I satisfied if in testimony
it upon you nothing it gave you the most happiness you could other-
wise have obtained for it. — So you have moved, again remaining in
New York. I have the watches and have manifest Providence allow me
to do it. — I am glad to hear you are doing well with your
class of little girls. — I often think dear Anna with these opportunities you
have had you must be the true well informed woman. How please
I will be of you one of these days. I shall think the words and all of

you Nothing that is in my power to give you will be denied. — One
Entrance to Concord and Concord, say that you were bound to express
— when I trust for you and I should be perfectly happy
Do you think now if I feel indifferent towards you, or would I could
trust to assist I would take the trouble to write to you so
often? I would rather leave you a great deal of money at a distance. I
did not think I would not bother myself with the task of writing
letters more for the sake of keeping up a correspondence. I have
not the time or the inclination to pick it in this way. — But I do love
you and I conceive it my duty to write to you and sacrifice
the time to do it. — The weather is so warm here
I must stop. — The day is in — I have something to attend
for the remainder of the day. — It rains here at four this
morning — May love to open clear and sunny again.
believe me your ever devoted and sincere
Wm. W. Adams

New Berge, August 11th 1832.

Dear Mother

It was impossible for me to write you by the last steamer and so this I can send only a few lines. What will most interest you, will be to know I am well and happy and hard and sad in business. Scarcely ever having a moment to myself the duties of the Store requiring me from six in the morning till ten o'clock at night. This will expense I am allowing money, perhaps I can and if so I shall know how to get it better than formerly. Business is brisk with us notwithstanding the dullness of the times. I should much like you to take a peep at our establishment. It is a large one and contains everything useful besides many of the luxuries of the life. Our trade is principally with soldiers, government contractors and Indians. We sell a great deal indeed without exaggeration more than all the other stores in New Berge put together. We had I have no reason to regret the exchange I have made in partners. It like my partner one year more. He had acted nobly & generously towards me & I think with the success meant to me, towards I am more respectful benefits of an old established house with thousands of dollars at its command the numerous profits of which are no inconsiderable thing. Let things continue thus awhile and I shall soon be able to purchase my full interest in the house and shortly have it in my power to pay off my debts. How happy I shall then be! I am this has nearly paid me in full and I am ready to comply with Foster at any moment he chooses to accept my offer and until he does this my position remains unchanged. I am

at present the confidential clerk, agent or whatever they may choose to term me
of the Honorable Stanton proprietor of the General Store and should any body
ask you what I am doing you can tell them I am so poorly off as to
wonder to wonder jumping for a living. It matters very little to me
what capacity people may think I occupy providing I have my share of
the profits which will always be beyond the control of any one. I am deter-
mined to hold on to the little I have or may make until my position
becomes such as to enable me square my obligations. So much respecting
my affairs. Let us speak of something else. The weather is of consequence
but as I am seldom exposed to the heat of the sun, I do not
fear its effects. The climate is one of the finest in the world there be-
ing very little sickness. Winds of air blows are coming into market
in abundance yet I partake of them in moderation. Some feed our
cattle have arrived here though the greater number were to Los
Angeles. Thousands are said to be in the road and should only
a few of them came here things would be brisk for a while in San-
Diego. You no doubt was a great deal about the Indian difficul-
ties in the western part of the country but you must not think the town
in the least danger of being attacked the seat of their operations
being over two hundred miles distant and before reaching any
of the settlements they have to encounter with the U. S. troops.
There is very little use of interest to communicate to you and as
it is getting to be late and I am tired I think I had better retire
to my comfortable bed to rest myself ~~at~~ sleep. If I have time in
the morning I will add a few lines more commencing with a few lines
of the 25th of June received the 5th of July but in case I should not have time
I will wish you a good night to bid adieu. Yours affectionately
Wm. W. H. H. H.

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Mrs Rachel C. Tracy
Care Mrs Wm H. Hester
Telegraph Office
27 Nassau St
New York



Brooklyn Aug^t - 1th - 1832

Dear Son.

Your last written on the Pike, came to hand June 29. I am again becoming heartily anxious to receive some intelligence from you, Davy! I and John am in hopes that you are still in good business though fearful to be too sanguine not doubting your strict attention and full worth of a happy result, but your repeated misfortunes will I trust learn you to avoid the quicksands you have split upon. You will be thankful to read that we are all in the enjoyment of health as the warm weather will allow. John's health is middling, complains of his bowels but his temper is light to what it would be, was he at the Armory, this summer and had he been there might have been sick: what was to be done? I should not have been willing to go, or stay so under all circumstances I, am best satisfied, that he is here at 61th St he has put up all the fence, repaired and is fixing up the place as Baily left all, in bad condition more so than I was aware of, B, is about to lose the land he bought of Wofford property, he built a small ^{out} house as the ^{law} ^{eterned} ^{comperation} does not protect purchasers of such land but the owner permits him to remove his house so he will not be out much as he only gave \$200, I informed in my last that if, was to keep feed stores, must get a horse & waggon not a first one at first, he may succeed very well, it will be easy for him his two children grows finely, I have not been up shall go next week there house hold is small but they must wait and see how business proceeds they are comfortable off

John did not see me when I was at the Armory and will see him tomorrow

all I care for he has been so very much engaged that not been
able to see your grandfather will go soon I will go with him
he can only stay a few hours as E. is opposed to stay with the
"hairms" alone ~~he~~ has been sick is better your Uncle W^m is very
feeble I think cannot last long wants to be
very smart looks miserable I saw him this week John and I will
go this week to see the place Deane has chosen for his burial
Spot - do, so stay we are hardy, it cannot be attended to this
warm weather, all takes time as the weather is very warm
and we are not so smart as you, and I can see his horse and
as he will have one soon ~~now~~ I presume Henry is well ^{in the}
from him I wrote your request to him I have not heard of the
Trips safe arrival at San Francisco his friends may I hope you
will keep yourself pretty firm with him as he is all important
his father may have given him power to collect the money
you owe him this is my own suggestion I presume you will be
going to San Ft - soon again a pleasant voyage to you and
hope you may collect a debt on the I trust the Indians are
not troublesome in your section & often feel very bad about them
Thomas I hope to get a letter from you ere you read this the line
is fast approaching four years since your departure may we meet
at the anniversary, I have not see or heard from Anna only
as she has called at W^m office I should have called but I had
not been in NY, up that way since I moved I was there last she
was at the office on the, E. G. W. told W^m she was going to God's
Hamilton and that she understood I was to inform her when I was
ready for company on Monday I gave her a note saying I was not
aware that she was waiting to be sent for as I had been expecting
her some time and would be pleased to see her and sister on Wednesday
I was all in order to see them they came not or have I had any response
to my note or one that I had previously written I am confident they

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must be some mistake ^{as I will not decide until I}
call I put the invitation note in the P. Office ^{myself} which will
be soon explained. I know that you will think strange of
it as I wished her to come and see me often ^{at your request} perhaps there
is some jealousy on foot that is the reason I will not blame
Anna, I wish she and sister had come to tea
on answered my note but I will see her as soon as she
returns home I am sorry to say that sister is still
very severe on John in fact I do not tell him all she
does say what is the use I love my child as well as she
loves her husband, he is my husband's son it grieves to
see them not speak all without reason unless it is because
she thinks I shall assist it would be all right if I was do
ing for her he is getting \$900 a year I consider that is sufficient
I tell her if she was in need I would give to her as soon she
replies she would not have any help from me I tell her she
what may any children we all alike in need to me you will say
what foolish knave I say so, too but I am determined to help John
I have been the means of his coming should I abandon him M^r
to his wife she will not look on speak though they were had
the least word the whole sum and substance of the matter
is they must have expected me to be present to her & his wish
but my mind is made not to leave my own sons when they were
was going to Fort here with me then she baby cried and disturbed her, now they
or her when I was gone tis no better, I told her she need not fear John would not
saying I was not trouble her as long as she was at his house, with them excepted
she is certainly too jealous of her poor brother but it only pro
fills me the more towards him at all events he should not work
any longer in the Arsenary I am willing to do well for her I
have given her the green threads, heads pillars \$24, best red holster pillows

the best carpet of 84, Strians stole 12 benches of 4, the making of 4, the making
of sitting chairs, Genin dols of 12; I have not portinied out any bedding
or spoons as they are to Elsworth I will give half dozen tea spoons
I am keeping house myself therefore I can not give all away they have
not brought any thing but a bed room carpet and smattering for a spare
room as they may leave off, I tell her I will wait and see what she
shall do and to use my household as what is the use to get
a great supply to more around I gave her my wash stand and
toilet set bedroom looking glass a dining room carpet part of the
one I had ere I bought the brassell you may be certain I would
not search at a loss or she had many of her own I think he has done
to get her I am disposed to wait a while as long as they are
comfortable if any thing happens to her he will have enough
more than he deserves for his treatment to John since he
has been home never asked him to take a meal with him but treat
ed him like a poor body, who any one was fearful to be encountered
with most an stations contrary, ungratefull and unkind, as I took
John word for his good manners and conduct and he was all grudging
to him visiting and boarding at I tell J. I would soon tell him
a piece of my mind as I have done, but J. is, peaceably dis-
posed I am glad to get J. to see to my affairs the slaveiten
house must be much improved if my sister detour from
being willing I cannot say how it will be My mind is not
at rest as it was once I should be sorry for sister to leave off
but if she will she must I rune back toward to her long life
she is quite thin this summer but at all times I do not see why
other should suffer for her caprice she will not be so well off
as when at home in the married state I could tell her but girls
must get husbands some men are so prompt wif if they do well I am
certain he does not like me. praise her for her good doings and I wish of him
as to treat her kindly keep state only to me all I write and receive this
from your Affectionate Mother L. Whaley *John sends love to you*

Dear So

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August 3rd 1832

My Dear Son. I have the great satisfaction to inform you that I received your last dated July 2nd yesterday which I read with heart felt gratitude to divine providence, that you are prospering and conducting yourself with such propriety. Now, happy I am, as I must look forward to your coming home soon, so far it is indeed, that you met with Mr. Hunt, I hope your close application to business will not injure your health, be very careful. I hope to hear from you very soon, I will respond depend upon it. Your letter was short but then it was good & welcome, I am as you say very anxious to hear from you. I am sorry to learn that you have not heard ^{from me} but hope you have ^{enjoyed} as I have answered all your letters. I really rejoice with you, on your happy position which will enable you to realize your "fondest hopes" Most excellent indeed your business must be, to average what you write, how very very thankful I feel, do my dear child, continue good both for Anna and your Mother sake whom I think you have ^{not} forgotten as yet. I am sorry that Anna has not been to see me since I moved, I was there last and not some time, all was agreeable I hope she will come when she returns from Fort Hamilton, as I am willing to comply with your request, as a son, and if she had called often we should have been quite intimate, perhaps she regards sister, not caring I must tell, that is not my fault, I wrote to her that I had not visited any of my friends, in City, since I was at her house as I had not been well, and the warm weather had detained me but I shall cure soon notwithstanding, and ask the reason, she may not not have visited my sister, she has been three months occupied no doubt, with her school, though her Mother can believe it times Thomas, think of my little boy though it will be happy John will be here to day, he will be pleased with your letter I may give up with him, as I have not seen yet - I have had a deal of sewing to do of late all for myself, we moved late which makes all things backward I conclude with a prayer for your continued health and happiness. - Your affectionate Mother S. W. Haley.

we are all extremely well thank much do not like attending I was in hope you had continued with me

Brooklyn Aug^t 11th 1852

Dear Son.

I am scated to inform you ^{that I have} answered your very welcome epistle of June 2nd ^{mailed on the 3rd inst.} which made my heart glad, although, it was written at midnight a great apology for its brevity, it conveyed all important intelligence to me of your conduct, Health, with Prospects - I trust my letters to ^{you} are agreeable as I desire they should be with my lengthy details, should you say, I am too communicative, you must say, so I will not take offence if reminded in a gentle tone. I presume you will be pleased to hear of John, he is up town quite comfortable his health is tolerable, how it would have been, had ^{he} attended to his labour I cannot say, I tell him, he shall have a summer free from labour, he has a good waggon, is looking for a horse intends keeping feed store, in Stable, what do you think of it I hope it will do well. Thomas, I have strong hopes of seeing you soon, I was pleased to hear, that you saw Mr. Montgomery, when in San F., last. Mrs. C., sends her great regards to you, we frequently talk of our California friends. Sunday Aug^t 22. - I came from Grandfather's a few days ago, Ann and sister was here to tea on the 15th, I requested her to come again soon, she promised to do so appears pleasant and lively, sister paid them kind attention I shall see her again soon, I was in hopes to get a letter by the Illinois cut, no, Henry Wife did, from Richard who has arrived there, San F. Thomas I was sorry to

that you had not settled with old Jack I trust all is done
up by this time to your protection I am in full expectation
of hearing still good news from you and your success with
Mr. Hinton only thing was it to fail now blasted my hopes
would be indeed, what would be my refuge and you
would not despond, I hope, but why do I anticipate such
occurrences, it cannot, it will not dishearten you, who has encountered
many misfortunes already, and been enabled to maintain his
position with a proper steady disposition, much to his credit
soon I trust to receive a letter of glad tidings to me if no
one else takes a full interest in your welfare. Anna says
Gomez has returned, I was surprised to hear it. Mr. Lee.
Smith is safe home from Europe he feels quite impor-
tant no doubt. I presume you may give up all Gomez
owns you, it is, too bad. I forgot to say father is pretty well
with rest of the family, he was much pleased to see John
seven years since he saw him, I am to take his wife up
soon as they cannot both leave at one time, all might
think you looked much like father I think so too, you would
like to see him I know, I intended to go out there, but I
must write to you first, I mailed ^{a letter} to sail on the 5th inst
for San Diego. — I have not decided on any land to buy
intend to look around when the weather is more moderate.
Your Uncle Wm is very weak & feeble, the Dr thinks he cannot
stand it long unless he profits greatly by the cool weather, his
time, he has been ailing a long while has lived below all expectations
it would look strange to go there and he not be there but a change
will take place, before long, I hope for his gain. — How truly I
hope and pray you will take great care of your health as you
have been mercifully blessed so far therefore do not be negligent

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Mr Lanny has been sick is better - I asked Nurse what
was the reason she did not answer my notes she replied one
did not receive the other for a few days after date, I told
her I thought she was out of town as she seems to go she did
not go I certainly thought her excuse a poor one she said
she hoped I would look over the neglect. I told ^{her} I presumed
she would not be pleased with me had I have done so but
all is made up I am to go soon then we will have a fault
She did not leave any message for me at the office than
was all right we are all well at present thank mercys as all
depends on health - I have not heard from her, since you came
John & wife are well was here on finding the funds it difficult
to get a horse as they are very high at this time, a great number
of houses are required on the Sixth Avenue Hall Road &
Eight Avenue, N. Road. I think he will get one soon
I want him in business badly you may be certain
but all will be well with him I think his health is
improved he has been better this summer than last
as he has done by tinkering about the place painting
and the like, it will look quite spruce when done
so I do not mind who is jealous and who is not, if he is only
profit by the operation I must take good care of my own first and
will too I am sorry sister listens to such unkind feelings she
must repent it one of these days I am certain she never was
taught by me I do not think she cares much for me she
know the value of me when I may not be as near to her
as I am at this time it shows is the pity that she who I have
fostered in my bosom care so soon forget me not that I think
she will be of long life - therefore when it happens I must
be prepared I wish she had not married as we were so comfortable
my address corner of ...

together and could do as we pleased I know I am deprived
of many enjoyments but if she gains I am bound to
give up, but, to a greater degree than I contemplated
I must roll myself up and look to the means for my own
comfort for mind and body, or I am a foolish Mother and endeavor
now, to forget my former feelings all that lies in my power
as all I ask is kind treatment, for all I do a small request
of my own children, but I will beg myself up and procure
for myself what I might expect for a return of service
but the word is do you do any thing more than is your duty - No
I reply but I want duty in return or I cannot do more but it
is of little avail to try to convince therefore I will let them
alone awhile and return to those who please me better, I
well know you will not be satisfied with my detail
I did think at one time I would not pain you with
this account. Should the Mr. live not answer I would
go to John as they perhaps might leave Mr. - keep your
mind easy I would not go with them, any more, I like
my own best and not to be at the mercy of strangers
or those who are all self. No, matter how much people
tell me the love, and not manifest the same in conduct
it is all gab, to me, as father says, "I am not so old as that
yet" but I will well not tire you any more only I wish
you to see I am aware. Again I trust and hope you are
in prosperity and established in good business with Mr
Glinton and will in time compensate him for choosing
to go hand in hand with him - May the Lord bless and pre-
serve us all is my prayer Anna, said you this year
very fat and stout I sometimes picture how you look then
I go to your likeness that informs me poor fellow I hope to see
him again he has been preserved so far I still have faith
in whom I trust do think often of us all good bye
Your Affectionate Mother, Rachel Whaley.

Dear To

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Sau Brigo. September 3^o 1852.

Dear Mother,

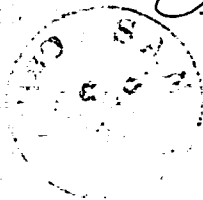
I have received several letters from you lately but owing to the little time I have to spare I could not answer them nor is it possible now. I perceive you have many troubles and difficulties to contend against from which I would gladly relieve you by some aid or otherwise. It surprises me that those who are with you instead of trying to make your life a happy one make so much contention among themselves. I will say nothing about this at present nor about other matters in relation to law suits or property matters. I could not write by last steamer and really can not by this - I am occupied night and day eighteen hours out of the twenty four. There is much to do in the store and over run Hinton and myself to attend to every thing. Business is very brisk at present we are doing well, I am averaging over one hundred cases of fifty dollars per day for the last two months and increasing as the busy season advances - Should things continue as at present I hope to become the sole proprietor the first of next April as Mr. H. thinks of retiring as he finds his health declining from constant confinement. Our stock is very large over ten thousand dollars every dollar of which is paid for. You will think some odd but such is not the case my interest being very small I have to purchase my interest out of the profits of the business to be paid for at the final settlement. I find Mr. H. the same as ever, generous and open hearted and

Remain the enclosed to Anna. I have said since this letter enclosing her account. Do this the early morning if possible.

I think I shall never have cause to regret my connexion with
him — so far I have been unable to make any compromise
with Gerke He insists for the whole amount. Such being the
case I think he will wait along while as I shall not pay
him before I am worth a great deal more than at present
and before having paid others who are entitled to their
money. Say nothing to nobody of my prosperity —
the weather is excessively warm — I enjoy good health —
The steamer from Panama arrived to day. Hope to have
some good news — This is all I can say —

Yours Affectionately
The Wharney

Called for
received 5th of October 20



Miss Rachel Whaley
Corner Millington & Laurence
Brooklyn -
N.Y.

San Diego September 3rd 1852.

Dear Anna,

It is almost as impossible for me to write
by this steamer, as it was to do so by the last.
However I send you a few lines that you may not
feel anxious for my safety. I am in perfect
health and have as much to attend to as it
is possible for me to do. This will explain why
I did not write by last steamer and excuse my
writing so little by this. ~~do~~ don't you ever en-
tangle forgive me and not attribute it to negligence.
I should much like to write you a long one in-
cluding Allen but it is quite out the question.
You will hardly believe me but such is the ac-
tual fact. I am engaged night and day
at least 16 hours out of the 24. and when I
return to rest it is to think of you sleep
Anna and then fall asleep. I am doing very
well and more fortunate than you and thank
everlasting myself. I shall certainly send for
you to don't say you won't come. How
happy we will be when we are reunited! My love
to all and thousands of kisses to you and
Affectionately
yours
Wm. W. Harvey

Miss Anna C. Conway



Brooklyn Sept. 12th 1852

Brooklyn Sept. 12th 1852

My Dear Son.

Yours of July 2nd lies before me which I have responded to in my maternal way by writing two communicative letters. I am anxiously expecting

~~to receive my youngest letter as you was to write as usual~~
Anna, was at the office, a few days ago I wish she had called on me, she promised to do so when I had her advice last time, I will remind her of her kindness, but writing has commenced no longer. Thomas, me & Sister have been at board, on Sheep Head Bay opposite to Long Island we were much pleased and improved for the time we were there had we have heard of the situation we should have went much earlier in the season we are all in the enjoyment of health at this time, and sincerely hope you are in possession of the same blessing. John is quite well, says he has not felt better for many years, ~~to~~ a great compensation to me for my expense and trouble and hope he will succeed in business if he can find a good horse reasonable he saw one last week for \$100, he thought it to high, but horses must be lower sooner as hay is very high at this time his children grows finely I was up last week the 8th Avenue, Rail Road is out to 5th St by horse power, fare 5 cents from Chamber St to Broadway - You will find great improvements when you return I tell people you are coming next June - as that is the time you name me and John often speak of it with great pleasure. I live in hope to realize ere long which makes me all excitement to read of your continued success I have had great patience as I am truly desirous

My Dear Son,

Brooklyn Sept. 12th 1862

My Dear Son -

Yours of July 2nd lies before me which I have responded to in my maternal way by writing two communicative letters. I am anxiously expecting ~~to receive my daughter's letter as you was to write each man~~ Anna, was at the office, a few days ago I wish she had called on me, she promised to do so when I had been called last time, I will remind her of her kindness, but John has commenced no doubt. Thomas, me & Sister have been at board, on Sheep Head Bay opposite to Cory Island we were much pleased and improved for the time (we were there had we have heard of the situation we should have went much earlier in the season we are all in the enjoyment of ^{of health} at this time, and sincerely hope you are in possession of the blessing. John, is quite well, says he has not felt better for many years, ~~was~~ a great compensation to me for my expense and troubles and hope he will succeed in business if he can find a good horse reasonable he saw one last week for \$100, he thought it to high, but horses must be lower sooner as hay is very high at this time his children grows finely I was up last week the 8th Avenue, Plain Road is out to 51st St by horse power, fare 6^{cts} from Chambers St & Broadway - you will find great improvements when you return I tell people you are coming next fall as that is the ^{time} you reason me and John often speak of it with great pleasure I live in hope to realize ere long which makes me all excitement to read of your continued success I have had great patience as I am truly desirous

Brooklyn Sept. 12th 1852

My Dear Son -

Yours of July 2nd lies before me
which I have responded too in my maternal way by writ-
ting two communicative letters. I am anxiously expecting
~~to receive my father's letter as you was to write each month~~
Anna, was at the office, a few days ago I wish she had
called on me, she promised to do so when I had her advice
last time, I will remind her of her kindness, but business
has commenced no doubt. Thomas, me & Sister have been
at board, on I keep Head Bay opposite to Long Island we were
much pleased and improved for the time we were there
had we have heard of the situation we should have went
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he thought it to high, but horses must be lower sooner
as hay is very high at this time his children grows finely
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by horse power. fare 63 cents from Chamber St to Broadway -
You will find great improvements when you return I
tell people you are coming next Jan^y as that is the ^{time}
you return me and John often speak of it with great plea-
I live in hope to realize ere long which makes me
all excitement to read of your continued success
I have had great patience as I am truly desirous

to see you once more I saw Mr L. Smith he asked me
if I had heard of late from you I said I had and that you was
still at San Diego in good employ, and was in hopes soon to be
able to pay off all or part of your responsibilities, he said but little
further he does not look very well since his return from Europe
Mrs Montgomery hears constantly from Mr M - y she has
no small task, to mind her five boys, little Ned has hurt his
leg I ought to go there to day I am really sorry for him -
I have not heard from him since I came home from
the Bay. but I presume father & all are pretty smart.

Well, my boy the leaves begin to fall which reminds
me of Autumns approach, tis fine and cool at this time
I must go up town to see the people I have not heard
of. Hermintha since her marriage - I know I have
been considering all day of your good prosperity and how
happy you and I feel under such circumstances, and Mr Hinton
likewise to be connected with so faithful a person as yourself, he
are bound to prosper if all is right, my respects for his selection
John, and I went yesterday to the Evergreen Cemetery his plot
from Wm Burgh ferry, 500, acres of land, nicely arranged only
3 or 4 years, saw John Devos, plot a private monument note
Vault, a small notice to each one, the name in raised letters
across the top very neat - there are but few plots fenced around
but the paths are made and marked as in green wood we
have not decided what to do, but it must be attended to this
fall, there are ^{an} three entrances to the grounds, we may choose
it but we will go to Guilford and see Sept 15th one of the Mail
have come I hope to get a letter from you. All is uncertain with
respect to ^{the} remaining in city as the Times, does not pay as
well as they expected, the directors are to have a meeting then it will
be known, he may return to Baltimore I should not go with
them, as I must remain in, or near to city I shall be sorry
for her to leave me.

San Diego September 17th 1852.

Dear Anna,

I am at a loss to know why I do not hear from you as frequently as formerly, and can only account for it in this way that your letters have miscarried. Since my return from San Francisco, June 2 I have received only one letter from you and that was of an old date. Do dearest Anna write to me again and be sure to include to San Diego. I should be so glad to hear from you again. It would revive my drooping heart and make me feel like an other man. I fear that you have been unwell you spoke so eloquently in your last. How I should regret anything of the kind! God grant you health and strength and that the time may not be far distant when we shall meet to part no more. Things still continue favorable with me and I see nothing to prevent the fulfilment of my most ardent wish, to dwell for you shortly. You could not refuse to send or I will never forgive you as you may depend to find everything comfortably arranged to make you happy. I received a letter from my friend Puffed by God,

man who accuses himself of neglect in not seeing to see
you more frequently and as he desires to know your
address I suppose he intends going to see you to make
every apology. George is a fine and noble spirited fellow
who I esteem very highly and for my sake I wish you to for-
give him. — Debbie Anna, my time is much oc-
cupied, I have very little time to write but as soon
as I hear from you again you may depend upon
a longer letter again. — Now my love once more
requesting you to write to me more frequently
if you have been neglectful, and with remem-
berance to your mother and sister who I hope are
well, I subscribe myself with undiminished regard

Very affectionately

Wm. W. H. C. C.



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Miss Anna E. Sannay
Corner 4th Avenue & 12th St
New York

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San Diego September 19th 1853

Dear Mother,

The last steamer brought
several letters from you which I
have scarcely had time to read, much
more time to answer. I have a great
deal to write to you and much advice
to give, which I will endeavor to have ready
for the next steamer. In this I am only ex-
pressing my own disapprobation of the
causes of your troubles and most sincerely
trust you will find the means to ex-
pate yourself, from them. Your last letter al-
most discouraged me with the wish ever to
return home except it was to see you dear
mother, had I should become embroiled in
the family matter. What a sad thing it is!
I deplore it from the bottom of my soul. —
I am well, and still continue, and hope
to continue to prosper. Remember me
to all and tell them to be friendly and not to
cause you so much trouble. Their grievances
could proper explanations take place, they will find
imaginary, and that you must try to effect —
Yours Affectionately
H. D. Whaley



came to
found 13th of Oct

Ms Rachel Whaley
Corner Lawrence & ^{1st} ~~1st~~ St ~~St~~
Brooklyn
New York



Mr. Whaley. Dear Sir.

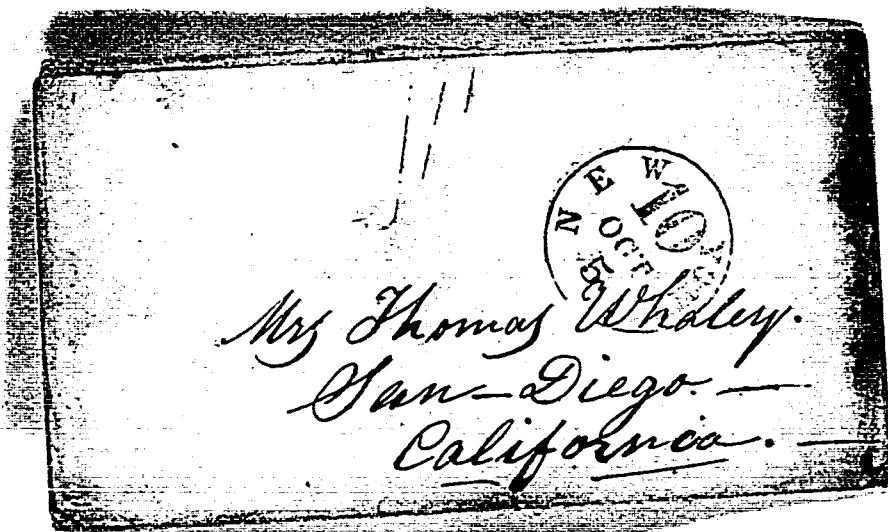
It is impossible to express my feelings
more, but a Mother can understand them
therefore, the best way is to submit to
the will of providence and place all my
my confidence in Him who rules all things
He, alone knows that by complying
to your request I, (whose ~~life~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~
but a pure sacrifice) am now making
the greatest you know my dear Sir - how
valuable Anna is to me you are aware
of my present situation, sickness, through
weak health has kept me in so many
difficulties as I have not been able to
attend to my teaching as punctually
as I wish to do and you are aware
that Anna, (by teaching English and
French) has been our support.
But her happiness will be my
consolation and the only reward I
wish for all I have done therefore
bid me the blessings of God
be upon you both and believe me
I am ever your friend.

V. G. Larnay.

Saturday September 2nd 1859.

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Mrs Thomas Whaley.
San Diego.
California.

Burke Oct 2nd 1811

My Dear Son Thomas

It is with great satisfaction I inform you of the receipt of your welcome letter dated Aug 1st - happily indeed was it to learn that you enjoy the vigorous health for which I am grateful to the giver of all good likewise for your continued prosperity in business concerns and hope soon rejoice with you in person. O my son when will you be able to return us all - at present we are tolerable healthy which will cheer you to hear after an absence of four years wishin' three months more could have passen the length of time that has glided on. Still I trust all will be well and you may be permitted to tread your native soil once more I dare not say I anticipate it will be on the anniversary of your departure it would be a jubilee indeed - one would say I was forced to disappointments God grant I may be able to bear up under all I may have to endure on the lower hill of life & by do I often weep when I have great reason to wonder what the future will bring forth I have witness'd from the Lord's Brot I will not afflict you with long letters of my woes at heart I will buckle on all my fortitude & assisted by a higher power than my own. Thomas you write that you are occupied in business from Sep to Dec until then at night as you say you must be making money with you I hope indeed that you will be more than capable if possible to would well or fairly afford me great pleasure to look upon establishment you must be well supplied with articles of all kind you say your present position has treated you hardly & generous I really rejoice with you John was much pleas'd to see your communication which paper will enable you to pay off all debts and place you in the situation you so earnestly wish - When the facts are not accept of your compromise I wish to be as impartial as possible be aware of your position in business do not let it in as soon as possible as it will be well to be as complete as you will do it for the best I am pleas'd to know that you are a possessor of several farms I am greatly pleas'd to know that you have no mind to war the Indians I must have a word or two to say but I trust you will not set face to it by leading yourself to sleep to be very oblig'd to my advice

Brooklyn Oct 2nd 1852

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happy indeed was I to learn that you enjoy the vigorous
health for which I am gratified to see given by all good business
for your continued prosperity in business concerns and hope soon
rejoice with you in person. I trust, in time will you be able to return
us all - at present we are tolerably healthy which will cheer you
to hear after an absence of four years without those smiles who could
have forseen the length of time that has glided on. Still I

trust all will be well and you may be permitted to tread your
native soil once more. I dare not say, I anticipate it will be on
the anniversary of your departure it would be a jubilee indeed
once would say I was fated to disappointments God grant I may
be able to have sope under all I may have to endure on the down
hill of life; I do I often weep when I have great reason to under
stand that ~~the mercies I have obtained from the Lord~~

But I will not afflict you with longer details of my woes at heart
I will bundle on and my fortitude supported by a higher power than
my own. Thomas you write that you are occupied in business some
six or seven months at night as you say you must be making money
with you I hope indeed that you will be more than capable if
possible to would most certainly afford me great pleasure to look
upon establishment you must be well supplied with articles of all kind

you say your present partner has treated you so unjustly & wronged I
realy rejoice with you John was much pleased to see your commences
which hopes will enable you to pay off all debts and place you in
the situation you so earnestly desire - When I do not accept of
your overtures I wish you would be informed you will be aware of
your position & necessities do not let me or your father as it
will be best, but I am confident you will do all for the best

I am pleased to learn that you are full of moral vigor
I am greatly relieved to hear that you give no reason to war the
Indians I must have a very comfortable bed I trust you
will not set fire to it by leading yourself to sleep so be
very careful of my advice

you, Dayton, was gone to San Francisco & we
had seen his father. Perhaps he may pay it well we shall
be returned to you. Thomas how very strange it is that
you get my letters so rarely. Now by I believe your Aug 16
one I returned 14th I wrote five last month. I hope you
will write to call on Anna who has a bill on her against me
I was occupied in teaching here people on the Plaza make my
me it is \$3.00 per month. I said to her she had
I shall leave in a few days for Newark to visit my aged
parent when I return I should be happy to see you to spend
some days with me that you may see some beauty as you
do. I should be happy to do so so she will com-
e to let you know on my return but not by word to her as
she did not answer we last see she received from me then we
said Mother was sick we were left when would they be off
Thomas makes up her mind to go in an I say I must talk
to her on the subject when she comes as you desire she speaks
of me with much affection but I am sure she is do so. I have not seen father since he
attended his nineteenth year will go soon hope you may see
see him & your love. I am employed here for a time
I have had command. Had were done with a young man in 4th
Row near 2 & 3rd. I hope he has a home to his wagon
and has commenced peddling I hope as you see he will pro-
sper and I am compensated for my kind attention and assistance
he appears fully to appreciate the aid & support having been
employed in the Army so long he has lost more or less his business
energy it was best for him to be employed so I thought his
business would be the most health to him and the least blame
and part of the cost of the business for \$100. he is now
this will help to pay expenses as the tax is \$17.00 per year
I am pleased to see him prosper and I will do all I can
to be out of his way as it may be and I will do all I can to do
well though he is not a merchant I have nothing to give other
people and which gives great pleasure what do you say for that
I hope says she cannot see if they were to be in the street

Handwritten notes in the right margin, including the name "John" and other illegible text.

One thing certain I will not be subject to his selfish treat-
 ment any more therefore, I shall not go with them, let consequences
 ensue as they may. I hope, you know I should be glad to part
 with your sister, that would please her more than trouble her
 if she is happy, that is all, I must submit he is certainly not
 the kind person I took him to be, he was so thoughtful and
 I, mother said was new & good, but now, it is interesting, but I have
 reminded him of my remarks as they was married, but what does he
 care, though we live in the same house, we do not speak unless we
 please, you can make up your mind, now I live, I write here
 at all events, I think he would like it, but for my child's sake,
 I will endure for a while longer, as it was her wish for me to go
 to New York in the same house, I pay half of \$, 300 - therefore
 I am quite independent, what is a fine feeling, however, - I wrote to her
 last week informing him that I would send twice half dozen of tracts
 the first opportunity had he might think I had forgotten him, he has an
 addition to his family by this time. Things are progressing
 in city as you will see by the papers - Mrs. Montgomery has now
 last night her cousin a young girl leaves on the "Boston" to join the
 sister - Sam F., who is dwelling there with his husband in good business
 Mrs. M. may be connected with him - Mrs. H., sends her kind regards
 - to you, I hope you go to Mass. F. soon? I trust you will continue
 quite and haste to make yourself as I suppose, better, I trust
 you are a long time about doing so, if she is a good kind girl
 I will like her very much. (Elizabeth) is very willing to do all
 she can to help John, or I would be very glad, I believe I have
 written all that interest you and a little more than is pleasant
 the children are well and your fine - I will thank you to say
 as I go to town, as I have a girl she will not feel quite so
 lonely, and I must go to see all, I find it lonely to travel
 alone at times but I must get company, if I can, you need to
 come for me, as till he had his house now his business prevents
 I would take him up, but J. never is not here for company
 as yet - I think Mrs. Lanyon would have done well to move to
 Brooklyn she has a Scandinavian living there she knows she
 can be to get well and much in connection with others about it

If you were made of your name got single.

was not that it went like I did you were 13 come as she was the you was taken can say this

as I have written frequent of late I have found consider able matter
I will write again on the 20th or on the 3th of Nov. Mrs. West is
building back of the store. I see I will have to do with
a billion about I do know if he has recovered yet hope so
I must close. May God bless and protect my son in the hope

Yours affectionate Mother
A. H. Haley

San Francisco October 8th 1832

Friend Tom

News of 27th Ultime probably intended
for Ohio or La Pine came to hand by mail this day
I thank you for your promise as well as for P. & and
hope all things have been finally and satisfactorily arranged
with him for I conclude he had left, not having heard one
word from him since the previous trip of Ohio now over done

Remo provided me when less to arrange all matters P. &
and to take charge of any affairs till my return.

Mr Davis arrived by the California, and I shall take
the earliest opportunity of conversing with him on any affairs.
Yesterday & today he is in the court occupied with instructing
his court, and greeting his innumerable acquaintances.

I cannot flatter myself of meeting with success, but I shall
do my best and return to you by La Pine a mail & some
written full on their earliest departure hence.

Your note on concerning facts, they are very high in this
market a sale was made yesterday & some of 100 day @ 12
per day. they are said to be worth 20 of 25 day by single day.
When I return I will make some arrangement with you for
any quantity you may require, in the intermediate time
you can supply yourself from any stock as you want them
Show this to Remo, or whoever may be in charge as authority for
me. I will remember you to all friends & you all the same for me

Yours &c
A. S. Van Dine

Mr. Thomas Whaley

care of J. Hinton

Pa. Post.

San Diego

San Francisco Oct 8 1852

Thos. Whaley Esq.
Scrib:

I have rec^d your letter by Ohio last
trip before this & also have seen Mr Raymond, who
has the order for proceeds of your house -

I sold the house for \$500 at 60 days
to Mr Green & his brother in law, & took their ^{promissory} note
at maturity Mr Green called & said he could
not take it up just then, but would do so
as soon as his brother arrived in town - He was
at Podega trying to finish ship Oxford & had
a good job - Mr Green is good & will pay it
in course of the month with \$40 int^r - I shall
collect it as soon as possible & hand it to
Mr Raymond -

I have neglected to write before
not having noticed the sailing days of the
steamer & have always been a day behind

Respectly yours
Chas. J. Ingo

San Diego October 13th 1852.

Mrs Packer Whaley

Dear Mother,

I remit this day to San Francisco five hundred dollars for the purpose to buy a draft drawn in your favor which will be enclosed in this letter and sent to you by the mail steamer of the 1st of November or sooner if possible - You will please draw the amount and return the same till you receive further instructions from me by the steamer of the 15th of the 1st of the month. My love to all

Yours affectionately

Wm. Whaley

contains the draft

Mr. Patrick Kehay
Comu Lawrence & Millwright
Brooklyn
New York

Brooklyn Oct - 16th - 1852

My dear Anna

I enclose enclosed from Thomas
This letter on the 14th inst, the afternoon I returned from
Newark with my letter to you & making us a visit
I hope your family, are in the enjoyment of health
to whom I send my compliments. I want you to come
and see them, as at a strictly young of age. When he re-
turns home I shall expect you to spend a few days
with me for certain

Truly yours R. W. Harey.

San Diego, October 15th 1853.

Dear Anna,

How strange it is I do not hear from you. More than three months have passed without receiving a single line & were it not for the kindly mention my mother makes of you I should believe you were no longer in the land of the living. I know not how to account for this except that our correspondence has been intercepted. I have written you regularly twice every month with little exception and you must have done so nearly as often. You have I believe friends who would break the match between us and they may have resorted to intercepting our correspondence as the means of accomplishing their object. But I will speak of this no more and to guard against this letter being misarrived I shall enclose it into one to my mother to hand to you in person. Now let me speak of something which will greatly interest and afford you more joy, I anticipate, than anything else I could write about. I have long been considering as to the probability of my being able to return home very soon and I have at last arrived at the conclusion that such a thing is utterly impossible. I see no chance of my being able to return home even though my prudent predecessor should continue, sooner than a year or eighteen months; and as I have already kept you waiting a long time for me and I am myself growing impatient to see you I have determined to send for you

well knowing from the repeated assurances given me in your ma-
ny letters you will not hesitate one moment how to decide
even though a thousand obstacles ^{were} thrown in your way to pre-
vent your coming. But I will not anticipate difficul-
ties your mother has as much as I do that she would con-
sent to your coming and if she does you need not
concern the feelings of others. You must try every
means to obtain her consent but should you not
succeed in getting it and you are determined to
come you will find in my mother a friend who will
render you all the assistance necessary. I would
not counsel you clear away to act contrary to
the wishes of your mother in anything not even in an
affair of the present kind one which parents have not the au-
thority to control. Therefore I shall leave you to act as you
may think proper. You have arrived at the age when a wo-
man should judge for herself and I hope you will exer-
cise the right given to you. Should you determine to
come even against the remonstrances of your mother &
friends I see no reason why you should not. This is
a point alone you can determine. You know what
a you love me sufficiently to quit your home &
have the danger of a long voyage to show
my lot in a distant land. I flatter myself
that you love me even more than that, that you have the full
confidence in me to know that I shall act honour-
ably towards ^{many} me. The only guarantee I can give
is my word which I believe with you is the best you
could have or even desire. What a great sacrifice

you will make one
I must indeed be
sent to some
young girl who
the danger which
But no matter how
I know you will
see my mother &
I thought it best to
knowing from the deep
she will do all that
I wish you dear Ann
I have sent to her
which will be ma-
to her by the steam
arrangements for
deed with everything
if possible in one
up your medicines
ry to purchase of
everything you do
making. I suppose
the Steamer ship
would leave next
month if I receive
arrangements for
having succeeded
the protection of
many I believe

tidy yourself and your mother of the responsibility
of Capt. Joseph Hamilton which you may easily
do by enquiring in the right quarter, that you and
your friends may feel assured that in coming with
him you will be in perfectly safe hands. He told
me when in San Francisco that he thought his wife would
accompany him if so you will have the benefit of her
society and it is not an unlikely thing that there
may be other lady passengers on board besides your
self who will make it the more agreeable. The
ship is a noble one and will make the passage in
about four months time so that you will not be away
longer than it frequently happens to come by this
continent and you will be subjected to no ex-
posure whatever. A sea voyage around the Horn
at your age will benefit you greatly and establish
within you an excellent constitution. I have
written my mother the particulars of everything how
to act and she will show you such portions of
the letter that most interests you. I have not the
time to repeat to you what I have written to her -
she will inform you what is to be done in case the
Eclipse has left or his coming is postponed for
any length of time. You must determine by your
sail upon your mother to consent to your coming -
I am aware it will be a great deprivation to be
part with you but it is a sacrifice which she
must some day make. I know that you are
of a great assistance to her and that she is a man-

Dear Anna,
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to see you

depends upon you for support but all this is second-
ary in consideration to your own welfare. Do
you not tell me these are your own words in your last
letter. "I am fast losing my spirits. I must tell you
so. I have kept it from you long enough. My heart is
ready to break and if you do not return for me
I shall certainly think you do not want to see me
any more. Some body hinted to me the other day that
perhaps you were already settled in California and
felt too happy to return to New York. I know it is
not so. No. I know and feel that you love me. But if it
should turn out otherwise it would be the last of me. My
heart would cease to beat for evermore. Perhaps I do wrong
to write you thus. You will say that I am foolish. Why do
they leave me so they see that I am not well and re-
quire consolation more than any thing else. Even when I
write to you my heart is so full that tears will find their
way out in spite of me but now I begin to feel better
and shall make one more effort to be lively and gay in
spite of what my friends say to tease me!"
These few lines which I have read more than a hundred times
penetrate me with the secret of every thing and comfort me to
lament the unhappy circumstances in which you are
placed and my object in sending for you is to remove
you sooner than I could were I to wait until I see
time as I could go to bring you. You must own
able and in happy existence with the man
surrounding you and at work to destroy
mind. Now, should this dear Anna be
all yours
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when by being with me both of our hearts would be filled with
gladness. — I trust we should live very happy together
and find sufficient enjoyment in the society of each
other even though nothing else should offer to promote
our happiness and such must be your feelings. —
I would not have you stand for you did I not believe
I could make you comfortable when you arrived. —
I am now in a very thriving situation and doing
well as I have reason to do. The profits of the
store are no inconsiderable sum every month and
should things continue as well the next year I shall
be myself the second its sole proprietor. It is
as Mr. Hunter thinks of retiring from business. — He has
given a fellow as well I said noble and generous in the extreme
I owe everything to him and should look upon him as my best
father. You will like him for his plain & honest way of
living. Do not fear since that I am not doing well and that I am
likely to be doing much better by the time you were arrived
here which will probably be some where about the 1st of
next April. I will endeavor to be in New York
about the time you arrive and should I not be then
you will still remain under the protection of Capt
Hamilton or you might go to your cousin E. Coles
house should the state be residing there. You will not
be friends even without me but I do not desire
under obligation to them further than I can
order funds to be placed at your dis-
posal should any thing unfortunately happen to
me ever meeting you will find sufficient

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and to carry you back to your friends, again and
to requite you for all the sacrifices you have made as
far as lies in my power consistently to do.
I shall be in Lou. I have cited when you come and
in at some afternoon as the time will admit. The
anniversary of our marriage will take place in a few
days without delay or any unnecessary expense and
I shall be obliged to give a little party in honor of
the occasion to my friends in Lou. I hope you will
go to Lou. keeping as close for I am weary of the
trud of the bachelor way of living I have been used
to for the last three years. What happy times we
shall have, though I fear you will think my time is
too much occupied with business but all things may
be arranged I suppose to make it agreeable. What
would I not give for you to see me in the Generals
How surprised you would be. You can have no idea
if it except you have seen some large country store
in the States then you might form some idea of
the business we are engaged in. But no matter
you will see all in good time. Do not
however give heed to my profanity that is some
thing which must be kept secret. I am however
as a clerk in the house and desire to be known by
such until such time I can pay off old debts
and have a little besides to ease my own
I might dear Anna continue writing
indeed never get tired of the pleasure
calls for rest and bids me just adieu
all night
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San Diego, October 15th 1852.

Dear Mother,

During some time past I have written you very short letters and even now I must be brief though I have important matters to communicate. You must not think I am negligent. I have grown forgetful of my filial obligations but admit that the circumstances in which I find myself prevent. We are engaged in a large building probably costing as much as the rest of the stores in town and as there are only one two floors to allow to everything you may suppose we are pretty busy from sunrise till ten o'clock and not infrequently till past midnight. I do not mind this, however, I think I cannot be too busy so long as I find I am greatly benefitted by it. I will not state how well we have done during the past six months suffice it that I am satisfied. Should things continue as well the next six I may hope to be even the sole proprietor of the General Store and that too besides paying some of my other pressing debts. But I am not too sanguine having been disappointed so often already. Now I should like to return home to be with you again once more but this seems every day more and more impossible though I have determined to pay you a visit as soon as I have all my affairs settled and can arrange matters to leave for a short time. I do not know this can be sooner than a year or eighteen months. Would to God it were sooner for your

take some more notice for I know you wish to see me very much
Your long and frequent letters tell me you have not forgotten me
however indifferent others may feel towards me and I shall
cherish if possible your memory the more for it.
I have long been separated from kindred and old friends and I
feel the life I am leading a dreary and solitary one and spend
the winter months and tedious to which I am con-
stantly subjected to in a country like this. I find the great
necessity of a comfort of some kind, and not having engaged my
affections here, and my love for Anna having increased with the
elapse of time I now feel that her presence is necessary for
my existence that she alone can make me happy therefore I
have at last determined to send for her to come to me if possible
if she will be willing to share with me my lot. I have well
considered the matter and believe the wise and prudent one
moment after the repeated promises made to come when-
ever I should send for her, in the frequent letters. I am now in a
position to do this and feel myself warranted in taking the
steps which I would not do if I did not think I could
make her comfortable and happy when she arrives. Mr Min-
ton has consented to my drawing out five hundred dollars
which amount I submitted to Mr Stewart the day be-
fore yesterday to an agent there for the purpose of buying
a draft on New York payable to you upon presentation.
I also sent him a letter addressed to you requesting him
to enclose the bill of exchange and send it by the first mail
steamer which will most likely be the one leaving the 1st November.
The duplicate will be sent to me and I shall forward it by
the mail steamer of the middle November so that you

will surely receive
first - second - for you
able to give notice
in to your beloved
I must draw notice
noting my most ca-
er - may attend
place - I wish you
with the parties in
two - three - to be
direct - go to - see
Let you understand
state - the - and - to
tell - within a short
hour - few - but - little
white - apt - and - if
during - any - since
has - thought - I - have
to - and - may - me
troubled - to - others
mine - and - many
friends - are - often
like - to - provide
which - they - see
you - so - far - as - to
married - in - or - ad
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will surely receive one or the other of them. Which ever you receive
first present for payment immediately. It will be irredeemable pay-
able to your order. I have adopted this plan of sending the money
to you believing for many reasons the safest and wisest.
I must leave whether you will lend me and you will in pro-
moting my most earnest wishes and as nearly as circumstances
admit may follow my instructions. In the first
place I wish you to tell me one I have sent you money ex-
cept the parties interested and it is hardly necessary to con-
tinue them to secrecy. When you have exchanged the letter with
him or go to see him as circumstances may prompt you
let you interview with him upon this occasion be a card. I will
state the reasons why. Anna had always written to me regularly
till within a short time. It is now over three months since I
heard from his letter bearing date May 11th 1832. This is a long
while ago and it is impossible for me to account for not re-
ceiving any since then. My letters to him on my mind was
that I should have written regularly twice every month or had
to and may miss ^{the} the Post Office if they have been in-
trusted to others to mail. All this is merely conjecture of
mine and may or may not be true. I know that some of her
friends are opposed to her corresponding with me and would
like to prevent it in order to break off the protracted matter
which they seem to think will end in nothing and some have
gone so far as to intimate to her that I ought accordingly to
marry in order to influence her. But nothing they can
say or do will ever lessen me in her regard. What she
thinks I love her as fondly as ever. They may have suc-
ceeded in intercepting our correspondence but they can

never destroy the sentiment which prompts it. See this you
will better uncase when you see her. Present her the enclosed
letter containing and for her mother. When you have she has
read the one to her you will ascertain her mind which I flatter
myself can only be favorable to my wish. When ascer-
tain what are her mother's views they may or may not be
favorable. I am inclined to think the former if she con-
sider the future happiness of her daughter but should
think you find from your interviews with Anna that Mrs L.
would likely oppose her coming. I wish you would see
her yourself but not before she has read my letter to her
and had sufficient time to talk the matter over with
Anna. If after all she still says possible in referring
and Anna should feel determined to come without
her mother's approbation. I wish you would see her
all your own and give her all the assistance you
can. Anna is of an age to act for herself and has the
right to determine in this matter, notwithstanding I
could greatly prefer she should obtain her mother's con-
sent if it be possible. I am inclined to think she
will determine to come even though her mother should
with hold her consent and that she will use every means
to accomplish it which you may sanction. Should
this be the case then go hand and hand with her for and
the most if she only says the word. Having settled
these preliminaries with Anna I wish you to call upon
the agent of the clipper Express and ascertain the
address of Capt Joseph Brambleton who resides in Broad
Ct. or what would be better look in the office of

Lucas Mott

short letter
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mother I have
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I will not state
I hope it that
the next day
Lucas Mott
preparing to
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time to be
day more
to pay your
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time. I see
your mess.

when last at home as he was sick in a heavy chair and took
great enjoyment of my company for some days
I could write that expression, thank God, we are all well he may
be here to-morrow as it is a quiet day, I frequently think of you
on these occasions. I hope to see you as religious as ever to attend
to our affairs, Nov 7th, no letter has come from you as I anticipated, but
I must wait with patience, as I do for your return home, when the
year comes I shall indeed feel glad to not give you a hearty welcome home
I really wonder how you begin to look, I have been to the
here while father was in Brooklyn. When ^{from} I was to a gallery and
had two and two own likenesses taken, one was a portrait, it was a good
one, father was pleased to go. John has been some better than
he was, he is progressing slowly, I hope he will succeed in a few days
among or no money I hope he will be home before long, it is a month since
I was up to see him I must go whether weather suits or not this little
one grows finally. It remains undecided if Mr. H. goes to Baltimore
the company is to have a meeting on the 16th inst, the office he was
in city is closed he is in the city, here at present, therefore
I am quite at a loss to decide what I am to do this winter, I may
go to the mountains if they leave any, he thinks he has the best place in the
world, I must say he is very comfortably fixed. John has let his two
best rooms until first of May. I prefer Brooklyn to Newark
by far, I have a mind to buy a house, but what can I do with
a nice house, all alone I have, is fixed up for use in business
as people say, there is not much comfort living with our children
but I was willing to try. I plainly see when people has little children
they are best alone on a piece of their own, and do things as let
them alone father advises me to build on the land by John
then I can live in a degree separate or as I please but I

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I would buy a 4,000 house ^{Situated in B. n.} admirably, only were would I take it on
with me, vision being a part of it, I have a vision to see a
old fashioned house with a few (old) cows here in ^{2 miles from home} ~~the country~~
but I can not meet with this when take for me, he having
a fine store in a more popular place; I hope to come to some
conclusion, on that you may return to assist me, if
has lost its energy - I think, does not continue well though
he means well, but I feel that I can stand my things better
than in inhabitation, or neglect and why should I endure it
tamely from any one, as long as I can help my self - I quite
long to hear from you, and when your ^{own} carriage home, I don't
know if Anna has later dates from you than she, I
intended to send for her to visit me but since Father
returns home, I have been quite busy not that I have forgot
my promise, I was quite at a loss to know if you expect
Anna, to leave for your place of residence, as you did
not say a word, on the subject, I would be a great resident
ing for her. November 14th ^{Oct 15th 1845} your long letter came to hand
yesterday it gave me great pleasure to read of your good health and
pain to learn that it would be a whole year before you could
think of returning home because I had mailed so faithfully for
your return to my maternal residence. Thomas I see that you have
resolved to send for Anna and take her down your wife. I certainly
agree with you that your attention is most laudable indeed
but still if you settle there my heart misgives me to say where I
shall behold you again & may I dare not oppose your wish and de-
sire as you say it may you can be happy my belief is that
her Mother will chose it as Anna contributed to the family support ^{double}

I am indeed pleased that you are well satisfied with your last six
months labor you say you may be still more successful but when will
you pay us a visit I should my letters could not fail to prove my inter-
anxiety for my absent son who I know can but cherish a desire
to see once more your determination is sent from Anna, if she alone
can make you happy - more especially as it is of so long standing
I do not doubt but it is in your power to make her comfortable and happy
as you appear to arranged matters most admirable I hope Anna will
comply. I do not see how you could more regard her than is writ-
ten in this package of letters I think you was right to interest the
wrong to me I will do all I can to assist you believing you to be sincere
in your intentions and follow your instructions as near as possible
I intended to write a note to A - to come on Friday requesting her
to come on Saturday to spend a few days with me but rain prevented
had she have come, she would have been here when your letters
I should have been much pleased. John says he will call on Monday
and tell her I wish to see her for a few days. I will than I can un-
fold all you have written as her mother may oppose her paying me
a visit after receiving your letter I cannot tell if your services are
correct respecting your correspondence with Anna but I should say she
receives your letters of late If her mother disapproves of you why
has she not just a stop to it long ago. I will attend to the affair
as respects her mothers mind and kind Anna and according that
if she inclines to join you I would with you prefer that she should
be willing as it would be hard to act against her - I will find
Capt Jas^l Hamblinton who is no doubt in your way I hope his good
good will him all these questions I find ask with others as you
direct the way may improve her health I would like Anna
with me but I presume she would prefer to remain with her friends
I think your instructions are good with respect to her cloths I will do the
best I can reading of our letter occasionally get common cloths for baggage
the spoon silver your warm flannel made on I would say 1/2 doz of tea 4 table
dessert & salt & a butter knife or two sheets, pillow cases, shirt, towel
all good to provide when Anna and William see how very well you
have provided for her daughter they must feel satisfied with you
I shall see Anna to morrow as to day is Sunday then I can write for

No receipt of any amount I am at a loss for money what ever day of the week

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months labor you say you may be still more successful but when will
you pay us a visit I should my letters could not fail to prove any inter-
anxiety for my absent son who I know can but cherish a desire
to see once more your determination to send your Anna, if she alone
can make you happy - more especially as it is of so long standing
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correct respecting your correspondence with Anna but I should say she
receives your letters of late. If her Mother disapproves of you why
has she not sent a stop to it long ago. I will attend to the affair
as respects her Mothers mind and send Anna aid according that
if she incline to join you I would write you further that the Mother
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I desert 2 salt & a butter knife or two sheets, pillow cases, shirt, towels
all good to provide when Anna and Mother see how very well you
have provided, from her daughter they must feel satisfied with you
I shall see Anna tomorrow as to day is Sunday then I can write off

The receipt of this enclosure you are to give to the post office what are the day of the post office

7th mo

Chenack Oct 22, 1852

Dear Sister,

We were all happy to hear of you and Father's safe arrival, and hope he continues to feel as well as usual, the weather has been changeable, some sunny fine days since you left, I suppose you both enjoy each other's company no person to interrupt the conversation, — of course we do not know when to expect him home — one reason for writing is to let you know how Chaminster is, not much change since you saw her, her appetite continues good and she sleeps well with a little restlessness some times, ~~Dr Ward~~ was there the day after you left and consulted with Dr Tappan since do not consider her dangerous, but says she must sit in cold water twice a day I hope she will find relief when that is tried, she is in good spirits I think, sends her love to you ^{and} Father, I have been with ^{her} many days since you saw her, have had pain in my face and head for a week, — very happy to hear that you have received letters from Thomas, and that he continues in good health have received a letter from Richard, he is well, his goods assured in good order that is well, — I will send the space if I send the coat, but if the weather is so pleasant we thought it would only be a trouble if he did not wear it, — — — Old Mrs Willson was buried on Tuesday, and old Mrs Smith on Saturday last, tell Father but tell him slowly about Mrs Smith, poor old ~~man~~, she is gone

to rest, rather sooner than I expected, we did not know that
winter Friday that she was so low, — — — —
I suppose when father comes you will come with him
he must go to see Mrs Smith if possible, she will like
to see him, Jane and Priscilla send love to all —
tell John and wife we shall expect to see them before
the weather gets cold, remember us to them —

with every word of importance
to write / believe,

from your Sister

Angelina

P.S. the Father the
taxes are paid

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New York Nov 4 1852

Friend Tom

If I may call you but
a mighty poor one at ~~that~~
Yours of the 17th came
duly at hand and much obliged
for the long communication I
am very sorry you have acted
so badly towards me, but at any
rate I will be righted in of the
five days I expect me this comes
to hand to be on my way to Au-
stralia so you can hand over the
amount due me to Mr J. Beck
firm of Beck & Man

I have not seen
~~your mother since you have~~
left, but if in case I should
she would hear of her from
her dear & beloved son. She is
the only one that prevented me
from exposing you in all the
New York Ledger & California
you can find all a-
bout me by enquiring from Mr Beck
who intends returning on the 20th
of next month

Yours Respect
A. Weston

Rose
Ogden - Henrich, Hanner, Goldman
County of
Selling liquor to us
Loug's Robbery



Brockton Nov 14th 1852

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Miss Anna Lamy

I have been prevented
by circumstances to send for you to spend
a few days with me since father's return
to Newark I should be pleased to see
you on Monday afternoon I shall be in
Ct on that day not nearer to you than
corner of Woster & Fourthth from there I go
to Mr Proque in Fourth Street near ~~to~~
Mrs Jones if you please call there at
3 or half past please ask for me then you
will return home with me if you
please. My son will be would call at
your house on Monday least he may
be detained I will write this note
I trust your Mother & sister are in
my regards to them I hope you will
accept my invitation, as I have a letter
from Thomas & one for you

Truly Yours
W. Whaley.

Nov 15, 1852

to Anna's Mother
Victoria - explaining
why Anna should
be allowed to come
out to Calif to
marry him

(Confidential)

New York, March 10th 1853.

Mrs. Victoria O'Connell,

Dear Madam,

A month since I wrote you and just
before your daughter Ann's coming to California but that
circumstance should have intervened I seem to recollect to
address you again upon this subject which engaged my
my time and attention. I may reasonably think that the
most proper way would be for me to go after Ann if I ap-
preciate her so highly and in this I perfectly agree with you, but
when you understand the present state of my financial position
I trust you will make no objection whatever to her coming
I would certainly prefer waiting a while longer for my return
if I knew I should be able to return home within
a reasonable time. I had considered the possibility of such an
event taking place within the next
eighteen months or longer and as I have already postponed
this matter beyond the time I proposed it has become
urgent for Dr. Spence's continuation and for a variety of
reasons the disponding tenor of his letters to me. I know
that she is not happy at home and that she suffers
on my account the knowledge of which torments me
more than you can imagine. I would relieve her from
this and place her in a position where she will be
as comfortable as she can desire and that she will

be happy with you I think the attachment of more than four years
 ought to be a pretty good guarantee. You may possibly think
 it strange that I can afford to send for Anna yet not be able to
 go myself for her therefore it is necessary for me to explain my posi-
 tion to you. You must be aware of my having at one time been
 very deeply involved in debt and that even at the present
 time I have considered her though the amount is insignificant
 or what it was. ^{My share} has been effected by purchase and
 the latest account and I am happy to state that I now pos-
 sess more than sufficient to liquidate every dollar I owe and have
 something handsome remaining besides though my arrangements
 with another uncle must admit of my paying my creditors
 for some time to come. I am now engaged in a very lucrative
 business the trade with which I am connected is doing
 the largest business in San Domingo share of the profits from
 which cannot be less than five hundred dollars per month.
 Thus an ordinary person and saying to attend to
 everything else that we are constantly being demand
 pressed have my affairs so long as my present engagement
 lasts and even though I could it would be at a greater
 sacrifice than I could afford besides the arrangement
 which it would occasion in everything. You may not
 attend I possess everything to make Anna comfortable
 be and happy. This is not much society here beyond the
 Country people. There may be some 9 or 10 American set-
 tled here with their wives & families. The climate
 is one of the finest in the world fire scarcely ever
 being requisite during the season.

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written - I have not meant to say nothing to defeat the
expectations of every thing to make Anna comfortable during the
voyage and to provide her with a delightful out fit of
everything. I have thought it best to make my mother the
instrument of this, knowing that she had the time and money
to take a deep interest in an affair so intimately connected
with myself. She speaks very highly of Anna's health
life passing with the idea of her being the daughter
which will act as an additional inducement for her to
live in the mother's care. I think you will agree to
with her in everything to expedite matters as far as
possible. I intend that Anna shall come with the
Capt Hamilton around Cape Horn. He
believes that this will be the safest and most expeditious
route under the circumstances of the coming season.
as the Capt. will probably make the passage in
less than four months. Capt Hamilton
is a gentleman and an old friend of mine. I like
to know concerning Anna's coming when last we
communicated. He proposes to take the best care
of her and to decide her to her safety in
Holland. You may repose every confidence in
him besides it is not likely that Anna will be
the only lady passenger and there is some proba-
bility of Mrs Hamilton accompanying her husband
and in which event you may have a pleasant
Anna under the charge. I do not wish Anna
to think of coming in any other way than with

My dear Mr. ...
I have received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am well at
present. I have not much news to write at
present. I have been very busy lately. I
have just received a letter from your
mother and she is well. I hope you
will be able to visit us soon. I have
not much news to write at present.
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mother and she is well. I hope you
will be able to visit us soon. I have
not much news to write at present.

Mrs. Victoria W.

My dear daughter,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and
am glad to hear that you are well. I am well at
present. I have not much news to write at
present. I have been very busy lately. I
have just received a letter from your
mother and she is well. I hope you
will be able to visit us soon. I have
not much news to write at present.
I have just received a letter from your
mother and she is well. I hope you
will be able to visit us soon. I have
not much news to write at present.

(Confidential)

San Diego, November 15th 1852.

Dearest Anna,

I surprised you in mine of the 15th of last month that I had omitted to mention to my mother to delay the expediency of your coming to California should you still determine to join me and also gave instructions how you were to proceed. I had not said to her to delay what I then wrote nor if it necessary as you will learn every particular from my mother to whom I have communicated freely upon the subject again by her messenger in the event of the other letter's miscarriage. Kind regards for you & send

a letter to your mother. I have gone into a longer explanation of every thing than may perhaps be necessary with her but I thought it best to do so that she may the more readily give her consent to your coming. She may say that you shall not come but it rests with you (clear Anna) to decide whether you will or not. You have arrived at an age when you ought to have a mind of your own to say what you will do and what you will not do. She must not misunderstand me here and in speaking thus plainly regarding your rights, because I do not intend to counter you to do as she says to your mother with. I would a thousand times rather you should obtain her consent than to come without it and should ^{she} be inclined to oppose you I hope you will by argument persuasion or other wise succeed in gaining it.

But if notwithstanding all this she persists in withholding her consent
and you are determined to come you will find in my mother a friend
who will afford you every assistance. It is for this reason I have com-
mited the money to her. She will provide you with every thing to
make you comfortable. I wish ever Anna & I was so pleased as to
go after you and bring you myself to California but this entirely on
of the question. My affairs will not admit of it nor is it likely
they will for a long time to come. I have been inclined to send
you on knowing that you would feel very unhappy and if
we were to prolong the time of our union with it would be to
return home you would become the more miserable. I can-
not bear the idea of your suffering longer or my account when
it is in any power to prevent it. You have promised me to
come whenever I should find for you. Now for dear Anna
do not disappoint me. I have set my heart upon your
coming and if you do not I shall indeed feel very mis-
erable. You may think it a great undertaking but it is not
so great as you conceive. When can you go on the way
this time will pass unperceptibly and at the end of four
months you will find yourself in San Francisco.
I shall be then to meet you. We will at once get married
before even you leave the protection of Capt Hamilton
after which we will proceed to San Diego to settle there.
I shall have a nice horse always furnished with everything
to make you comfortable when we will live happily together.
You will be surprised to see the General Store. It is a large
store and contains almost everything you can think
of. Our present stock is not less than fifteen thousand

dollars every second
business in town
put together our
debt & debts
you may know
I never before
you in any way
made another
I cannot make
not nearly the
time will the
feel the yoke
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like to have us
will not like
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deliberately in
strongly and
if you only
this to you and
tell me to her
that when you
not find a man
obliged to send
she will find a
still in demand
better than you
dollar. Adieu
we may soon see

Holding the account
my mother a justice
to me. I have sent
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dollars every secret of which it paid for. You claim the best
business in town. indeed more than any. The other things
put together my dear, I am occupying some time here
and dollars. I hope you are this year and that
you may know to am doing very well. better than ever
I was before doing in California, every word of which
you may depend upon. but I caution you
your mother to keep this profoundly secret.
I cannot make my affairs known yet as I am
not ready to liquidate my debts but the
time will shortly pass when I shall no longer
feel the yoke which has so long oppressed me.
Now my love I must close to a termination. I never
like to have written something more interesting. I fear you
will not like the cold business style in which
this is written. I have been reading it over and am
dissatisfied with it and if I had time I would de-
stroy it and write another. But it must go as it
is. I can only ask you to excuse it. Do not show
this to your mother as it may not please her. Remem-
ber me to her and to America. Tell America
that when you come to California if she does
not find a husband shortly afterwards we will be
obliged to stand for her and I will guarantee that
she will find one soon enough. My young Carrie I am
still in demand but I have seen none to suit me
better than you do though they have thousands of heads of
cattle. Adieu dearest. with many kisses once the with
we may soon meet again. Yours affectionately
The Mother

Did you will probably leave New York shortly
after they reached you it is unnecessary that I
should write you again. but you will find
letters from you at Valparaiso and others of course
than I know. The Eclipse will stay here
for a day or two and will forego the pleasure
of attending a picnic one or other for some
months. I hope you will send my letters
through I shall not expect to reach it by
middle of next month since the last I received
from you was written. It is very uncer-
tain how far to me - and did not my mother
make mention of you in the letter I should
think it very strange indeed, as if I
believe that your letters have been either
intercepted or they have miscarried -
I have more may have arrived
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San Francisco November 10th 1843

Dear Mother,

By the steamer of the 1st of the month
was sent from ^{from San Francisco} you a draft for five hundred
dollars enclosed find duplicate of the same
When you have received the money I wish
you to call upon Aunt and see how I have
sent you the means to defray the expenses of
her coming to California. Let your interview
upon this occasion be done with her that you
may ascertain what she wishes in respect
to her coming if they are favorable you can enter
into a full discussion of my plans with both of them
but should her wishes object to her coming I wish you
to ascertain from Aunt what her determination is
about coming. I wish to the very nicest to come
even against the personal means of her mother
and as she is over sixteen and may act her own
pleasure regardless of her mother's wishes, wish you
to be kind to her and do all that lies in your power
to forward and facilitate her coming
This much I will say I would rather Aunt
obtain her mother's consent than that she should
come without it. Believe that the old lady will
give her consent or that if she will not, it will

be from personal interest rather than from what she must conceive
to be a sacrifice due to her child. Some day or other she
will part with me and what material difference can it
make when it is? This is something for her consideration.
Anna is certainly not happy in her present position and
if her mother should be well and sufficiently she will not de-
ny her coming to California if it be her incident with I have
every reason to believe that it is and should she be prevented
from coming her detention must be productive of serious
results. Therefore even the share of the world even en-
ough to the desire of her mother. I will not let her suffer
larger on my account when it is in my power to prevent.
It is for the mother and mother I have neglected the money
to you and intended you with the charge of everything
that's in case of need she may find a friend in you
who will aid her not alone for the affection which
you bear her but for the interest which I think
she must have in her welfare. I think that she should come in the express ship
together under the protection of Capt Joseph H. Hamilton
I spoke to him upon this subject when
last in San Francisco and he promised me to
take the best of care of her. Capt Hamilton
lives in I presume. You will ascertain his ad-
dress in the directory. I wish you to introduce
yourself to him state the object of your visit, as-
tain when he leaves for California and if it be
shoaly arrange with him the price of passage

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of passage

The amount above the passage with the exception of \$20
to \$30 you will expend in buying Anna good clothing
a sufficient quantity of all kinds. Let everything you buy for
her be of the best kind. European clothing is cheap
enough in California but I do not wish you to buy any
thing unnecessary, such as jewelry. You may buy
some beads & trinkets if you like. Also a piece of
linen to make some shirts for me should she be obliged
to just a portion of her time that way during the voyage.
I wish you to provide her with a Spanish book or
dictionary to learn Spanish and all manner reading
books as she may desire also a few necessities
for the voyage. The balance of the money after you
will either hand it to her or give to Capt. Hamil-
ton when she leaves. I think under the circumstances
this is the best way Anna could get food by and she
may be longer than expecting the I think but she will
will be more comfortable and arrive in much
better condition than otherwise. A long voyage
will be of no disadvantage to her at her age. There will
probably be other lady passengers and it is not un-
likely that the Capt. may bring his wife with
him! So that there will be no lack of company
on board. Should Miss A. come, why then Anna
will be placed under her especial charge. It
may be that Capt. Hamilton will not return to
California or the time may be just passed. Should
it not be postponed too long I would prefer Anna

They are beyond what I have named, no jewelry or anything of that
kind, but plenty of washing books & to occupy her mind
during the voyage. and on all other ~~and~~ Spanish books for
learning the Spanish language. This is all the express I
wish you to buy the balance you will expend in good
clothing for two. as to the money or this I do not wish
you can give to Capt Hamilton to be paid to
Anna after the vessel leaves port. This money may
perhaps be necessary in case the vessel puts into any
port during the voyage. She will require no provisions
of this kind to be made for her, at present, upon her ar-
rival in San Francisco. I shall attend to this my-
self, and in such a manner as to meet any emergency.
An instance I might die. This indeed would be unfortunate
for her and place her in rather an embarrassing predicament
which I must therefore guard against and remedy as
far as lies in my power. By placing ample funds
at her disposition to make her comfortable dur-
ing her stay and to defray her expenses home
again by the Shore Order to return. I say Shore
Order because in an event of this kind she might choose
to remain having relatives in San Francisco
Mrs Dr Passions is her cousin and Mrs Stan-
ard ~~the~~ an other cousin's husband a most intimate
friend of Anna's so that in no event can she find her-
self entirely alone. All I have written is in anti-
cipation of Anna coming under the charge of Capt Hamilton
It may be ~~the~~ possibly happen he will not return to
California as soon as he can terminate or the money

may arrive too late some time after his departure. in which
case you will receive the entire funds without expending
a cent of it until such time as Capt Hensel's voyage
come or until some other favourable opportunity of-
fer itself either by passage around the Horn in
a clipper ship or a cargo steamer which would
arrive after the rainy season on the Isthmus is
over. I shall leave this wholly to you and trust
of his friends & every interested third party in the mat-
ter. only I pray you to use all diligence and
let me know how you have decided to act.
One thing more - Anna herself may refuse to con-
sent in such an event you will have the funds subject
to further order. You see I wish to instruct
you how to act in every supposable emergency.
In all I propose I see one great obstacle to our
aim. Anna herself may feel satisfied that I in-
deed act in that honorable & cowardly but will her
friends be as easily satisfied? I know not without pro-
mise. I can give beyond my mind solemn pro-
mise that I will make her my wife immediately upon
her arrival in California and to save God I will
make that I will do so. - But if she or her friends are
satisfied with the responsibility of Capt Hensel's
they may exact a promise from him that he will
not deliver her up to me until such time as we
are made man & wife and if they are satisfied
upon this score I do not when their own exist-
the least difficulty or how any objection can be

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safely with and
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Call upon him and briefly state the object of your visit.
Ascertain if his lady will accompany him again to Cal-
ifornia if so Anna may be placed under her charge with-
safety etc and if she does not accompany him no hesita-
tion need be made to place her under his individ-
ual charge. He is a gentleman and an honorable man
which may be easily ascertained upon inquiry and I
make no hesitation in confiding her to him as to be my wife to his
aid. When in San Francisco I spoke to him upon the sub-
ject and he promised to take the best of care of her for me.
From him you will learn when the Eclipse leaves and arrange
the price of passage. I wish you would write to give the address
of this matter prompt attention immediately upon the receipt
of the draft as you will have little time to spare to complete all
your arrangements before the sailing of the ship as Capt Hamilton
told me he would be in New York the latter part of Novem-
ber and leave some time in December. I would not miss
the opportunity of having Anna to come by him for a great
deal as an other as favorable might not chance to
happen for some time. The Eclipse is a fast sailer and
will make the passage to San Francisco within four months.
This is a longer time than it would take to come across the South
west but I think it far the best and safest way unless she
was coming with an intimate friend. It is too the most
economical plan. The price of passage will not be more than
\$250.00 where by by the steamer it would cost \$400.00

For. Besides a voyage will benefit Anna considerably and she will
arrive in a fine healthy condition. If possible I would
like you to have Anna at your house during the time necessa-
ry to prepare everything for her journey. I have no time in
arranging things and in order to expedite matters employ as
many hands as possible. I shall not state to her the
amount I have sent therefore if you should you may make
it appear that all comes from you. By this means the
management of everything will be more completely in your
hands. I well know how it would be if I were to send the
money directly to her. I wish her to have the benefit of
every dollar I have sent and in order to give her this
I have sent the money to you well knowing you will
do all in your power to assist me in the matter.
After paying the passage you will expend the balance
of the money (with the exception of twenty or thirty
dollars) in fitting her out with proper and suitable
clothing. I wish everything you buy for her to be of the best
material and made in the most fashionable manner with
the exception of what may be actually necessary to wear
upon the passage. Common clothes are cheap enough
in California but good ones for ladies wear are not.
I cannot specify what I would particularly wish you to buy
and therefore must leave it wholly to your own discretion.
Yet I will name three or four kinds of articles for differ-
ent kinds as they are very high in California also for-
tea & table spoons (silver) also sufficient materials
for shoes, pillow case &c and some lining for sheets
to occupy her during the passage. Do not buy any

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at Hamilton
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of passage

The amount above the passage with the exception of \$20
to \$30 you will expend in buying Anna a good dress
a sufficient of all kinds. Let everything you buy for
her be of the best kind. European clothing is cheap
enough in California but I do not wish you to buy any
thing unnecessary. Get a watch at jewelry. You may buy
some beads & a few linen towels. Also a piece of
linen to make some shirts for me should the boat stop
to just a portion of her time that may during the voyage
I wish you to provide her with a Spanish book
necessary to learn Spanish and at many reading
books at the same time also a few medicines
for the voyage. The balance of the money if you
will either hand it to her or give to Capt Hamilton
when she leaves. What? under the circumstances
this is the best way Anna could possibly find the
may be longer than crossing the Isthmus but she
will be more comfortable and arrive in much
better condition than otherwise. A long voyage
will be of no disadvantage to her at her age. There will
probably be other lady passengers and it is not un-
likely that the Capt may bring his wife with
him! So that there will be no lack of company
on board. Should Miss A. come, why then Anna
will be placed under her parental charge. It
may be that Capt Hamilton will not return to
California or the time may be postponed. Should
it not be postponed too long I would prefer Anna

waiting till he does start. But should he decide
not to come again or the time be postponed too
long, then I would wish he to wait until
some other favorable opportunity offers either
in coming in a clipper ship or across the South
Pole and I desire you to look out for a
opportunity of this kind and to apprise me
from time to time the prospect of things.
The amount that I send is sufficient to de-
pay every expense in the intended I propose
for her to come and may even be sufficient
for the purpose of crossing the Southern though
it would give very little to provide an outfit
but this you can decide upon when you ascer-
tain the price of a "through passage" to Sa. Chan-
cised and direct the amount I have sent not
be sufficient you can advance it for me if
convenient or write me in time and I will
forward it. I wish nothing so prudent her
coming and that too so speedily so circumstan-
ces will admit of as it is my determination
that she shall come if she has the least inclina-
tion to do so. Mrs. Lanning may think
that I should go after Anna this would certainly
be the most proper way and most conducive to
my feelings but then it is utterly impossible and
quite out of the question. I see no prospect
whatever of my returning home should there appear

Dear Mother
was sent for
Anna's name
I thought you
ought to see
I don't sympathize
with Emma's
opinion this
may ascerta-
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more so and even then something may defer my coming.
I love Anna fondly and cannot conceive of my enjoying life again
without her presence to cherish it. Only this is nearly four years
have passed (and long ones they have been to me too long
yet am I away from her! I promised her I should
not be absent more than three. God knows I have
not untruly prolonged the time and that even now
if I could I would be on my way home instead
of standing by. My dear letter expressing my absence
the dear girl possessed a heart big with love for me
and would willingly wait her life time for me to
go back to her. But this must not be. I must return
with my dear washing present, me from standing by her
long she will notwithstanding. The rumor of my leaving
she may be separated from this world but she is bound
to stand upon the shores of California one who will
receive her with open arms whose affection will more
than equal the loss of those friends whom she will leave be-
hind. I need not tell I still continue to pro-
prietor beyond what were my amusements nearly eight months
ago. and I may freely say that there is more
time prospect of my soon being able to free myself
from the heavy responsibilities which have as it
were bound me to my dear wife. Our busi-
ness continued very flourishing and I am reaping
the reward of my industry and perseverance.

By the first of next April I may possibly anticipate
to have made enough to enable me to pay off a portion
of my acc. neg. debts, and thereby my father returns as
it is his intention of doing, to have enough besides to
purchase his interest and become my sole proprietor
of the General Store. Even then I should not be
able to return home. It will be the exact time for
me to remain to look after my business and
give to my father something which I have the intention.
How could I possibly return home without sacrific-
ing these prospects which I might never gain again
therefore I don't see no prospect whatever of my
returning home sooner than eighteen months. And may
depend upon my making her comfortable in every re-
spect. But even though ~~some~~ things should be dis-
posed of and I should ~~not~~ be able to give her only
a horse to ride in and bread and water to live upon
I believe she would be contented to stand my lot.
I have previously written you a long ^{15th last month} letter ⁱⁿ ^{which} ^{is} ^{now} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{possession} ^{of} ^{my} ^{mother} ^{and} ^{she} ^{is} ^{very} ^{pleas'd} ^{with} ^{it}
and which contains some to her mother and which
I hope you have received as it contains instructions more
fully than does this. Since last writing to you the 1st of
the month I have received yours of the 2nd. I am
glad to hear that you are all well but sorry to learn
that there is no ~~more~~ closer in the family. I will tell
you what to do - either give nothing to your children
in the least those who are apt to complain when you give
a little more to one than you do to another, that you

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and make you a
some income is cer-
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under obligation
serve you without
you a favour
Therefore I mean
to buy a house
well and live
a servant - I give
company of your
to do this. I
leave nothing for
long enough an
for themselves but
inform you well
and then will
This is what I
harrison in the
apartment
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other, that you

have the right and will see what you please with what
is your own. Why should any of us complain with you
and make your actions the subject of contention?
Your income is certainly sufficient to make you dis-
pendant of your children and you should at no time be
under obligation to them for anything if they cannot
serve you without making you feel that they are doing
you a favour when they perform any little act for you.
Therefore I recommended you after the first of May either
to buy a house & lot or hire one suitable for you furnished
well and live like a lady should with a housekeeper and
a servant. I guarantee you will never be without plenty of
company of your own selection. Your income is sufficient
to do this. What if it should consume the whole &
leave nothing for your children? You have done for them
long enough and it is now time that they do something
for themselves, but so long as they have you to depend
upon you will feel they will never make anything
and they will always be secure for distasteful
things is what you should do if you wish to restore
harmony in the family and enjoy peace & happiness
yourself. It is strange that I have not yet received any
letter from Anna; thought I receive from you pretty regularly
there is something unpleasant about this which I cannot under-
stand and did you not mention her in your letter otherwise
there was something serious in it. Anna is an extremely interesting
I am pleased to hear you were about visiting Anna to spend
a few days with you and I hope to hear in the next that she

has done so and your full opinion of his. I hope that the
will not be the last time she visits you but from that time
you will have her with you frequently. You will give
to Anna herself the account given concerning me for
her mother - I believe this is all I have to recom-
mend at the present time therefore I am mother
I will stand to a case wishing to be remembered
to all the family.

Very Affectionately
Your Mother
Mrs. Whaley

Dr. I should state I have had news of the Eclipse by the
Clipper "Harris" which left Whampoa Sept 6th. She reports
the Steam and Sloop, "Witchcraft" & "Eclipse" all loading at Whang-
hai for London & the United States. So that if the Eclipse
goes to London and from thence to New York she may not
be ready to sail again for California before January, or
February, but by enquiring who are the agents of the Eclipse
and going to see them you will ascertain more particu-
larly the time when she is likely to leave. I should
wish Anna to wait to come by her if it is not longer
than February in preference to coming any other way.
I trust the whole matter to you her and Mrs. Lanning
and hope you will use your best judgment in every
thing.

Mrs. W.

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has passed (and
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made to her coming in the summer I have proposed. I wish I was in the position to go for Anna and then all this inconvenience and trouble might be avoided but it is out of the question and even though I was in the position I could not do it without incurring a very heavy expense and losing much time. I cannot afford to make this sacrifice at the present time and as it may be a long while before I can I think it best to send for her now instead of keeping her waiting for a much longer time perhaps. I am in a position to do this and if she were here now I could maintain her as respectably as I desire and as comfortably as she could wish. And that my position will be better six months or a year since I think there can be little doubt from the present firm basis of my anticipations. Again an other reason that urges me to send for Anna is the conviction I have that she is not happy and more can be done for her and should it be much longer protracted I fear the consequences may prove fatal to her. She is annoyed by her friends taunts and teased by them and the only happiness she finds is when she is alone. However gladly her mother may be taken her comfortable situation for life yet I anticipate she will not enjoy her situation without a struggle. For some time past Anna has

embodied in no smaller degree towards the support
of the family and he less in a pecuniary sense must
prove a great one. But this to his mother shoud
not prove an insurmountable barrier to the future
happiness of her daughter. She will have time in
other left and he is fast approaching man hood.
But I can not enter too far in to the feelings of
others. Parents are as much bound towards their
children as children are towards their par-
ents. Both have their certain duties to perform.
I have written long much more than I supposed
I should have time when I commenced. I must
now come to a conclusion. I have something to
say to Anna & her mother upon the subject and
as I make you entirely my confident I enclose
them to you unsealed. I shall write very little
to either of them. You may show Anna this letter.
Give it to her as it is. It contains nothing which
I would conceal from her and much that I want
write about if time permitted. One thing I
had nearly forgotten to mention and that is
the dress of the bride. I think under the circumstan-
ces it would be most appropriate for you to present
it to her and it will be the only thing I shall ask
of you and in return I promise to send you
a rich shawl when I can better afford it.
With the dress to be of the richest material and
emphatic in every respect in the strictest sense
of the word. This is all the instruction I need

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give in relation to it. Now dear mother with-
out being able to communicate upon matters
other than those which at present engage
my attention and trusting you may bring
things to a happy and expeditious conclu-
sion. I subscribe myself

Yours Affectionately
Theophilus



New York Nov 20/52

Dear Brother

I have just been with Mettie
to see your intended she appears willing
to come but her mother seems to think
it will not do but I think Anna will
overcome her objections, you must take
good care of her as she appears to be quite a
nice girl and I think she set a great store
by you or she would not undertake so long
a journey for a Husband she could get one
nearer I have been to see if Capt. Hamilton
has arrived yet he has not arrived yet and
all things shall be attended to ^{when he does} as you
wish so as she soon be ready to sail Mother
appears to be quite satisfied with your choice
but she thinks as we all do you might of
come on and let us have a sight of you once
again I should like to see you very much
and I have two fine Girls for you to choose
after time is short and I must get this
mailed to day as Mother wished me to send
you word if he had arrived write to me
if possible all well and wish to be remembered
to you

from your Brother
G. H. H. H. H.

Dec.

1852

Victoria Lapong - to Rachel

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Rachel to Thomas

Anna to Thomas

re: Plans for Marriage
disagreement between
mother etc -

San Diego, December 2nd 1852.

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the last four years of my existence. Believe me I love you truly and
sincerely and that you feel the same sentiment towards me I entertain
with the least doubt. You have given ample and satisfactory
proof. Your words have shown it to which you are conscious must
respond. You have written that you would come whenever I should
send for you. This time has happily arrived, I do send for
you now. Therefore come you will. Do not think your words
say one thing and mean another. I will however release you
from what you may have written and leave you to act your
own free will in the matter. I have sent for you because I know
I can not return home for some time to come and do not
wish you to think that I mean to marry you as
some of your friends would persuade you to believe. But this they
cannot do, you know my sentiments to weed for that.
I would much rather prefer going home to get married but as that
is entirely out of the question I would have you come to me
immediately instead of waiting a year or two longer until
each time I may be able to leave California. I know that
you are not happy in your present condition and not wish-
ing to prolong your misery when I have the means in my
power of putting an end to it. I have sent for you
I believe that you will come though a thousand obstacles
are thrown in your way and objections innumerable are
raised but you will of course act independent of me.
I must trust your own happiness regardless of the pain
which you may inflict upon me. I promise to bear
it all with resignation it being the decree of my dear-
est Anna who I shall ever continue to love and

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think in memory till the propitious hour of our once they
arrives. Understand me well dear friend this is not a
thing which I wish to compel or even to persuade you
to enter upon against your own free will. You will do
you enter pleasure and thank you decide differently
from what I anticipate. I shall not be dissatisfied
with you though I must feel disappointed as you
will easily imagine. I am perfectly willing to
abide the time when the circumstances of my affairs
will admit of my returning home under the most favor-
able auspices provided you are willing to wait.
If you feel happier in New York than you think you
would be with me in California then remain where you
are until such time as I can return if on the
contrary you believe you would be happier with me
in California than you now are in New York, then
decide to come at once with Capt Hamilton
I should be leave previous to Mr Holman's
or after that time, under the charge of some lady &
her husband who may be coming to California who
you know will take good care of you. For further
particulars in regard to this arrangement I refer
you to my mother's letter in which I receive this.
I must now draw to a conclusion wishing to
be remembered to your mother. Adieu &c
Yours Affectionately
I wish you all a happy new year.

New York December 18. 1852

My Whaley.

Madam.

Oh, according to your request, my Daughter did not meet you at Stewart's, it is because the plain in regard to her outfit do not suit us. Do you think

Madam that I would suffer my Daughter to be fitted out by a stranger it is not your place to take that trouble it is mine. Supposing Madam, that the money came out of my pocket, would you want to take that trouble? As to the excuse you have that I have no time, I will answer that I have no found time to bring her up and provide for her and that I can find time to fit her out when she is about to leave me perhaps for ever. Remember Madam that since Eighteen years I am the guardian and sole provider for my children. I am no stranger here, people know what I have done, and still am doing for my family, therefore I deserve and have a right to expect a better treatment and that by allowing my beloved Daughter to leave me

unmarried I show towards your Son
a blind Confidence! and what
Confidence is shown towards me?
not even the privilege to consult with my
Daughter upon matters that concern us
alone! My Daughter is too much attached
to me that her Mother whom she knows
has been everything to her should be
treated with so much mistrust.

Now Madam to finish, let me
advise you not to trouble yourself any
more about this business which I consider
a private one between Mr Whaley,
my Daughter, and myself.

We are going to write to your Son,
and believe me when I assure you
that, I will not trust my Daughter
to those who do not trust me.

Those are plain and honest words.

Yours.
V. E. Lannay.

Victoria E. Lannay to Rachel Whaley : Coming Marriage of Anna to Thos.

New York, December 18, 1852

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San Diego December 2nd 1853

Dear Mother,

I was disappointed in receiving anything from you by the last mail and shall therefore look with greater impatience for a letter by the next. It is so long since I heard from Anna I despair hearing from her again until she receives the one I enclosed to you for her some time ago. It puzzles me not a little to conjecture why I have not heard from her for several months past. I believe that she has written to me at regular intervals but that her letters, if she has entrusted them to others, have never been mailed. Will not Anna however of having from her soon having requested her to hand her letters to you to forward. It would give me much pleasure indeed to hear from Anna. It is so long since that even if not for your kind remembrance of her I should either believe that she was dead or had quite forgotten me. Alas it is I am convinced that neither is the case and though the time is long since I believe I occupy as much of her thought as ever. I have not the time to write you much and as the mail will shortly close I will conclude my ideas a letter. By last Thursday I sent you duplicate draft for five hundred dollars - which I hope you will receive and strictly employ for the object specified. Do dear mother use all your influence and lend Anna all your aid to promote the object of my wishes. I do so much to see her again that I shall never give up -

pretty happy until I do. I calculate very much upon his coming & should be disappointed I must give it greatly. I have planned every thing, made up my mind how I shall live and as I am not at all extravagant in my notions I see no possibility of my being less than I anticipate. My business & its continuance flourishes I am doing better than I expected. By the first of April next in the event of my partner deciding to give up business I may hope to become the sole proprietor of the House Store or succeed in finding some one to purchase his interest. I am so much pleased with San Diego so far as making money is concerned I shall probably make it my home for some time to come at least I shall not wish to leave it so long as I am doing well. When Anna arrives I intend having a comfortable home and being rather more rational than I have been doing for some years past. I feel quite certain that she and I will be very happy together. If I did not think so and that I should have the means to promote it I would never send for her. The Society here is not as robust as it might be but then there are enough of some few American ladies with whom she may pass the time very pleasantly. All this however must be of secondary consideration to her as I believe her principal, indeed I may say her only object can be to be with me ever more and to gain that she will make every sacrifice consistent with propriety. I wish you to ascertain when the Eclipse sails and should it be longer than the 1st February, and you can ascertain this for a certainty. I recommend you to give up all ideas of his coming out in her and to look out immediately after ascertaining this to be the case for some other opportunity

either in a ship or would certainly be worthy justice to, coming by the latter month sooner since lady coming take charge of her I wish you to look a good deal on just prevent a thought to them will be no account of his coming and will not be expense of passage nor out of the pocket what is actually he with everything dear mother in the pay cost of passage you will not let it trouble yourself. He upon my father be happy to do any should she come the fact one or exasperate when to receive her upon his passage from the

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either in a clipper ship or by the ordinary route. The former
would certainly be most preferable but if you can find some trust
worthy person to put her in charge of it I see no objection to her
coming by the latter route. We should then see her next winter
months sooner. Either you, her mother or she may head of
some lady coming to California with her husband who would
take charge of her and see that she was made comfortable.
I wish you to look out for an opportunity of this kind and when
you find one not to let it pass by. It will be necessary to
procure a through ticket and it must be guaranteed that
there will be no delay whatever upon the Atlantic. In the
event of her coming by the Atlantic route the amount I have
sent will not much more than be sufficient to pay the
expense of passage therefore I shall request you to be very eco-
nomic of the funds and to buy some for her outfit only
what is actually and absolutely necessary as I can provide
her with everything she may require when she arrives. I hope
dear mother in the event of the money not being sufficient to
pay cost of passage and the little outfit she may require
you will not let it deter her coming when by assuming a
little yourself the object may be gained as you may depend
upon my relieving you immediately. I shall be most
happy to do anything if she will only consent to come.
Should she come by Steamers I wish you to apprise me of
the fact one or two weeks before hand that I may send
you a note when to expect her that I may be ready to re-
ceive her upon the arrival of the steamer. She will engage
her passage from New York to San Diego where she will find me

awaiting his arrival. I shall try to be on board to receive
him but sometimes it happens that the Steamers come in and
go out again before a packet has time to go from the
old town of San Diego when I am, to the beach or
"La Playa" as it is called, the landing place of the
Steamers which is five miles distant. Should this
happen when she comes, she will land with the rest
of the passengers with her baggage and inquire for the
house of _____ when she will remain until
I come to her. We will get married immediately by
the officiating minister in the employ of the Government
at this station when we will come up to see to see
San Diego. I do not expect you will readily find
a vessel coming direct from New York to this place
in whose charge you may place Anna though you will
readily find one going to San Francisco who will
take care of her and see her landed safely at San-
Diego. One thing more I write with you to write me
by mail by the same steamer that Anna leaves in, something
might detain her or prevent her from landing at San Diego
this is not very likely I request it however to guard
against any accident that may occur. I hope
that my plans and views will meet with yours and Anna
I submit them to your consideration. Whatever you decide
upon let me know at once. I have not time to
communicate more. Adieu my love to you.
Wish you all a very happy marriage. Your affectionate
husband
Wm. W. Walker

Brooklyn Dec 4th 1852

Dear Son

Yours of Oct 15th & 31th lies before me the
one of the 13th containing a draft for five hundred dollars drawn
in my favour, which I will attend to, in a day or two as
John, is to assist in the affair who will be here tomorrow. I
understand, by yours of the 15th that you wish me to proc-
ure a passage for Anna, in Capt. ^{Ship} Mott's, Beliscor she
is not arrived as yet, I will attend to all your directions
as strict as possible. I received your letter with yours of her
mother's enclosures, all delivered — Anna was here on the 24th ^{from the ship to go to you}
she appears perfectly willing, says her parent is willing, the
good lady appears to appreciate my coincidence very much
as you say "it will be a great struggle for her" thought she
conversed as composed, as I expected. I told her I was very
sorry you could not come home, as you doubt your stay
would be protracted if any one joined, but how could
I refuse to condescend, as it was to contribute to my child's
comfort. I told her, I had a treat to encounter she
agreed that I had. I should have discovered the capt
plain, of Abade but I was several days up the Johnsons
I did not haste as Capt. was not in port. Anna
was to have been here yesterday, but it rained vic-
tently, I shall see her in a day or two, her Mother does
not hesitate to say they are "very poor but notwith-
standing she does not wish to consent to any terms
to cause her regret at her latter end" I do not wonder

Anna consents to join you under circumstances
as they have respectively to do with. Anna said she would
prefer to remain at home to assist her Mother. Thomas
the other day I sent her a kind message she would not go
often, all was arranged, I will get a trunk and have
her best clothes put in at my house, as I feel much
indeed to be humbly, I asked her, if she wrote partic-
ularly to you that she would come, as you proposed she
replied that her Mother wrote, and she wrote in her letter
I thought strange, but, you know I am apt to surmise
I did not, send the last one enclosed to Anna as
you desired I should not, if the others had been duly
received as they had, William showed me hers, I did not
tell her, I had read, it, by your wish. Anna will go
to Capt. with me. I will do all I can, for which I shall
expect kind attentive treatment from Anna, Mr and Peter
are living alone with servants, as Wm left for Baltimore
on the 1th inst. peace and joy go with them we have
this house until May 1st. Therefore she decides to stay
but obstacles can soon be raised when people feel in-
censed. I do not wonder people object to live with their
children when they marry, as to my knowledge they appear
to love all regard for parents, thank God, it is not so with
me, but I can help myself or I would humbly beg to be put
in the old Lady's Regiment, where I could have peace
and quiet the greatest of all blessings, for old people
I intend to give \$, 60, dollars to the Brooklyn Asylum
which is just completed then when I meet with a needy

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wants in to ease and comfort shall I not feel compensated
for the cost, I answered I will indeed, I have no one ^{room} in
as I never have ^{not} done a great deal for the poor, either
it is, I have had much to do for my own, but, still I would
spare a little for that very laudible Institution. Thomas
you are indeed engaged in other with your own affairs still
a word or two in answer would be gratefully read ^{ing} and appreciated
to my long epistles. I mailed you a letter on the 20-
ult - trust you will receive it; Mrs. Hunt's former niece
letters, continuously from her M. who she says is in good business
she desires regards to you. I think very strange that
Garnet, does not call on Anna. D. G. says the little bird
down, I have you still the scales hang over you the scales
out poor. I firmly hope you will succeed in business
Anna's promises, to prevail, on you, to come home sooner
than a year and half. I tell her I hear you
staying, more than ever, I begin to think very hard of
you, and detest even seeing you again, but as you ^{state}
it is impossible just at present, I know of no alterna-
^{an} tion, as it is, to endure, unless I was to accompany Anna
I wish I had faith to do so, my ties here are much of
disposal of late; I can tell you with grief I acknowledge
but, I will abuse up to my own comfort. Grandfather was
tolerable when I last heard from him I hope you will come ^{time}
in time to see him once more they have received letters of
late from Richard who is at Sacramento practicing physic
no doubt a great Dr. John sends love to you he mailed

a letter to you in relation to Capt Joseph Hamilton's
 of whose health is pretty good, kind of all kind is very high
 therefore he cannot expect to prosper as well as in ^{his} ~~his~~ ^{light}
 I will get John to assist me to procure things for Anne
 he appears to think well of your coming for her - Tho'
 as you do not intend to return soon I know not what will
 be done with the strength house cept you it only brings
 \$100 per annum or may fix it up and let it another year
 for another time, we will see if Mr Wells builds cept year
 I would soon build me a pretty house if you was here I think
 you could manage affairs better than John I know Brooklyn
 for the purpose of extending it is more healthy than N.Y.
 Now my dear sister having communicated all of im-
 portance to you, I will cease, hoping you are in full
 health and prosperity, do I entreat you double enough off
your health with the pleasing prospect that in a few
months Anna may arrive at San Francisco in your condition
having experienced a prosperous voyage you may be able
to visit at our meeting all is in store for us I do not doubt
your fidelity to assist in the best consequence you will both happy
together near the land is at and prepare us to
meet all opportunities of the presence of you.

Yours affectionately
 Beatrix Whaley

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Dear Mother,

I am prevented from sending you a long letter
this time on account of being engaged on the Grand Jury
being foreman at that. I have thought however that
the best way in-land of the two courses was to leave
New York about the 20th December for California & then
nothing may prevent his leaving as soon as it is anti-
cipated. I wish you to ascertain whether he has
left or not, and should you find that he has
will you may perhaps succeed in making
arrangements with him to take Anna un-
der his protection. I think he would not
hesitate to do me the favour. He is a
man in whom I have confidence. His
wife is at present in San Francisco. She
is sister to George & Charles. I have in
time to explain further will soon
to write to Anna. My love to her
& remembrance to all

Yours affectionately

Wm. D. Kelley

San Diego Dec 16 - 1852

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Mrs Rachel Macey
Care of Lawrence & Miltingley
Brooklyn
New York

San Diego, Cal., December 10th 1853

Dear Friend George,

You will indeed think I should depart
this life! May God's Will come to pass as month
is less said. I wish a few lines immediately upon return
except that you would receive a longer letter from me by
the following steamer. I must apologize for not having been
able for neglecting and not being in the measure in which
I have done you - I have not intentionally done so but
seen you. During the past year I have been more strictly
confined to business than ever I was before besides I have
not thought quite so comfortable as it once had been so
that I have almost lost the inclination to write except to
those I am bound to by duty. However dear George I
will endeavor to become a letter correspondent to you
as I promised to write to you when you left
San Diego. Your letter pleased me exceedingly. It is
without exception the most interesting and soon I
received being not only a handsome letter, but will
live in a far off hand friendly kind of a way
which I should be most happy to acquire.
Such epistles will ever be welcome and be often
more promptly replied to. I never will neglect you
as I have done knowing how highly you regard me.
It is a long while since I heard from me and as you
must feel some interest in my regard I will relate to

you in as few words as possible what had transpired during the
past year or two. You will recollect the spirit in which you
left me at the Manak in Montpomerie Street which was then
about being raised upon the old plan system in consequence of
which it was raised and put in complete order for let-
ting at an expense of nearly fifteen hundred dollars all of
which I paid at the time with the exception of a trifling
amount which I need never see for the purpose which
they took upon the buildings when I was displaced
of them by Mr. Gerke, and as the buildings have since been down
they are without their money until such time as I can pay them
I will tell you how it came to be displaced. Gerke & Mills
finding that the suit between them was likely to last a long
time and that the tenants and the lawyer were the only
ones to be kept out might best to divide the property in
dispute between themselves. This was something I never antici-
pated or I should not have raised the buildings. I calculated
that the dispute between them would last a long while and I
thought before its termination to have made enough out of the
property to make myself even instead of which when I was
dispossessed I found myself indebted several thousand
dollars besides the heavy judgment which Gerke brought against
me for rent. You will recollect that I appeared to the Supreme
Court and that Franklin & Newman became my bondsmen. I never
have given myself any further trouble or expense in the

St. Thomas Dec 12 1752

Dear Son,

I have at last ^{at} ^{the} come safe
 to hand, with the draft enclosed which has been duly att-
 ended to cash, put in Banks payable to my orders I find
 that Mrs Hamilton ^{did} ~~live~~ near to us, but has moved
 some distance further, and she goes to Europe to visit
 her husband. Mr. Hazle, lives next door but one to the
 house th used to occupy, a most beautiful house I see
 ed in, as Capt. Hazle son Hazle, ^{is} ^{informed} me that
 they daily expected to hear of Capt. Hamilton, ^{arrived} in
 London. I then asked if he would sail for Calo again
 he replied yes, I said if you know if Mrs H. will accept
 my him, he said I think she will. I told him a friend of
 ours wished to go with him, he asked me if I would not
 like to go I told him I thought not, as it was rather
 to old. I shall call and discover, when ^{he} is in port
 then I shall then see him and make the arrangement you
 desire, with him by paying her Anna's passage.
 I will attend to matters and things as economical
 as I possibly can. I hope Anna is willing to be ^{my} ⁱⁿ ^{care} ^{of} ^{five} ^{or} ^{six}
 I think to keep the books at my house, get the
 muslin for drawing stomies and let my girl
 shroud it, I will cut them out ^{again} the giving ^{me} ^a
 pattern I think she ought to apply herself ^{immediate}
 to making her plain articles ⁱⁿ ^{order} ^{to} ^{be} ^{ready}
 and ^{con} ^{sent} ^{to} ^{our} ^{affair} articles made ^{but} I think
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home. ^{Anna} you being there, or said I could I desire it to his dis
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her the least bashful, I have not the least objection to her if
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Duplicate and Anna's letter enclosed which I handed to her she
and I sat reading our letters, at the same time I asked her your
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that you came as you did, she then said I have one enclosed
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yours - I replied how considerate she is. after dinner I
commenced to speak of buying her clothes of different kinds
she said she needed every kind I told her you had given me
directions to buy clothes for the voyage likewise good articles
for dresses & ornaments just as you stated she sat a while
then said she thought you had ought to have sent the funds
to her Mother, as she knew her Father best, I said Anna I
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your kind offer as it deserves: as I must say you have thought of all things and all emergency. Anna says she will not let you stay long before you come on. I tell her, then you will not care to come home. you being there, or said I could I desire it to his disadvantage radly as I want to see him. I told her how very thoughtful you had been for her notwithstanding your business business she does not say a great deal, though I do not consider her the least bashful, I have not the least objection to her if she kind manner repays you for all the favour you have Thomas the day after I received the cash for the draft, I told John to call and tell Anna to come the next day which was Saturday it rained incessantly all day, which prevented, her on Monday afternoon she came I was glad to see her I had been out on an errand as soon as we were seated she gave me your letter with the Duplicate and Anna's letter enclosed which I handed to her she and I sat reading our letters, at the same time I asked her your date, to her it was the same as mine, I said I am happy that you came as you did, she then said I have one enclosed for my Mother least she had not received the last that came in yours - I replied how considerate she is. after dinner I commenced to speak of buying her clothes of different kinds she said she needed every kind I told her you had given me directions to buy clothes for the voyage likewise good articles for dresses & ornaments just as you stated she sat a while then said she thought you had ought to have sent the funds to her Mother, as she knew her Father best, I said Anna I presume my Son has done all for the best he does not care for

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affair to know that you sent on the cash they
may say why dont you pay them but
she will be gone John said to day
that a ticket ought to be bought a month
a head but no doubt there friends will
inform them what to do as they have ^{many}
no doubt if they have not Money as do
one say they are so poor but no matter they
can be cleared that all I want I thought
to day perhaps you had enclosed ^{letter} my
in Annex I hope not as that would be
giving her trouble more than I wish
I have been unwell for two days better
to day should have felt better had I heard
from you I must wait until next Mail
I trust you will not neglect your Mother
so frequently thinks of you, her child
we all tolerate well thank mercy
my thoughts are all on my house & home
for all when they please now to close
with a Mothers blessing go grant
you health and prosperity
write soon

Your Affectionate
Mother K. Whaley

before mch 1853

PS I would write you more news
of Annsa if I knew any but she did
not invite me to call or did I her
as her whole conduct bespeaks a
perfect distaste but my opinion
is she would have been quite as
well provided for had she listened
to your very generous provisions
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all you required and I was disposed
to aid all I could as I wished to like
her for your sake my Sons
are you willing the Mott's
house should be sold for 12,000 or
\$13,000 a Mr Melan wants to buy
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~~next to ours, and wants it~~
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be best thing to do I wrote to you
in two letters I think but no reply
I was in hopes to have had an answer
by this Mail do write what ^{the} you
think will attend to a ticket for certain
when she is informed to do

people to know of our where the funds comes, if I chose it
 to be in my power to find the cash for your outfit and so I can be
 people or if any should be wanting, I can forward, if I please, I
 consider it the best plan by all means. I was sorry and surprised
 to hear Anna make the remark. I then told her I was
 perfectly willing to consult her own taste on all purchases
 which was of no matter to me ~~or that she~~ and ~~you was pleased~~
 I said; I think you mother ought to be perfectly ^{satisfied} with ^{what}
 Thomas has done. O! then said mother was not angry but she
 thought she was the one to receive the cash. I told her I would
 not deviate from your plans as I was willing to be guided by
 your directions, as then he cannot find fault with me, she
 then said but little more. Anna said she knew a young
 man Mr Palmer in Stewart's, at the silk counter, who would
 show her good articles, I then agreed to go there with her, or
 made the appointment to meet her there next day to select the silk
 for several dresses and a Merino. I and sister went, to my astonish
 she was not there or had she been so the young Mr Palmer said
 I then went with sister to make her purchases, I came home
 late in the afternoon hoping to find a note sent any. I was
 much at a loss to tell the reason I then thought perhaps you
 had written something in your letter to Thomas how mother dis
 approved of, I waited all day on Thursday the day after we were to
 meet in reg, at Stewart's not a word. on Friday I joined the sent
 to Mr Lenny. His response here it is Sunday after noon no
 word about it, the steamer sails to morrow I must learn
 to morrow if possible though I think very strange of such
 conduct as we appeared great friends at parting. I am inclined
 to believe much displeas'd towards her but can say nothing do all that lies

This is the only one of the letters that I have seen many of these people before

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advance me a bill. Will be
reimbursed immediately

Capt. Hamiltons Eclipse

T.W. to RW

S.D. Dec 2 1852

no word from Anna for
several months

Business very good

The society here is not as refined
as it used to be but there are
some few American ladies
here with whom she (Anna) may pass
the time
her if the money I have sent for
her passage and outfit is not

Madame Lanny

Brooklyn Dec 17th 52

The morning your daughter parted with us she requested me to meet her at Stewart's next day for the purpose of selecting silks for her. I left my whistle and waited for a long while supposing she had been unexpectedly detained. We left leaving a message with my friend Mr Palmer who Anna said she could rely upon. I was much disappointed on our return home not to find an information from Anna or had any come to hand yesterday or to day. I shall write to my Son on the 20th int-according to his request how we are pro-^{ceeding} greeting Madame please tell your daughter to come to morning if the weather permits I wish to consult with her on the purchase of articles for the coming events. I hope she will remain with us until Monday — Then, we ^{are} engaged to the Limner — I will call on Mr Wardle to ascertain if possible when they expect Capt Hamilton, who I shall see soon on his arrival in city, and inform him the object of my visit — Your daughter informs me that you have consented to her

leaving for California consequently I
am willing to attend to my Sons direc-
tions as near as possible providing all
things comfortable for Annas voyage
I should have called again ere this, but
Mr Shaggy takes all the time, but it
will be of short duration, as they will
soon be completed, which we will not
regret I do assure you, Madam.

I presume you will respond to this
by your daughter. My regards to your
and family. With the utmost respect
R. Whaley.

P.S. I will call on Monday if possible
I have to go to the Dentist each time
which detains us untill near dark when
we get home R.W.

Dear Mother

Thomas Mr Wardle says Capt Hamilton
has not arrived in London, therefore, he does
not expect him in York for three
weeks to come, Annas will have a
fine time to prepare I am really glad
I will go there to day as it is a fine Morning
You may rely on my expectations, as I am
very wishful for her to join you as you desire.

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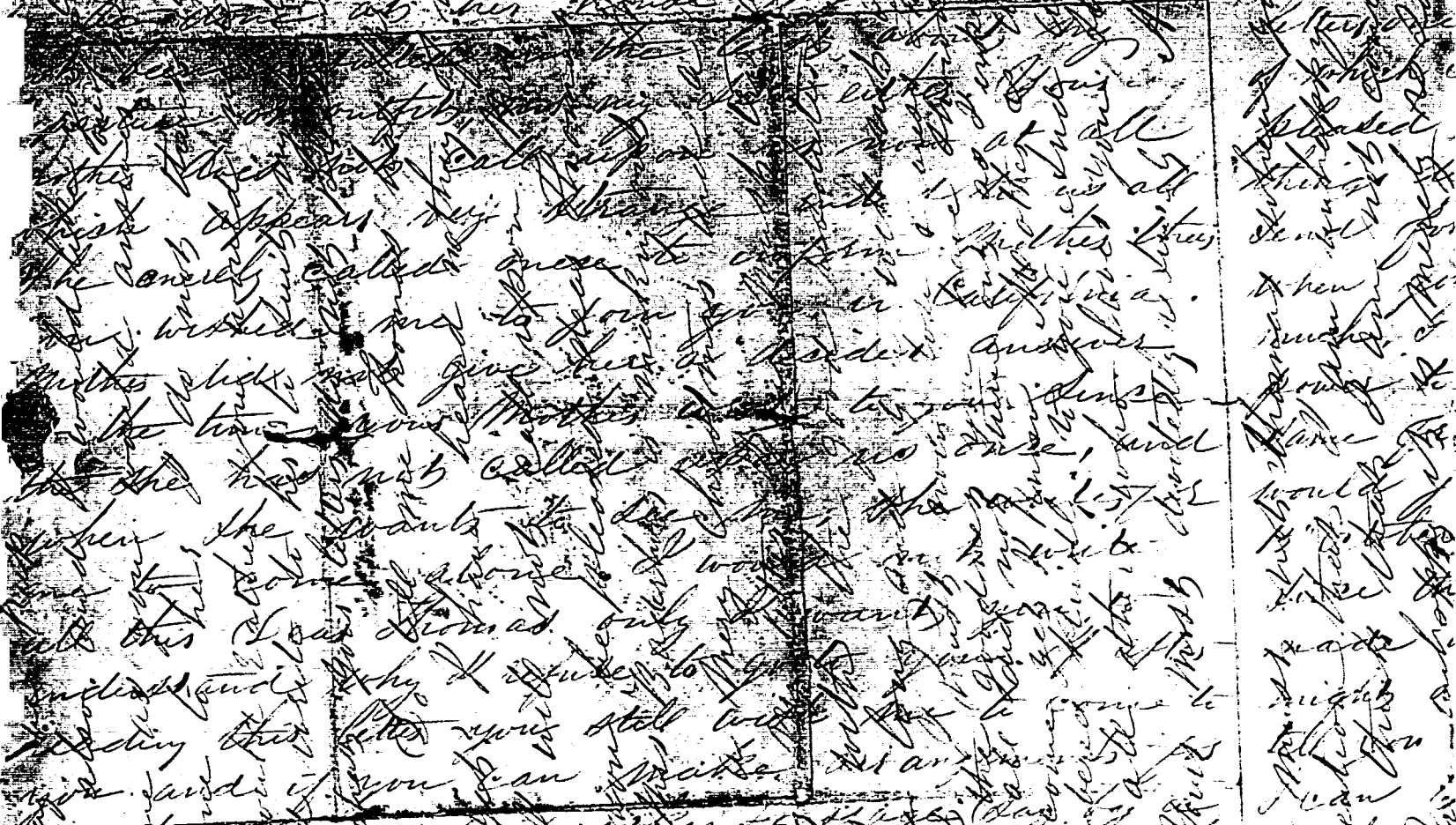
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I must tell you I have had a great deal of trouble
of late in getting my mother's health to improve and
she is now so weak that she can hardly get out of bed
and I am very anxious to see her and to be with her
at home. I am very sorry to hear that you are
going to leave for a long time and I am very
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New York December 20. 1852.
Thomas Whaley Esq.

Sir.

The tenor of your letter dated 19 Nov. has astonished us all. It seems that you appreciate very little the sacrifice I make on your account, in allowing my Daughter to join you I show towards you a blind confidence, and in return, you and your Mother treat me with the greatest mistrust your Mother pretends I have no time to see to my Daughter's outfit, I can answer to that, that I have found time to bring her up and provide for her, and that, if the money came out of my pocket, would your Mother want to take all that trouble? No! if I were a rich woman I would be treated otherwise! Remember Sir, that I am no stranger in New York, that people know what I have done, and am still doing for my family. Since Eighteen years I am left the guardian of, and the sole provider for my children, therefore I deserve and have a right to expect a better treatment. Now, as to Anna being

unhappy at home, this is too hurtful
to my feelings to let it pass, you will oblige
me by explaining yourself. It is true that since
a year or two, my health has been very bad
and that consequently, we have had very
hard times, but ~~we~~ ^{we} know a family are
unfortunate, all its members must share
the same fate, but for all that, Anna
has never shown a wish to leave her
home and a proof of it is that she has
had several chances to get married here
to Americans of good standing, but as I
said before, she has shown no wish to
leave her home. She always gave you the
preference and I always encouraged her
to wait for your return, but I was not
aware of the little confidence you had in
me I always believed you to be a young
man of fine and liberal feelings and am
willing to remain in the same opinion
if you can give me an honest reason for
your mother's conduct for I repeat it, I
do not believe all this comes from you.
I cannot think you would hurt our
feelings so much as to make us feel
our situation at the moment when we
are about to make the greatest sacrifice
a mother and a daughter can make!

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But Anna is too much attached to her mother, (who has been everything to her) to allow her aged mother to be treated with so little regard to her feelings therefore to finish I say that I will not trust my daughter, to those who do not trust me.

I remain dear Sir
always your affectionate
friend
V. E. Lannay

Brocklyn Dec 26 - 1852

Dear Son.

I have all the letters you have written of late the last in hand being Nov. 15th. I answered Dec 20th with the favourable to Annas coming with the enclosed copy of a note I wrote to Annas Mother, as I conceived their conduct very strange saying Anne left me under an engagement of her own proposing on Monday as I write to you I went to Annas left of the city to call for meat Mrs L J Anna came to the door very early and how do you do walk up stairs which I did Mrs L nearly bowed, then came up to me I wrote you a letter I presume you have not received it, I said no, had I known its contents I should not have been there I can tell you to receive such abuse. She was most violent said her character was good that I was a person of no feeling and that she had been left a poor widow and she had to struggle hard to maintain her children I told I had not come to contend with things that was not my business I had come by my sons request said it was my will not yours to place the papers in my hands I know better said she I gave up the skirts drawers and cut out my shirts, drawers, gowns caps, I think that you ought to be glad that I take such a great interest for her, I then said why did you consent to her going it was all stated in the letter of my sons to you which you gave me to read. She denied it well if you get the letter, at length she herself left the room, about 10 or 15 minutes said she could not find it and then said you will find that I was to have the cash and procure Annas suit fit. What you intend to do when I am here, will be by did you agree to it, I do not solicit any favour from you, I act in coincidence with my sons orders and as it is your daughter I cannot do all the things shall be purchased with her money. Annas said her Mother did not understand it until she cast the letter, I told her it was certainly plainly written in her letter, and her Mother it was in mine but said it, would if you have changed your mind, all is well. She said she and Mother has written to Mr Whaley an explanation, I said, you have a right to do as you please, I cannot act contrary to Mother's will did you not say she had given her consent yes, but Mother did not like the way Mr Whaley had treated her he writes very soon to her

It is the only copy of this letter that I have in my possession. I have seen it in the hands of several persons but it is now in the hands of Mr. Whaley. I have seen it in the hands of several persons but it is now in the hands of Mr. Whaley.

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if my son deceives you why did you think of your child's going only
for my blind confidence in your son I would have to let you
what I heard about your son only I did not wish to hurt your feelings
I replied my feelings are as tender for my son as ever I did not come
to have him spoke ill of or do I wish to see any more as I was
determined to act just as you ordered or I should be responsible to him
then she commenced a cry! you think great deal of your son I do indeed
why did you not help him when he left you Cal? I did said I
I know he had not but six pence to ride down with, did you not give
him some pence? No said she I ah! Madame you behave under great
stakes said I but I am sorry that I have subjected myself to such treatment you
deserve it for offering to act in my place I have brought her I must do for
I did not come to ask any questions I said I am astonished to see such
remarks then she asked will you give up the money, I cannot I would
do as I am told by my son then Anna at times said Mother Mrs G
and contends do think of the schoolers but Mrs would not let
I don't know I thought of what Mr Haffer said about her Mrs I said
she wished she had never seen me I wish that I had never come to see
you only if on any sons request I should not have come the fact is the
money if her child's happiness depends on you and you have placed the
means in my hands what care they care for that but the cash is the law
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Anna could have been married to two different goods I told as she had
been so blinded by you she had better not let her wife be blind
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they care for you or me they could not have taught Anna appeared
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will had she have wits and appeared much as a girl would have done in
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A Copy of Mrs Lannys letter Dec 18/52

Mrs Wheatley Madam,

If according to your request my daughter did not meet general
 Stewart it is because the plan in regard to her outfit does not suit
 us - Do you think Madam I want to suffer my daughter to be felt and
 by a stranger it is not your plan it is not your plan it is mine
 I supposing the money came out of my pocket would you want
 to take the trouble. As to the expense that I have in matters I will
 answer that I have found time to bring her up and provide
 for her and that I have found time to get her out when she is about
 to leave me perhaps for ever. Remember Madam that since
 eighteen years I am the guardian and sole provider for my
 family no stranger here people know what I have done and
 while doing therefore I deserve and have a right to expect a
 better treatment and that by allowing my beloved daughter
 to leave me unmarried, I have shown towards you
 a blind confidence, and what confidence is shown toward
 me in return for the privilege to consist with my daughter
 upon matters that concern alone. My daughter is
 attached to me as her Mother whom she knows has been my
 thing to her should be treated with so much mistrust. Now
 Madam let me advise you not to trouble yourself any more
 about this business which I consider a private one between
 Mrs Wheatley my daughter and myself. We are going to write
 for your son and believe me when I assure you I will not
 trust my Daughter to those hands do not trust me.

I have all plain and honest words

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 received the day after I was at her house of Mrs P. E. Lanny
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 been so very backward to me, I am certain I was all willing
 to do all they asked, but not to give up the money it would
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