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Brooklyn Jan 4th 1858
Dear Son

Again, I congratulate you
on the 22nd year, the fourth time
you left home, may you take
great comfort in days to come
if you are away from friends and
relations longer than you expect
I thought ^{perhaps} I have changed ~~them~~ ^{my mind}
and concluded ~~not~~ to go so I did not ^{write}
my letter the steamer sails tomorrow I
did not receive any letter from you the
last Mail Steamer as I anticipated but
I will look out next one Mrs Montgomery
said she did Mrs Bruce left City for
San Francisco is there by this
time. We are all in tolerable health
have not heard from Glen of late I am
at a loss to know what he means possibly
he may have turned Catholic I do not

know whether or are nearly completed to one
sitting they are grand affairs I shall
have it framed immediately I will do
the same I am sorry to say Mr Portee
did not call on Sen Shegogue on ^{day} ~~day~~
so he could not judge our ~~letter~~
he may be there are they are brought
home I told Ann to call at Mr S
but I do not think she will do so

Thomas, I trust your husband
I have not heard of Capt Hamilton
return to N.Y. I do not think you
can think very hard of Annas not
joining you as you was doubtfull of
her having a mind to do so in my
opinion she was at a loss to know
her own mind thro' a folly
she has her views no doubt she said
she and her mother had written to Mr. Whig
I guess she is pretty knowing at all
events. I hope I have written all
you wish to know receive my most
sanguine wishes for your prosperity
in business write soon saying my letters
have come to hand. Adieu my dear
Son receive this from your affectionate
Mother R. Whig

Jan 19, 1853
The under
Henry Kip
dies of
smallpox
15th Jan 1853

Brooklyn Jan 19th 1848

Dear Son

Yours of Dec 2nd has come to hand, I am
very sorry that you have not received my last letter
as I have written on the 4th & 20th for some months past
as it was so essential you should know how things
are proceeding as she has changed her mind in
respect to joining you and acts very strange but she
and her mother says they have written you a full
explanation, so have I, as I consider their conduct
not to be excused, but you will be dictated by your
own sense and reason Anna told me she supposed you
would give her up, when you receive her last letter
tis strange she expect you to receive her last as you
have not had any from her in so many months
I sent you last enclosed to her, by post did not she
deserved to have it, for finding so much fault with you
who had made the most generous proposals to her
but her mother tells me you are not doing as well as
you write, I replied I believed every word you wrote and that
I would not deviate from your directions, but I have
written you, in my last of Jan 5th all about it - I do
not hesitate to say, from her behaviour that she has not
written to you of late. I am truly sorry that circum-
stances has occurred as they have. I felt it my full duty to
comply with all your request, as I considered it would
conduce to your comfort and happiness, therefore I would
work willingly for you my child, Thomas & the unhappy

Brockly n Jan 19th 1848

Dear Son

Yours of Dec 2nd has come to hand, I am
very sorry that you have not received my last letters
as I have written on the 5th & 20th for some months past
as it was so essential you should know how things
are proceeding as she has changed her mind in
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Maud

intelligence to communicate that Fleming Wife had
sickened and died of Small Pox, dreadful malady he died on the
10th inst. I have not been up as the weather has been
intensely cold, and I feel it quite possible I feel very
sorry for Sister though she will have plenty to do
with & my remembrance of my great loss Richard even
Sacramento last accounts how very happy I should
have been to have received you home at Elgin
but I will try to have patience for your sake hoping
to see you once more. I ~~hoped~~ our Protruders are
just done they are first rate, Sister is fine looking
I am as you may suppose first rate Mr Shegogue
says it is rare to see one like it of my age thinks
you will be much pleased with it I know you will
I have a black velvet dress de maroon with deferred
scarf — I have this morning pastor agreed
to pay \$1,100. for a lot to build a house upon
in a most desirable situation. I have till Monday
I wish to see John to see about it he may be down today
I wish you was here so desirable but I will try to do the
best I can thank God we are all in the enjoyment
of health and trust you are the same do be very
careful of your health as all depends on it if ~~she~~
does not come do think is all for the best if she
does not think enough of you to join you I would
not lament about it she may see the time she may
wish she had accepted your generous offer and my
assistance when she said she wanted almost every
it was outrageous to think she wanted to buy every thing

ready made I
but you will
wonder from
but might be
to come but
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all quite right
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would be of
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have a cent
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the money &
he does not
from him &
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I will write
Mail to the

P.S. You
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Landing a

and
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she died on the
her has been
why I feel
plenty to do
Richard is in
happy I should
hope
strains are
is fine looking
Mr Shegogue
age thinks
our you will
with deferred
either agreed
upon
the Monday
down today
to try to do the
be enjoyment
do be very
if I can
best if she
an I would
time she may
her and my
must even
any thing

ready made I told the women would not admit
but you will read my letters I have not heard a
word from Anna since I was there I did not
but might have reckoned her mind and concluded
to come but not a word I think she must be like her
Mother, "as she would do any thing without her consent
all quite right why did she write and say how
unhappy without you I can tell her happiness
would be good if you would send her plenty
of money but was I you I would she should never
have a cent unless she did come or sign a
contract to become my wife, so far she has
had quite enough for her to say before me and so
I think Mr Whaley has done very wrong and to send
the money to Mother I said am not his mother
he does not want people. He knows it comes
from him for so many reasons this was said
after she received your last letter before this at
my house I said how my dear child
Mary God bless you.

I will write next
Mail 5th Feb — Yours Mother & Whaley.

P.S. you did not write what was the name of
the house Anna must inquire for on
landing at San Diego only help the officers

New York Feb 18th 1853
of the evening
Dear Son.

I am very glad to hear from you & I shall not have any more of these letters

Your long wished for letter has come to hand, but alas! it contains little or no news for me though I have been waiting most anxiously I was at Mr. Shegogue to day to settle my bill, I told him I was in great expectation of a letter on my return home I am not disappointed the carrier came with a double letter 20th - all that it contained was a few lines on the envelope with what eagerness I opened it but judge my surprise when all was written to Anna with why I, have no intercourse as she has withdrawn herself from me since the 20th of Dec, I have not seen her, how changed she was in her behaviour to me but she has been very kind that she has you to sport with, on the 25th of Oct. or she came to see me, I then said in the way of conversation. Anna have you written to Thos she said Thos wrote; why, said I, did you not write him a long letter; I, I write in Mothers, I thought very strange of her answer, I had my reasons for asking from your information I did not think she wrote frequent as you expected, but, you will have all explained if you believe their letters as her Mother said you would I am happy to learn that my letters do not miscarry as you think they do, as I have written strictly twice each month for a long while - to 20th our Mail here for Cal - My candid ^{opinion} of her is, she has changed her mind or she would not act in the way she does you wished me to be familiar with her

I have done all I could for your sake but
I trust if she can treat the matter indifferently
your case, from the principle that you have acted in
the most kind manner and if she love you as you
suppose her conduct would be perfectly different when
she had need to depend on with your sanction but if
I would have given up all to them I believe that would
have been the last of them. What business had it to
be disappointed with your arrangement when she told
me she needed every kind of article I replied you
be provided for in the most comfortable manner having
great pleasure she ought to feel for a benefactor had
she have shown signs of disapprobation at her mother's conduct
when speaking disrespectfully of you, I told her Mother I
replied on what my son wrote to me about his position on
business but if she did she must act as she pleased I did
not come here to hear my son spoken ill of I did not
say any thing against her daughter I came on other be-
sides Thomas I would have been satisfied if you had heard
of her and seen a cool conduct I watched her well as I
was all surprise but all this I have written ere this I
hope has come to hand then you will be able to
judge of all. I presume you have received
my letter where in I informed you of your Uncle H.
Kings death I am glad you poor man he suffered very much
the church is rent for know Thomas do send on a small
remittance to each one you know I often see Mr. Smith
& Mr. Hansel who often inquires about you

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of my men
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getting wiser it
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as well as I
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I've received
in Uncle H
and every thing
and on a scale
see Mr Smith
- god

I tell them you are in a good situation and
hope to be able to pay of some of your debts
or in part I should like to have the pleasure to take
a payment to them I will! I have bought a
as I wrote in my last Feb 5th - you will say Mother is
getting wiser it time & was, I shall have a new habitation &
renewed again, on any of my children, as I had rather receive
them than go to them Thomas I intend to place a
writing in Mr Harsell's hands to erect a set of my private
funds a monument to father and myself, cost \$76.00 that
is not enough \$1,000. so that there shall be a stone to tell our
Resting place Feb 10th Thomas Mr Harsell informs me that Mr
Mellen who keeps the large furniture establishment at the
corner of Chatham, St. L. is about to purchase the building
from Mr Pack and wants our ch's to add to his. He says
we must ask \$12,000 at least, I have not seen John's
I have written to Henry no answer as yet. It may be here to
day, as I wrote to him on Friday. The mail closes tomorrow
so I can write to day it being very cold to go to church
but I have many interesting details to make I would have
seen to the time of Capt Hamilton's sailing that school
the use as she declines. - For our portraits cost \$12
each, they are good, Porters said they were very good
Theodore said he would ^{know} Harriette any where my piano frame
is \$16 - 27 by 34 3/4 - larger size sister is not decided
to have hers framed just at present as she moves to Ball
he has been there all winter has been here too, we
are perfectly silent so she did not disagree. I remained
in my own room only occasionally as he suspected I would

no intercourse Sister and I live comfortable
keep a girl so mighten of us work to kill us. I have
not been home since Henry's death as Harriet was fear-
ful of the Small Pox, we did intend going last week, but,
I could not forge your letter and answer it we go to-
morrow or next day father is not pleased with my not
coming and staying several weeks, but you know I
never left H^e alone and why should I at this time if
her husband was here, little would I have been at home in
Breachly, he is too selfish for me, I can tell you, little did
I know of his disposition, she appears to do as she likes but
you know she is all prudence and economy she is a good
wife keeps knitting on hand for him all the while has little
company or does she care to do so - I wish one of my sons
had been like I was utterly restored when Anne told
me she often caught under clothes ready made I told her
how she or H^e never thought of the like - I presume she did,
did not admire my ways, but justice dictated my answer
what a pity that people stand in their own light, what
right had Mrs Lamy to tell me I did nothing for you when
you left for Cal^a I was that her business, I could have told her
you had done more than you ought to, for her children but
I merely said I did assist him, but, Madam, that is not the
cause that brought me hither, I do not wish to get again
as she is a turbulent woman if her daughter should be as she
is the Lord bless you should share in her wife.
If you must write and tell me your mind about the
Holl^d property do answer my letter in a degree and
forgive my last notes as I do yours that I may be compe-
sated from my attention to you, tis a great pleasure to
receive and answer your welcome epistles

Dear Son.
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was in great
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letter 20th
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why I have no
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variation. As
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letter 10, I
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I am happy
at you thro
each month.
Dear for
get her
she does

Feb

1853

San Diego, February 1st 1853.

Dear Madam,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your favor of the 20th December, having reference to the contents of my letter of the 15th October, requesting an explanation of the same. I beg the honor to reply.

Most unfortunately for me you appear to have entirely misinterpreted my meaning, and I regret to find I have inadvertently given offence where, in reality, none was intended particularly at a time when asking the greatest sacrifice it is possible for a parent to make. I have too deeply wounded your feelings, perhaps, even to expect your forgiveness; and, though I shall endeavor to explain myself, in the pursuit of this, I fear to incur your greater displeasure. I shall therefore be as brief as possible. You have written in such terms as to require an answer that may be plain

ly understood. I shall speak frankly without dissimulation, trusting to your liberal minded generosity for the friends of oppression.

Far from any want of confidence in you, my giving the preference to my mother was induced from other reasons than those which you suppose and as an avowal of this, I unhesitatingly remit you an order upon her for the amount necessary to defray the expense of Aunt's outfit. The reasons which induced me to make the remittance to my mother instead of to you were simply these and they were sufficient at the time to advise me to act in the manner I have. I knew not that you would consent

Wm. P. Halliday

she loved me, I thought possibly she might decide to leave home
even contrary to your will and if such were the case, I wish
her to have some friend in whom she might repose confidence.
I knew of none more fit than my own dear mother & was as-
sured would give her the best of counsel. That this was
my object I urge you to your daughter who will inform you
I wrote to that effect at the same time stating how much I re-
sisted she should gain your consent by every possible means.
I did not wish her to come without but now that you have
given it I am happier than ever knowing we shall both re-
ceive your blessing.

Another important object I
had in view when making the renunciation was to inspire in my
sister feelings of no ordinary interest for Anna. It has
long been my ardent desire that they should become acquainted
owing probably to their standing too much upon the strict
formalities of etiquette it is only recently I have had the pleas-
ure of being gratified. This short acquaintance I wished to infuse
into love and confidence; and, considering the possibility of
Anna's leaving I thought to accomplish the object soonest, if
by any means, they could be brought more intimately in connexion,
as I imagined would be the case provided my mother was permitted
to superintend her arrangements. But my mother's regret had been
misinterpreted. I trust these reasons will prove satisfactory

in regard to one of the points in your letter. Respecting
the other referring to Anna being unhappy at home my
answer is this. I imagined that if she loved me as I
loved her, she would desire to see me very much and
as that could not be she naturally would feel unhappy
no matter how comfortable she might be in other respects.
I judge of her feelings from my own with this difference only
I believe there are more intense. I cannot help thinking of

her and how happy we
thought upon working
I say she is ever present
her renunciation on a
can have the least
The idea that we have
miserable. God bless my
return home by the
Obtain her for my
I have written letters
affairs and the one
differently from us
nothing from her she
provided I could
formia otherwise I
have empowered me to
mindful of her prior
the pledges we have
arrangements differ
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ever continue in
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which I have given
yet it exceedingly
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upside confidence.
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who will inform you
of how much it is
possible means.
and that you have
we shall both be
'instant object'
to inspire in my
for Anna. It has
become acquainted
with upon the street
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as I wished to repair
the possibility of
object I could, if
timely in connection,
mother was permitted
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prove satisfactory
later. Respecting
happy at home my
the loved one as I
very much and
need feel unhappy
in other respects.
This difference only
not help thinking of

her and how happy we might be if united. This is my first
thought upon waking and the last upon retiring, indeed I never
say it is ever prudent to my imagination. If I have little
the miniature ones I have done do a thousand times. She alone
can have the least conception of how much I love her.
The idea that we have been so long separated makes me feel
miserable. God knows my heart, and that if it were possible I would
return home by this I should wish it to convey this to
Anna her for my own. But this can not be and so
I have written Anna who knows the precise state of my
affairs and the motive which prevents me from acting
differently from what I otherwise would. I have kept
nothing from her secret. She has always promised that
provided I could not go home, she would come to Cal-
ifornia where we I should send for her. Circumstances
have compelled me to make the request and that she is
mindful of her promise her last letter fully proved.
She pledges me her word to secure provided I will make
arrangements different from what I have and this I
must cheerfully do in the manner in which she has
proposed. Having explained the two points re-
ferred to in your letter, I can only hope what I have
written will prove sufficient to settle the good under-
standing so long existing between us and that it may
ever continue unbroken. I would not knowingly hurt
your feelings in any way and if after the explanation
which I have given, you should be aggrieved, I shall re-
gret it exceedingly, and before hand beg to be forgiven.
My regard for Anna alone is sufficient to prevent me from
acting otherwise than becoming a gentleman. And here
she is, it is respect for her who will not be

in me a friend and protector to the fullest extent in my power. I am at present interested in your family no further than the affection I have for your daughter but when she shall have been reunited by marriage and I am made your dependent it will be ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} may require. I have deeply considered your position and the ~~great~~ sacrifice you make in parting with Anna who contributes so largely to the support of your family. She will indeed be to you a great loss but as a parent it is right for you to consider the happiness of your child which must in a degree console you. It must have been to Anna a severe struggle to decide between natural affection and the promptings of love in making up her mind to join me. It is the strongest and most undeniably proof that she regards for me it of no ordinary kind which I shall ever appreciate most highly. I do not wonder she appears contented at home and has never shown a wish to leave it, much as she would come to California, notwithstanding the offer made her from men of standing in Mexico; but I imagine that which you take for evening happiness, is fatigued or rather results from habit and may be in some of her complaining of ill health. and you will find, if I mistake not a perceptible improvement in her from the time it is decided she is to leave home till she reaches me. I have prolonged this letter beyond all length, but I was determined to write you fully, to leave nothing unexplained to deter Anna longer from coming as I hope trust and pray will soon be the case and relieve me from the unhappiness which I now feel. I shall write to Anna soon for particulars in regard to her coming.
I am, madam, with every assurance of my kindest regards, Dear Madam,

Dear Madam,
I have received your letter of the 20th of my letter of the 20th. Most unfortunate by misadventure I have never was intended the greatest joy I have too clear we to express endeavor to be I fear to miss them for be at such terms as by understand dissemination generosity of the from any giving the for from other and at an you are order defray the cost indeed me to stand of to of sufficient at marriage I have.
I shall write to Anna soon for particulars in regard to her coming.
I am, madam, with every assurance of my kindest regards, Dear Madam,

San Diego February 1st 1853

Dearest Anna. (Read the letter enclosed to your mother before this.)

I am rejoiced once more to hear from you after waiting most patiently so long a time. Please not scold me but I hope you will favor me with a letter by every opportunity until we meet. Your letter is long and contains a great deal for my consideration which I would like to answer more fully than I have time to do. I have written a long letter to your mother in relation to the explanation she desired me to make which I hope will be perfectly satisfactory as I desire it should be. You will see what I have written to her & be able to judge of it for yourself. How sorry very sorry indeed was Anna to think that the arrangements which I made for your coming to California have not been liked by you or your mother. I made them in the way I did thinking they would be best with the present motives but it seems I have not been rightly understood and as it would not entirely wound you or your mother feelings I retract everything I have done & leave things to your entire in the manner you propose though in doing so I trust I shall greatly compromise your mother in the matter which she

Write to your mother & please to her being there with you
I have written to your mother & please to her being there with you
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my considerably in feelings after writing to
her in the manner I have done concerning
you and I fear it will greatly lessen her
regard for me in future, but I am compelled
to save the risk of making this sacrifice
from the resolute and determined
manner you have written to have things
your own way or not to come at
all to California. I will however
make this sacrifice and grant your re-
quest as my love for you dear Anna
is sufficient to overcome every thing else.
I thought to have saved my mother's feelings
by sending an other amount to your
hand not touch that which is in her
hands but my arrangements will not per-
mit of my doing so as I have not
the right of drawing from the business
for private purposes. I intend as my
as you propose, to provide you with
funds sufficient for your outfit and
to leave the balance of the money in
my mother's hands to procure you pas-
sage &c. I do not wish to take the mat-
ter entirely out of her hands. I wish her
to take it to have some interest in you
for which you can never suffer if
you could dear Anna sufficiently appre-
ciate my motives and know the advantages

which it will
my plan for
mother, I am
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San Diego, February 1st 1853.

Dear Mother,

I received nothing from you by the last steamer but was in a clique compensated for the loss in receiving a long letter from Anna and an other from her mother. I need not say how pleased I was to hear from her after so many months time. Wish she and her mother have misinterpreted my intention in sending the money to you and I find I have given great offence when indeed now way intended but had I been certain that her mother would have consented to her coming I should have acted differently. My object in making the remittance to you was that Anna might find a friend in you in case she should wish to come contrary to her mother's will. I am glad to learn she does lately is perfectly willing that Anna should come as she desires to very much but they are very much hurt to my apparent want of confidence and say that unless I arrange things differently she will never consent to come. They seem to think I have acted distrustfully towards them in leaving things to your discretion, and say besides they never could consent to any one superintending Anna's outfit but her own mother.

is that it would be a source of humiliation to them to
be expected to tell you what they actually in-
want of. I never looked upon the thing in this light
but as they view it so I must consider it. —
I am indeed very sorry dear mother to have
given you so much unnecessary trouble but I
did it thinking I was acting wisely and if my
motive could be appreciated I am sure it would
prove so. — I am pretty confident there does
not exist between you and Anna that recipi-
city of feeling which I wish and have tried
to cultivate. All my efforts I fear have suc-
ced in nothing. — I know not where the blame
you have so far acted fully in accordance with
my instructions and I thank you for it though
perhaps you may have been rather over strenuous in
some respects. I will merely mention this to you in
strict confidence. Anna complains that you wish
her to make ^{or rather proposed that she should make} her own clothes when it was impossible
for her, owing to duties at home. — Now this I did not
with certainty, I should prefer having them made by
others that they might be completed more expedi-
tiously. Now this is a very sincere matter. However she
was displeased with it also with the idea of being dis-
quint according to your plan to come to stop
with you and that she should be allowed to
make nothing home. I do not blame you dear
mother because you have acted as you have thought
expedient and in a degree in accordance

with my wish. —
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with my wish; I ordered things so knowing how very poor
ly off the old lady was thinking that if she had
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Anna might not have the full benefit and perhaps
be prevented from coming to me. — But I have
deeply wounded Anna's mother's feelings. The lat-
ter had written me rather a severe letter and taken
me sorely to task. I have written her a long reply
answering her letter in such a way as will remove,
I hope, all unpleasant feelings and give the utmost
satisfaction. I now find myself, dear mother, com-
pelled to act differently from what I wish, but cir-
cumstances necessitate me. Anna says she can-
not come unless her mother is permitted to provide
her outfit and that if I arrange things as she desires
she pledges me her word certainly to come but
not by Cape Horn as the passage would be too long
for her. I have every confidence in her and must
from necessity trust her mother. I am perfectly
willing. I do not think the old lady under the
circumstances would apply the money to any
other object than the one intended. I am willing
to run the risk the money is of no consequence
but the disappointment of not seeing Anna would
be sore indeed. They desire only what may be
necessary to procure her outfit and as I think one
hundred and fifty dollars is necessary for this
purpose I have given her an order upon you for this
amount. This will leave a balance in your hands

of three hundred and fifty dollars a sum suf-
ficient to pay for her passage and incidental ex-
penses by the way such as making the Waltham &c.
When Anna is ready to leave I wish you to procure
a through ticket for her on one of the Pacific Steam
Company's ^{mail} Steamers from New York to San Fran-
cisco which will leave it optional for her to stop
at San Diego or to San Francisco as may be
determined upon. I think it is my desire she
should land here as it will save me the expense
of going to San Francisco after her. When she
starts I wish her to have at least seventy five
dollars to defray the expenses of crossing the
Waltham &c. This will be little enough. This amount
you will give her upon leaving, in gold. Should you
not have seventy five dollars after paying the
passage I wish you to make up the amount and
I will be accountable to you for it. I also wish
you to advance funds for other purposes such as
is for a rich wedding dress. Five dollars
which you will present to her as presents from
yourself and I will remit the same to you
immediately upon her arrival. For although I
have allowed her one hundred & fifty dollars
I know pretty nearly how it will be. The proba-
bility will have her with or some pressing business
likely to pay and Anna will not be half-pro-
vided for and it is therefore I make the request
to buy for her other clothes than what her mother
will furnish, that she may have a sufficient one.
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you really have no particular regard for Anna you will
for my sake act towards her as though you had,
pretend great feelings of kindness towards the old
lady and Anna entering into this view with
cheerfulness and seemingly approving of them —
I feel convinced unless you interest yourself
this wish for me must delay will be scouted
and perhaps she will never come. Do this for
my dear mother and I shall feel greatly obliged
to you and perhaps in doing it you may dis-
cover in Anna some trait to admire. I am
sorry very sorry indeed that you are not appar-
ently upon terms of intimacy and regret the fact.
Since I have failed, I have taken in trying to
bring it about. I have written to her to prepare to
come immediately to have every thing in readiness
so as to start so soon as the mother shall find
time or to entrust her with and not to come
unless she can find time. Now if you enter
into their plans with the right spirit you may
be of great service in promoting my views. After
this see that you are interested whether seem-
ingly or not they will in a pleasure listen to you
and you can in this way forward things
materially. You may perhaps hear of some
one coming to California who you could re-
commend to take charge of Anna. ^{Wm} / ^{Wm} /

most would most strictly enjoin upon you to see that she is got ready immediately and at the same time find some one to take charge of her. It is very important that she should leave New York as soon as possible that she may cross the water most during the most favorable season. I shall look for her about the 1st April or May at farthest. When Anna presents the order pay it immediately. Sign postage with them if then discourse warrants it and tell them that you shall be most happy to give her whatever assistance in your power. It may possibly be that you have already expended a part of the funds but do not let that prevent you from paying the amount I have drawn for as you may depend upon my remembering the same and what ever else you may think necessary to purchase for her. Let nothing prevent you from forwarding my views & expending as possible particularly if money be all for it provide to remit whatever you expend immediately after her arrival. It may be that two hundred dollars may be necessary in addition to what I have sent off to Anna crossing across the Atlantic instead around the Horn. This amount I could send you but considerably delay would be caused in sending to New Providence to procure a draft then again I do not wish at present to draw any thing from the business but if it were more probable Mr. Stanton will withdraw from the office the 1st April. It is therefore I request

you to furnish depend upon understand the to New Providence Steamers it but it may prove with you to pay at least twenty percent to pay would condone and fully do. Say I am well necessary to exp. write further it for the sake of if you think it with every thing what is deficient I do not wish not more than handily seized to be off the be I can always common as utility. Mr. I am doing eye Mr. Stanton & have stop even his interest

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to San Francisco by the Pacific Mail Steam Company
Steamer is two hundred and seventy five dollars
but it may possibly be more. Whatever it is however I
wish you to pay and to give Anna when she leaves
at least seventy five dollars which ought to be suffi-
cient to pay every incidental expense by the way they
would consume all if not more than the three hundred
and fifty dollars in your hands. It is therefore I
say I am willing to depend upon whatever you think
necessary to expend over this amount as I do not
wish further attention to be called in her coming
for the sake of one hundred or two hundred dollars.
If you think her mother does not provide Anna sufficiently
with every thing. Do not complain to them but provide
what is deficient yourself and present it to her.
I do not wish her to be overburdened with things certainly
not more than can be conveniently packed in two
handy sized trunks but whatever you buy I wish
to be of the best material and properly made.
I can always provide her with everything any way
common as I am constantly doing in such
articles. Well let thy sufficient dear mother
I am doing extraordinary well and thank
Mr. Stanton determine to leave April 1st I shall
have sufficient means of my own to purchase
his interest and find time one to associate

Brooklyn Feb 4th 1853

My long Absent Son.

Your brief and welcome letter came safe to hand of Dec 16th informing me of your health and I hope prosperity; So you are forerunner of the grand Furry. You write that you learn from A. Stetson he told me the time I met him he was to leave for Australia I was surprised to learn that Beck was about to leave for Cal^a I did not try to gain any information respecting him as Anna declared going on the 20th Dec, I presume you have had letters from her and Mrs L, likewise me giving you all full explanation of their strange conduct, I have not seen Anna since they treated me so disrespectful Mrs Lanny even forbade me to come again, her conduct was mostly harsh. But no, doubt you are fully informed of all proceedings by this time, I was much disappointed as I thought Anna firm for which reason I was willing to do all I could hand and heart, in as much it would contribute to your comfort but you will be quite capable to judge if you get their letters of explanation which they said they had sent you, I trust you will have all firmly as a man ought to, I little thought Anna would have acted in such a manner after coming and me complying with all her wishes as she spoke without reserve, to her waiting that was right if she was to go on in our name and so you will say when you hear the whole affair but I must write of other matters I wrote you on the 20th ult. saying I was about to purchase a lot of floor in Brooklyn for 1,000 to build upon I have done so, it is a grand location on the brow of the Hill from City Hall you would take great pleasure to help me build I trust you will return ere it is completed I must try to help myself as you are so far away I hope you will continue to succeed in business I hope Mr Stinton will hold on

I think it is so much better for you and him to be together. You may
write how my house is to be built the gas pipes are in the Street
Thomas, I wrote in my last the painful news of your Uncle H
Grip he died of Small Pox 15th of last month 'tis a great loss to his
family he died intestate your Aunt, has administered I have not been
up since as Harriet is alone Wm being in Bal - she expects him
tomorrow I shall go to Stewart while he is here but it is such
damp foggy spell there was a sad accident yesterday with
one of the ferry boats in the fog I would not think to go across
the rivers in a mist. I understand from Mrs Montgomery
that Gay's husband is doing well. Your Aunt has sent for
Richard to return home he was in Sacramento I hear that
R. Thorp is in San Francisco, I hope he will do well I shall
hear when I see Mrs Clark if Mrs Bruce arrived safe at San F.
We have all been tolerable well so far this winter Grandfather is
quite smart John was home last week to see him. Not
a word from Henry John has written to him his wife also not a
word I will write over more then I will stop a while I cannot
conceive what he means. I think I prefer Brotherton to Edg
Mr Wardle has bought a grand house not far from the one
we reside in, I have seen Mr Beck I do not hesitate to say
he would take charge of Anna a grand plan only think
how much care has been shown for her she does not appear
to value the many favours conferred. When her Mother
told me you had but let her to ride down to the vessel
when you went to Cal and asked me why I did not
help you I felt mad indeed I might have told her you
had helped them enough but I considered I shoud it for you
sake so I told her that was not the business I came upon
Our Portraits are done but we have not been able to
select the frames we shall pay him in a few days
as I think he favoured us very much you will be pleas'd
to see them you will excuse the trifles of my Epistle as the
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I shall write again on the 20th quite anxious to hear
from you as you may suppose and may God bless
and preserve you from all harm I remain your affectionate

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MARCH

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On board Steamer Ohio

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April 23. 1852.

Dear Mother,

Here I am at last on my way to New Orleans though I do not expect to get there in consequence of the severity of the weather till Sunday or Monday. We are now at anchor in the port of St Louis Obispo but shall leave Saint Louis this afternoon for Monday. I left New Orleans late in the evening of the 19th in company with Mr. Raymond the former partner of Mr. Hunter. He proceeds to New Orleans to dispose of a cargo of kerosphat oil and to purchase a new outfit for his vessel as he is going upon an other expedition during his absence to the States. The few lines by words written in P.S. in my last were sufficient to inform you of my present position but that that letter may have miscarried let me state that I succeeded in effecting my arrangements to form a partnership with Mr. Charles Hunter and since the 12th of the present month we have been doing business together. But dear mother it is the noble generosity of Mr. Hunter that I owe everything and best for him I must have failed. I found it impossible to raise all the money necessary when the time came so I went to Mr. H and told him my situation. He said you certainly have a great deal of trouble. I have been talking the matter

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me with Mr Payne and have come to the resolution to ac-
ceive the whole amount of your share of the purchase money
imply and do you can go and tell those who have provided
you money that you will not trouble them and then coming you
will come and we will settle matters. Now happy did I feel
when I felt with this message. That evening according to your
word I went to the store when the bill of sale was made and
the purchase money two thousand dollars paid. For certain reasons of
which you are aware I have placed everything I received from
Horton in Horton's hands and given him a bill of sale for the
same. The purchase made of P is also in his hands. Will you
think I need you to reside in such a town as Horton? I have
two thousand dollars cash in my possession more than double the
total amount I have placed in his hands. In this money I am pro-
ceeding to San Francisco where I shall remain to make purchase
while he attends to the business in San Diego. When I was
in San Diego I was known only as clerk of the St. Antonio &
it would have been difficult for any one to trace proceedings
any thing else no matter what way have been taken. I am
in San Francisco I shall be known only as agent of St.
Antonio until such time as I can arrange my affairs.
Charles Horton or "Trot" as he is more familiarly called
is a fine fellow liked by every body. It need I have been

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real positive in regard to Min. Water I am a fortunate number but that
there never were two percent better calculated to give and obtained
in business than elsewhere. The first night I went from my place
my Raymond we counted over the cash on hand and this was over
five thousand dollars a much larger amount than I should have supposed
if possible for all the stores in San Diego together to raise. This is the best
season of the year notwithstanding our daily cash receipts have been more
than seventy five dollars per day and had our stock been well advert-
ed they would have been larger. I am perfectly satisfied I am do-
ing the largest cash business in San Diego and Quincy Say in the
Southern part of California. We sell very little upon credit: this is the
point upon which I thank my wife's influence. I am glad I should
have a partner who agrees with me in this material point. Competition
in San Diego at the present time is very good there is little chance to make
money unless a man buys cheap and sells cheap and to do this and
to sell cheaper than the rest we must sell for cash. It is for this rea-
son I am to remain at San Francisco and to purchase three or four
thousand dollars worth of assorted goods a month to underwrite the store
store kept of San Diego I think I shall have about as much as
I can attend to. Dear Mother you will certainly think I have
once more fallen into good luck. You I believe I have and I
believe I may thank my steady habits for it. History in many
respects is like no novel I am entering around history during our living

Education Office 23. 1852.

On board Steamer Ohio.

Dear Mother,

I informed you in my last that I had sent an order upon the D. M. Van Hooked for letters and by the return of the Steamer I received a similar bundle of them. 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Dear Anna. Letter last in which you express your opinion of her.
Must write it again. With regard. Of course favourer
though to be seen the way unwise when you saw her
a great advantage for which no doubt you made
every reasonable allowance. No letter of the 1st Feb
ry she had seen you but cited. Say she knows that she
shall like you very much and hopes you may think as favourably
of her, that she will do all in her power to merit your esteem
to you no good. But I wish your visits to be frequent
I do not apprehend that you have had the least difficul-
ty in receiving the mortgage of 27th St lot. I think it
a very good idea of John's coming to New York and living
in the place at Bloomingdale as it will certainly
benefit his health and be of a great advantage to you
in relieving your mind of the necessity of attending
to business. I advocate by having the place free of
rent for five years provided he keeps it in repair
pays the taxes and attends to the land suit to
bring it to as speedy a termination as possible
and I have no doubt that the other will agree
to this without the least hesitation. It will be
but a small compensation for the trouble
which he will have. My John's came to New

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which I made in one of my letters some time ago
for the general improvement of all of our property
I am satisfied something should be done to make
it pay a better interest than it does and the way
which I have proposed I believe to be the best
and most expedient however if anything which
you consider better can be proposed I am willing
to agree to it and Mr W Smith has promised to
act for me. Do not forget to give this matter and
the land bill your earliest consideration. And
backward you all are. I can give you no ad-
vice regarding Drury or Sator. These are matters
of which you alone or those acting for you must judge
Regarding Deane I wrote to him some time ago and
his answer may have miscarried. You have I be-
lieve an order upon Mr Smith for a certain amount
of money to be paid to you in case he collected
from Deane. It is rather a delicate matter but still
I see no impropriety of your calling upon him (if you
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seven years delay. You say we children
must wait for the executor. If that is the case
lose not a moment's time in consideration but
execute at once. John you say is coming or at
least to if he is coming let him do so at once
or let Mrs Hope thought I prefer John if he
will only come at once and give us his cotter or
testimony until things get under way
I can only say I assent to every thing
that will prove mutually beneficial. I am
too far away to advise or even to give an
opinion therefore once for all I tell you to
delay nothing on my account to hear from
me. Mr Smith will sign or do any thing
for me that you or the rest may think bene-
ficial and where there is a difference of opinion
I leave entirely to his discretion to decide what
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man he desires to enjoy it and leave to other
some of the chance which he has enjoyed
since they have actually commenced building
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you let I recommend you to sell it if you
can get a good price I would not stand
out for the highest price as the property is
worth more now than it will probably ever be
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business you can not sell for a fair price I recom-
mend you to hold for a short time as per
sell by any means if you can pay off the mortgage with
the balance of the funds but let's decide further out of
town or out of the country would be preferable. The
concrete is probably the best though you should
go beyond 30th or 40th St. & E. then much
double in value in less than five years. The
reason I do not recommend you to take the pro-

10 each of this sale to improve the said property is
that you may keep it your own separate private
affair to do as you please with. Money
for the improvement of the property can be
raised upon mortgage in the manner which
I have proposed. I think you plan to purchase
to lease the lot in order to employ the man and
the property on 26th St. a good one and a man
wishes him to give a good price. I know nothing
about my lot at Duncan Point I have never seen
rent due which I shall look after. The title is
now in Gomez's hands I shall have it made over to
some body else. If I can but hope to make a few hun-
dred dollars in the way of collecting bad debts by going
to San Francisco. I have thousands owing to me which I never
expect to get, but no matter I have done without them.
So long of I never receive them it can make little dif-
ference. I thank the Howard family for their kind so-
litations and the old lady for her friendly attention
"not to seek for good alone". There is a time for
all things so have I a time for thoughts other than of this
world and though they are by no means frequent
yet sometimes I think of a future. I suppose

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by this time the girls are all married & married
amongst the rest. They have my best wishes -
I am tired of hearing you talk of your intention
to have your portrait taken and I never wish
you to mention it to me again until you really
have it hanging up in your parlour. The portrait
by all accounts must have been a remarkable
success one. Fine high riding and solid
balling. How I would like to see the young
ladies' faces in San Francisco that would be fine.
I have seen San Francisco the numerous times but
I have not handled any this side of Cape
Horn. I am glad to hear you are all
well. I have poor health slight attack
of the rheumatism owing to my being unaccus-
tomed to living in an adobe house for you
must know most of the houses at San Diego are
built of mud and Monterey stone is of the
same kind. Hope to be very well before
arriving at San Francisco. Excuse the
roughness of this the steamer is unsteady and it
is impossible for me to write neat and fast
Yours truly
Wm. H. Macy.

1 am Answered May 2nd 1832
Secretary

Dear Mother

It is now just our week since I arrived in this
 City but I have been too busily engaged to receive my letters
 and as the mails were short, I must be as expeditious
 as possible. I have answered all in reply of the 21st except
 one to your letter of the 15th & 16th. I am sorry you
 do not like the dejeuner sent to Anna when I
 am richer I will have another taken. though Anna was
 much pleased with that one. I should think Bro. Kegan would
 be a pleasant addition for you but you must judge for your
 self and do what will evidence most to your happiness. by
 the way Anna writes me of her mother's probable intention
 to move then also. I wish you may see her often and
 hope that you will love her as you must have a
 charming one when you know her thoroughly. You have
 indeed had very cold weather to have frozen over the East
 River. I am happy indeed very happy to think you
 have seen Anna and made her acquaintance. it is some
 thing I have long wished for and until now the gates have
 seemed very unpropitious. In regard to your giving
 Mr. J. Lee Smith a note for the amount I will have

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agreed to pay me \$200 for my interest but changed
from day to day till I left for San Diego. Under
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gave it up having lost everything which I had more
than I expected under his management. He left here
for Monterey some time the 1st April. I never ex-
pect to get the \$200.00 from him as he made out so poorly
though I may have some other money that he would not
have his note for the amount. I have not had time
to look at River Point. The property is much
disputed there as half a dozen claimants, but
belong to the Govt of the United States, State of Cali-
fornia and the City of San Francisco. I begin
to think my chance on Washu ~~then~~ Shin Shing I
have bought and paid for it twice besides being in
actual possession, having built a house upon it. I
have made up my mind to lose it and upon
all my other speculations and operations preceding
to going to San Diego so that these matters give me
no concern and if I make anything out of them I
shall be so much the better off than I anticipated.
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engage in any further speculations but attend strictly
to Commercial pursuits, in a business way - I am satis-
fied if I can make a fortune in ten years in Cali-
fornia upon the cash and success profit system. My opinion
will say is being more reasonable than ever. I have shown
myself - I have not yet had time to do better
though I have made arrangements with a friend to enter-
take for me in whom I have confidence, to effect a com-
promise. The persons which I hoped to receive referred
carpenters line of course was less when the buildings were
brought down. What would you have? - Cousin had not
yet come to California though he has written to me lately
if his intention to do so. But I don't think he does
even now and if the reports which I hear, so different
from the account which he gives of himself, are true I would
much like to remain where he is. I think he is as dissipated
as ever which I regret very much. Do not let this go
further. They gopt to him of grandfathers continued
good health and Henry's prosperity in business
He is of the time that should make a fortune. If
Henry's health is lost he might by all means leave
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of his demands against me and unless it is given either

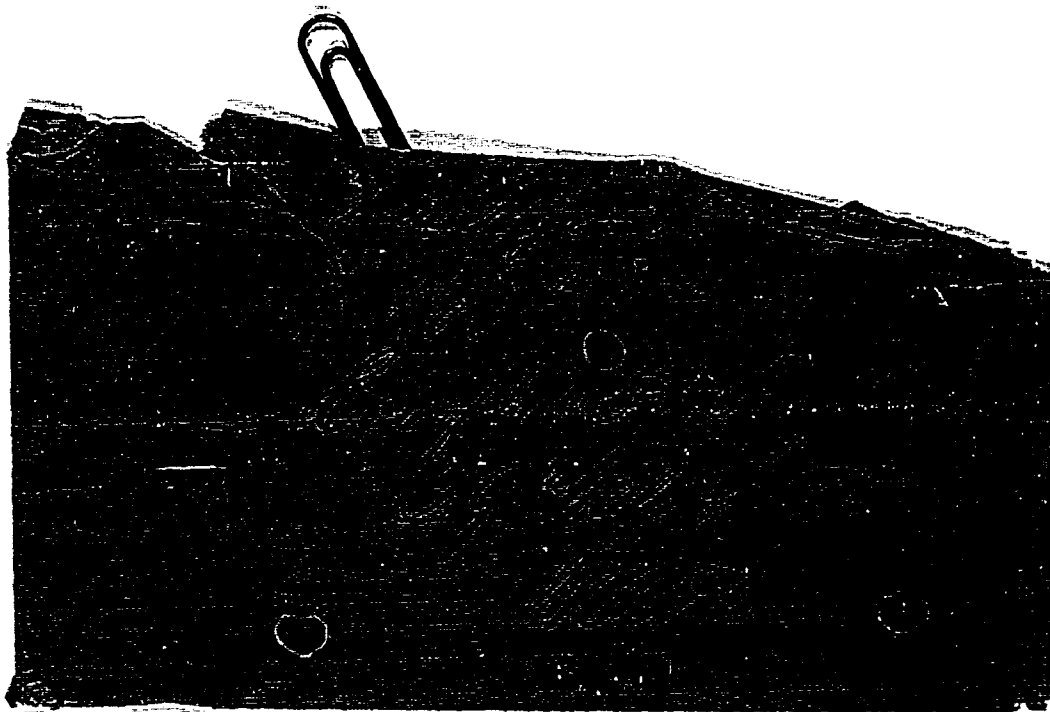
18 I ought certainly to have paid it before now but you
know what has been my predicament. I will try to pay
him soon. I forget now what the note was for but believe me
there are some other items which he owes in order in the book.
I can not understand at all why there should be so much distaste
fastened amongst the children caused by the letter favoring
which you may send them. Suppose you do give more ^{to one} ^{the other}
or even seem to have you not the right to do as you please and
are we to think that you deal impartially. I might perhaps
complain but it is not my nature now. I feel perfectly satisfied
I ask for nothing and if you have anything to give away I pre-
fer that you should bestow it upon one of them in preference
to me. I have always had enough of everything since I came
to California and notwithstanding the many ups and downs I
have always had enough to defray expenses till I could get
something better to do and I don't think I should ever
suffer no matter what my fortune may be. Therefore
if you have anything to give ^{to give} it to them in preference
to me and all that I'll ask of you and kind
words of affection to her whom my heart cherishes
most. Since my arrival here I have received
several letters from you of the following date, the 28th
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 lot see for the most you can get you \$3,500. and I suppose
 I shall then be perfectly satisfied with the operation as far
 as I am concerned in buying it for you and when I collect
 you I would take the money which you will receive after
 paying taxes and in case the same in property in some
 improving part of the city (on the 5th avenue or some
 other very good locality where the street are laid
 out) say two or three lots. The amount I should
 would not be enough to pay for 2 or 3 lots but it might
 within \$1000 or \$1500 upon which you might be able
 afford to pay the interest the same as heretofore
 until they became valuable enough to sell
 more and then take and the Hainingdale property.
 I read of Palmer's conduct towards the Pittman
 passengers before I received your letter. You speak heartily
 but then you did not know him. You differently and
 sympathize with him as I do not receive him so much
 to blame as implicated as he must have been in order
 to go into the operation by his partners ^{evidence and cases} Pierce & Sevier.
 Charles Palmer is an honest fellow and that if he has
 done anything wrong of it is not brought about of his own accord

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I find him so very unfeeling towards him cannot exchange
and I would just gladly take him by the hand and be to
him a friend in trouble. I do not wish to give honor
my friend as he has most undoubtedly done wrong
and deserves punishment. What I wish to say is
that if any fraud was intended in the case of the
ticket it has not been through his instrumentality.
He has been the duped of some designing man for which
he must expect to pay the penalty. As regards
the amount he owes me I think it perfectly clear
and believe that he will pay it some day than
fore I am not inclined to trouble him though to
be sure I wish it was paid and that the party
for whom it was intended had their money
I enclose a letter for Anna which please have
delivered. I presume they must have moved.
My letters to you have been enclosed to her to
the extent of 1395 72. I wish if after I
shall enclose her in yours, which I wish a way
to be delivered immediately as she is an im-
patient so may you speak her mother again
Yours affectionately
Wm. M. W.



Brooklyn, March 4th - 1853

Dear Son.

Yours of Feb 1th was duly received yesterday on my return from Network friends all, as well, as I could expect under the circumstance as I have written to you 3 letters since Uncle Henry's death I am sorry my letters do not come to hand as I write twice each month. 'Tis well that a letter from A has such charms after she had deluged so long or when she saw fit I presumed their letters would come to hand if they had written as they said. as I do not hesitate to say that she had not written or you must have received it. So they have had recourse to false roads to say I wanted her to make her last supper I never thought of such a thing she said she made the common one she had on I said that might do to wear on board but I can tell her it will be a long while before she has an opportunity to help me. I was all hand & heart for her, and so I acted made her welcome to my house what did receive but insult. You may state her part as you please but I must show my disappointment to all who treat me unkindly if they have changed your views they have not changed my ideas of dignified behavior to me I have had my feelings very much hurt with the deed or would I suppose you would desire me to be exposed to the like again the old woman had the impudence to tell me it was my directions not yours I am certain I do not ask the privilege of getting her outfit, only you, begged me to attend to it, I did not like the plan but always said she did not act as though she intended to go to Cal - or do I ever believe she will go until she is gone but she will take all she money she can get from you then you be treated as she pleases.

just as she has used me with the utmost indifference
I am perfectly astonished that he will listen to her mother
tales she wanted to speak disrespectfully of you to me but
I soon told her I did not believe a word of it. or
would I sit to hear it. You say I must pay your order of
one hundred and fifty dollars to Anna I will do so and
treat her with the same indifference as she did me
I last called on her 20th of Dec I shall even remember ^{day}
as I am confident you would not desire me to place myself
in such a situation a second time, and if you would, I am
not willing to brook such un lady like behaviour most
especially as polite treatment was all she could bestow and
all I expected, if she, conducts thus what will she
do if she even becomes your wife, a most gloomy pros-
pect for you only to provide for the whole family but
as you decide so be it I recommend no particulars to you
judge for yourself if you will suffer yourself to be
dictated by her mother you will find you will have ^{much}
to do. As I could not give satisfaction to them in the very
liberal manner I have acted I decline performing any further
to be liable to condemnation as I am too far advanced in
life to be quiet and tame with unkind usage I am very
sorry that I have to write thus to my absent ^{child} in whom
I feel such a lively interest tears stall to ease my heart
Anna told me she was in want of every thing, and so
I suppose. I did not wish her to stop with us I
told her what you said do you suppose I thought of not
letting her take her things home next of you and all
plain articles I wanted in case she wished to buy them ready
made a expensive plan I would not agree to it as you
said we must be sure or the money would not hold out
but all will be right as her mother plans *

Brooklyn March 10th 1853

Dear Son,

I again feel anxious to hear from you in answer to the many letters I have written though you say, in yours of Feb. 1st that you did not receive any from me in that track: what could detain it? as I write as I have till you each to ^{the 20th} of every month get and generally mail them myself then I am sure. Well the winter has passed away, alack, is the trying month there are many funerals in this place, but you know it is a large city. I was in hopes I should have been here to say, to say when he would meet me to go to the builders about my house, my Landlord informs me building material will be reasonable next month. I only wish you could see that the prospect is commanding, of a clear day ^{now} from the second story of the roof you can behold Flatiron Island, and the bay. John thinks it best late you write say. William is enthusiastic ^{let} out here yet, my dear boy, is it not time I had a permanent dwelling. When I was transferring to me I had more than I ought to expend, I replied much as it was I never stand up but little, and had I pleased I could have sold the property out there for 1500 or 2,500 which would have given me more than \$80 per year instead of which I had been paying my assessments and taxes now it was worth thousands, too well I retained it. John tells me there is a lot arising from 10th St next to ours which if we could get it would make our front on High 100 feet deep which you know would be grand. I told John the other day as we wanted money I was wishing to have the lot sold provided I could take an equal share, but he was not willing the reason I made this proposition is, he wants money and the lot is idle and what is the use of his waiting or I do not know but I might like up with the interest of my funds which would be 3000 in case it were

good or worse I wish you would write what you think of my proposition I had
suddenly thought of it, I have not made the proposition to John, plain-
ly, but, intend to do so when I see him next, as what is the use of my sup-
porting the property without income, as long as it would afford a good year
and each one can have a benefit taking their share to apply to their
own use, is this not generous, in my part, since to write and inform me
as you see I am much interested in the concern. Then each one can buy a
house or convenience to pay for one? but I expect there will be various opinions
so you will say what you think, in your next. John is in a shop to work
at present as his building was not prepared for a good stone it needs to
be raised up, as I have written the house and land is 8 feet lower than the road
since B. Way has been requested, therefore it is needful to raise the
building from a stone the ground is very soft and sandy and must wait until
it is snow dry but I am not willing for him to work steady day after day in
snow. Hope for 2 pence day he looks much better than when he came home
which pleases me, his little nose grows finely I think the youngest now after
your Aunt Angelina looks like father, large blue eyes very fair and he has a
very pleasant face the eldest 4 years, his sister John said when I saw
him last that Her, his wife and children and wife sister was to visit him the
evening to see the Palace which you have heard of by the papers
I have seen the building it looks much like the representation of the
Palace, I wish you could come, and see it, but I feel great hopes that this
time is not far distant when I shall welcome you home. I am not think-
ing it is near by, and I think grow impatient, how long I have waited but I rejoice
to hear of your prosperity and may you continue to be blessed with
health and happiness, though far from your friends and home
I entertain of you as little with friends as soon as you possess care
long long ago you had me all was arranged to do so how does
I would come on, do answer my questions, or how can I ask more?

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I am willing to write lines for you gratification only ask I will answer
or how could I stay my maternal sympathy for your absence. Richard
Dij has had ^{run out} a hard time, but now he will find himself in a state changed
position No, I rather to send to you funds, also his strength must be in his own
arm unless he may find relief in a union with Josephine Hobbs
who I think he has a fancy for. They exchanged letters as we heard
they Matthee, is a great advocate for it, I think, from all accounts
his mother says he must come home, as he can find something to do
I tell her, he has no right to head out to hose but, she will
understand matters better when she sees her Lawyer a fortnight
he has been at Washington since she applied to him, she has
administered, as I wrote you on the 15th inst. I have now do send
me a list of the letters missing for the last three or four months
yours come pretty regular which gives me great pleasure. My sister
one to go to Mrs Montgomery this evening she takes the minister walk
from us. The house we live in is sold therefore we must move I have
not decided what I shall do as yet I may board or live up
to John until the house is built - Diston is here as yet will not leave
until May 1st March 20th (why is it that I was disappointed in ^{not}
receiving a letter from you by the Mail of the 15th from San Fran ^{grace}
the carrier but not one for poor me I could have swept about no use
you had not written unless I get it by other means John came to day
to hear from you I have been troubling to pers of my subject
in first part of this letter. Thomas I paid to Anna on the 5th
inst \$650 received your order with her receipt but the order I gave
was not sufficient without my book which I was not aware of
as I never gave a order before as I told her when she came back with
it I told John had the book therefore I returned your order look back
mine saying I would see if he should get the cash I would inform
her which I did the next she came I gave her \$150 she gave me

your order & her receipt. He acted like business folks asked each
one no questions of any kind the first time he came she said I suppose
those Mr. W. explained all to you I told her you said I must pay
your order - said I presume you believe it to be his own arrangement
though your Mother very rudely told me, all the other directions
were mine, she very arrogantly replied, O yes we understand I said
no more as I saw she was pleased to have gained her point not
that I cared only her Mother asked me if I would give up the Money
I told her I was responsible to you and could not do so what would
the old thing want to yes you have the money you a rich woman and
came for no one, that is not what I came for to speak of my riches.
Should you let your daughter go 4 months way age I do not dictate
to you by any means but they have 150 - they can buy all ready
made or get a woman in the house as soon as propose to do all
is enough to me, I did not care how she went had they taunted quietly
one the matter if she did want the money - I did not say a word
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for her John says when she applies I must let him know and he
will attend to it for her and give her the overplus when she sails
which you know will be correct as he will see her on board ship
she will let us know in time I may not see her again as I will
not go to the house any more I know could I see what her Mother buys
for her or what she does not, no doubt all will go on finely for themselves
now they have the ordering Thomas I had not the least idea of a making
her own best dresses I told her I had a milliner & dressmaker looked up
which me and Sister employed, would I want her to make a silk of 2
or 300 per 1/2 no! I took great pains to show many purchases that she
had made, so as to be familiar with her and then to be located unkindly
to her to her, but I did all for your sake but she was not willing to
pay your parent due respect if it did not meet her mother knew to
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and I would be satisfied, but gave me the troubles to go and wait like
a fool and then when I saw her again treat me with disdain
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Sister would not have done so as appalling as you say Amelia
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P. S. I shall write you more by the next
steamer and if I succeed in my undertaking
let you know by the next steamer which will leave
before I go to America the winter. Complete
and everything that is done in this
my dearest Thomas. Letter by your sister
to "The Union" and to "The Standard" and
her with the letter enclosed to Mother
which I read as you directed. The letter
to Mother was perfectly satisfactory to
me and so far as I know the letter
to the other was not intended to be
sent to let me join you. I would
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be sure to send them all. Please
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when I fall to no purpose. My love
to all should be as usual. I would
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APRIL

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Brooklyn April 3^d 1843

My Dear Son,

Again I have the pleasure of acknowledging yours of the 2^d of March happy indeed am I to hear of your continued health and success in business as one is much connected with the other I have faith to believe that I shall be compensated by once more beholding you again at times I feel quite down hearted when a kind letter cheers me up I am pleased to learn that you have receive my communications of Dec 20th and Jan 5th both important to you as I had written them I presume my statement and Annas differs as much as our conduct did at the time, my love for you will not let any one speak disrespectfully of you (in fact) no one shall speak bad of my children unless I resent it to the utmost of my power, I do not crave Mrs Overalls L. kindness only for your sake, I tried all in my power to approve of her and save her as you desired which manifests to me that they are overbearing. I do not wonder you doubt of giving Mrs L satisfaction she is pleased for her daughter to have you \$150. yes that will please but as long as she can receive cash she will say or refuse to let her go I would not stand such a humbug Anna is of an age to speak for herself why do you not decide at once and not linger to be made a fool of they would think better of you but so long as you condescend to write and oppose give to that old woman so long you may she must come where I am as I would not condescend to speak to the old plague to approve me and kiss me I did not help you when you left for Cal^y

what was it her business you have acted more than kin to her
child and manly in all points they want to make a noise of you
I am surprised that you have not demanded an open explanation
for the manner they spoke of you to me as they know they speak
I would inform you of it I could not be that name they think
they have you under their thumb You say Anna loves you sin-
cerely how could she have to hear her Mother say that she had
heard different reports of you but for fear of hurting my feelings
she did not tell me the old sake Madam said I my feelings
for my son are quite as acute towards my son as even they
were I do not give credit to a word you say and if you do
why do you suffer your child to correspond longer with mine
I believe all my son says or will listen to any false reports but
if I would only given up the money which she asked me to do all
would have been right I told I could not as I was responsible to you
O yes you have de^d money she cannot make a cents pair of me
and that made her treat me so disrespectfully her daughter likewise
you say Anna intended to meet ^{me} at Stewart's that her Mother prevented
was I not entitled to a note of apology and had Anna any reason
recieve in the mean manner she did at the front door her
was not present when she came to my house she stuffed me
and shook hands what had I done she must think she can treat me
as she please if she does you Thomas I contend that inasmuch as she
loves you she would be induced to treat me respectfully an then to
observe such cool indifference when her Mother spoke of you
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she thought I would oppose her having the \$10000 I immediately
said you have come with Thomas order she said yes I attended to it

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I like my own children best to arrange matters and things all other people that has come into the family are too disrespectful towards me when all I ask is good treatment that is one reason I conceived I should be pleased with Anne - but she began before hand, which has left me little cause to hope your Sister will be sick this month according to what we may expect, it is two months since he was here she says he is waiting for her to send for him or so she told Mrs Montgomery I ask, but few questions of care you know I will do every thing for her comfort but it is not decided were they will live after May I trust she will be smart and comfortable he is well provided for nurse, Dr and all that is required I will write soon as a Mail goes out weekly I am glad it is the case & yes I did speak of purchasing lots but I could not purchase many and could you speak of 5th Avenue John says they are too high for me we thought of selling the Bloomingdale property so give each one a part of the cash as I have written to you and the Mott 8th house for \$12,000 or 13,000 you see father did not make any provision for his grand children which is a pity so if John was to die his children is unprovided for and if I am as well off do you think it would be wise in me to consent to the sale as I do not intend to give up my site and better I will consult with Flaxwell as we are one case let me see

Mr. Norton's many kindnesses of sending you books
your Aunt Elizabeth is quite dumb and deaf, considering the calamity which
has befallen her the loss of her sight and hearing.

are looking too much over before Grandchildren
or any thing, as I have always taken good care of the property
so you can write your mind on this subject I do heartily
wish you was here as you say I say John is not as active
as you was he appears to hesitate he does not say
he will do any thing about the suit and Sister heard
what Whiting said that the children must commence
the suit against them had you have not left City
it no doubt would have been seen too, but what can I do
The Mott's house is very poor Harrell says she as prop-
erty is bringing a good price. I am hoping to hear from
you soon again say what was the last date from
me, as I wish to know if you receive all my letters, as you
cannot think I neglect you, though you are far away
I feel more about you, rest assured I hope you will take
good care of yourself, I am careful of my health. I
am disappointed that you do not speak of my portrait
as I have told you how good it looks I should like yours
to hang beside it if you live to come to City and if
you should never come I will have one taken from it
Although you gave me but I must have faith and hope
while longer you last letter gives me great encouragement
May God spare us both until that time arrives is my fervent
wish with an hope. I have as receive this prayer of our affectionate
I am in haste to sign the given as it ^{public} Matthew Beach & Chalcy
wishes and the Mail leaves tomorrow. who gives you
God bless you

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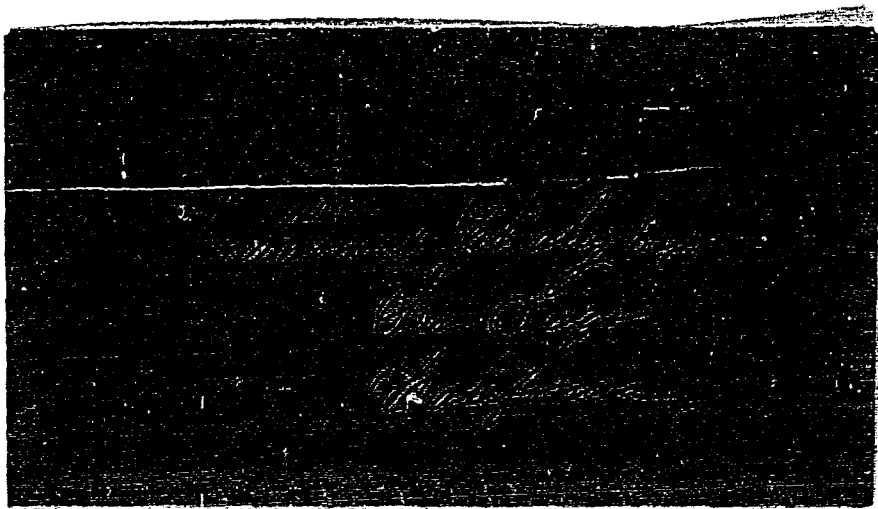
You say Anna has pledged you her word to come if you can
make arrangements with her mother, wishes, you had better leave
them pretty soon, or she ^{is} won't a new supply of clothes you
say that you have done ^{as she says} or you ought to know what she wants
you must have know what she ^{is} to deal with why not decide
for her to come or let her stay in peace. If Anna home was so
unpleasant to her, why does she not take advantage of your generous offer
I think I understand, and so would they if you was to treat them
as they do you, (you say you do not blame Anna I do and most
grossly she is twenty years old, why does ^{she} take your money and
expend it, and then say her Mother is not willing most
absurd to act thus, you may listen to Annes expenses, but I do
blame ^{her} I was an eye witness. Suppose you did offend in lea-
ving affairs to me was I to be treated harshly and indifferently
no, no, It was no matter what you told Anna or how she
understood, she wanted the Mary, they understood how to rub
on me for it, I should have thought she would have felt
mean, when her Mother even told me to go out of the house
and wished she had never seen me. I told I wished so that
you will see if Anna comes, all she had to do, is to let
me know that she is ready, and wants her ticket it
will be attended ^{to} with out delay, as John says he will get
it at any time, so you may depend upon it you have ^{doubt}
told her how to proceed, she has never mentioned it to ^{me}
Thomas if you can ensure Annes coming by what you do
well and good I am quite willing but I do like to see such
generosity as yours, taken advantage off. Therefore Anna
ought to come or say she cannot who would like to be tam-
pered with her Mother wants you to take them all

I am rejoiced to learn that you are so successful in your
business yet I thankfull indeed to the giver of all good for
your prosperity do not let any other disappointment make
you forget to be grateful for your health and strength
and not mind peoples slander as that is a trifle I
had all remarks upon you by by replying I know you
will do all right by each one us that is your principle
if I had Mrs L. to laugh to again I should not spare her as
I did I feel indignant while I write to dare to speak of you
as she did and then permit her daughter to receive money
of you to buy cloths what do you call it? I say meanly
to the last degree but, fear not I will not meddle with
them they can do as they please I am well assured Anna did not
want me to come often, she never invited me to take tea
she need not fear if they could entertain friends on any day
they could prepare me a tea but that I did not mind as it
was for you that I was acting but, I have done forcing
favours on her. If Thomas I do indeed hope you will be
very careful how you connect yourself with any one how I
wish John or Henry could be with you but I could not
part with John he appears to be better in a degree as he
looks like him more than he did he took away his sofa
which I gave him long ago he bought six chairs for \$18-
handsomer than Sisters he has decided to fix up for company
I shall send my goods up to him until I build I expect him
daily to come to see me to go to the carpenters but he is at work
in a shop at present he will remove his feed store after a
while Thomas you can easily imagine how happy I am to hear
that you will soon be in a position to pay off your friends
the claim they hold against you if we had not had
such a peep with Anna affairs would have moved on
quite pleasantly but if she goes all is well, but was I you
I should take a decided stand now or never be a
(Man) I like your proposition well but there are many too
oppose it was you here it might be effected one good thing is
no one has any thing to say but my own children though
they may advise them what to do

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San Diego Cal.
May 5th 1853

Friend Whaley,

I send you enclosed two letters that I took from the Post-Office, as per agreement, that were none for Mr. Haws.

So far, everything goes "pleasant as a marriage bell", business continues about the same.

Septon wishes you to send him a Bell weighing 25 or 30 lbs. with the words "Purissima Concepcion" upon it. It is for the school master here. He don't wish to pay over \$30.00, says you can take the money from his money in your hands. Also send for him three lbs. of Artichoke seeds.

Also for Dr. Painter two drachms of "Citrate of Quinine of Iron". Can't he wish me to remind you of some glass male syringes.

We are out of Clothes Pins, Gun Flints, Plate pens - I think soap stone pens are the best - Hair Oil & ^{and the layered kind of Hatchets.} cologne - little things which you may not have thought of.

There have been several inquiries for a
species of Mexican shoe threads, - you
probably know the kind I mean.

Mrs Smith seeing the oil cloth said she
would like to buy it and if you would
send some down, she would buy some, she
thought we might sell considerable if
we kept it for sale - \$1.50 per yard.
- a would the wire is sufficient.

A man is here now inquiring for "Camp
Petts or Otter Lanes".

There is nothing
new in town, give my respects to
Mr Raimond, and

accept the assurances of my
distinguished consideration

E. W. Morse


Thos. Whaley Esq.
San Francisco
Calif.

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Dear Hannah May 16th 1853

My First Appeal to my eye.

Dear Anna,

I am compelled to make love a matter of business - to speak plainly and decidedly upon the subject dear to my heart. As you well know, I have loved you long and devotedly, my most ardent wish being to bind our hearts in one. I have sent for you with funds sufficient to pay your expenses, and you have pleased your word to come. Why is it that you do not come, or at least have written to me? Since you received the amount of the draft upon my mother I have received two letters from her, but not one from you. Why is this? Do I deserve this neglect? You may say you have written. Why then, if you always mail your letters yourself, do I not get them as well as those my mother writes? And letters are not what I want. I wish you to come. Nothing short of your own dear self will ever satisfy me. If you love me as you say and as I know you do, you will not hesitate to come no matter what the hindrances may be. If you do not love me and I am convinced it is time I know it - and I will release you and you will release me - We must come to some understanding. Anna, the sooner the better for both of us. You either love me or do not love me - Which is it? I ask. If you love me you will obey me in my wishes, particularly as I have arranged every thing exactly in conformity with your wishes, and you have pleased

me your word to come. I have sufficiently explained my position, told you how impossible it is for me to leave my business to return home for you - Now if you are disposed to make me a dutiful and loving wife as I should desire without regard to your pledge, you cannot longer refuse to surmount the obstacles thrown in your way by any one - You will surmount them all. I should be quite justly considered as I feel you are mine. But perfectly satisfied dear Anna I possess everything and my position is such now that I can guarantee you every comfort you heartily and reasonably desire. You have confidence in me to believe what I state to be true and that I would not take you from home did I not think I could make you happy - I wish you to understand my feelings dear Anna. I expect you to join me in San Diego without the least unnecessary delay - I can not receive a letter from you except it be stating that you will come stating the time when or that you will not come at all. The thing must be final and conclusive one way or the other. It is for you to decide - It was my intention not to write to you again. Now I speak to you this will be the last time I shall ever write to you unless you should hear my coming - I am sorry dear Anna to be compelled to write you thus but then the necessity of the case forced me to do it. I feel that I have been tempted with long enough. Whether you are really to blame I do not positively know. I do not think you are but it matters not. I have not been treated rightly, no matter who is the cause - I have acted honorably in my profession of love towards you and no matter what

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be dealt with as a gentleman. Tell me dear Anna,
if to ease you dear no longer offend you ear, tell
me candidly what are your feelings and sentiments
towards me. If they have changed I will no longer in-
ferment you with my unwelcome letters but for God's sake
I pray you to let me know. A simple yes or no is all
that I ask. The trouble to say this much will not be a
great deal and save me an immensity of grief both
of mind and body. I will release you from any obli-
gation towards me should you desire it as freely
as I would ever gladly elapse you to my bosom and
call you my dear devoted Anna. I think my hap-
piness would be complete even you to come and
you had upon me. But do not imagine me so weak mind-
ed that I shall make myself miserable on your account
if you should not do so. No dear Anna this is my pro-
mise so long as I believe you faithful towards me do not
I continue to love you with all the ardour it is possible
for man in his nature to conceive. But when I shall learn
you have given the coquette, played me false, which
I should be sorry indeed to hear, then you will see
my philosophy put to the test - But my prayer is
that they may not be for I do love you and want you
to come now or never and should you fail I shall cer-
tainly conclude you love diminished and demand an
immediate exchange of correspondence like eyes -
With every assurance of my most tender regards and a wish that you
will implicitly and unconditionally grant my request I bid you dear Anna
farewell perhaps for the last time it is for you to decide - It will do no longer

to facilitate. I trust it will succeed. I wish you safe ad well ad mine

Yours sincerely & devotedly

Wm. M. Chace

(Decorative flourish)

P.S. I had no time to address this.

Address to San Diego

I have written duplicate by mail & this fact, privately
I do this to insure copies falling into the two

Mrs. Anna C. Lannan
1725 - 17th Street
-Camp San Antonio
New York

San Francisco. May 16th 1853

Dear Mother

I arrived here on the 30th per coast steamer Ohio. I find the city much enlarged and greatly improved. San Francisco will soon rival New York. I have been very busily engaged buying and shipping goods for San Diego since my arrival to the amount of more than six thousand dollars. I have run out of funds and must await the return of the Ohio before I can purchase more. I am offered anything I want upon credit but I will then all that is not my system of doing business now a days. That I buy no more than I can pay for. I find prices very low which has enabled me to lay in a pretty good assorted stock that will defy competition with all the stores combined in San Diego. The General store is doing better than any other store then or any two of them together. So that if we continue to do as well the next year as we have done the last I shall be perfectly satisfied. You will rejoice with me that there is a prospect of my soon being able to pay off my debt by some time during the coming year. How happy I shall be. I shall certainly come home to visit you. I can then do it with a good grace. Everything goes on smoothly with me as I can see with a single exception. I have an excellent man for a partner Mr. Eastworth in to whose hands I have confided all my affairs while such times as I have made a settlement with Gentry. I like

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Come with all facility now -

more nearly as well as I did Mr. Hiltner. It would be rather a diffi-
cult matter to find an other such a man as he is though Mr. M.
resembles him in many respects. I am now trying to make a com-
promise with Gerke but it is doubtful whether I succeed as
he asks more than I can conveniently afford to give him: I would
pay him on which he may accept or not just as he pleases - I wish
that he may as I can then transact business in my own name
I have suffered too much imposition already in being compelled
to give so much in other ways I expect them to have paid
Gerke double the amount of his whole claim - but no matter now
as I shall soon be able to pay every body and have something
very handsome to start in the world. As I said before I am per-
fectly satisfied with everything with a single exception and
that is in regard to Anna if she were here I should be
perfectly happy. It is strange indeed that she does not
write to me. Only think one letter in twelve months is
all what I have received! You have paid her the amount
of the draft upon you \$250.00 that is well just as I wished.
But why does she not write? Did I not know her and
the great she has for her mother I should blame her very
much as it is I can not. I do not think she is to blame
I think the old lady so well - she is a real mad cap. but what
do I care for her. It is her daughter I love and would
sacrifice everything to see her again. I can not deny the old
woman. Never will she see her daughter again. But the fault
is to blame in this respect, she ought to write to me. I will
write me yes or no whether she will come - I shall never write
to her again unless she writes to me. She must know
that I do not receive her letters. It is therefore her

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what I have written concerning the ensuing particulars as I have
already made considerable and she has pleased me her
word to come. I will be master of my own hands and
the woman who marries me must obey me in word and
deed. What then can I expect from Anna after mar-
riage if she be so regardless as she now appears.
She must not delay much longer. My friends &
family were wiser. I shall soon send her my discharge
in other words to prevent the happiness not allowing
my own. If she long me she will soon without
depend on mother or any other else - and if she does
not love me I wish to be free. From the infirmity
and the doom we exchange between the beds -
My love I will write by this very mail enclose the
letter to you which you will be very particular to
see delivered immediately into her own hands
A duplicate I will send by mail so that one of
the letters will certainly reach her. I have written
all your duties with regard to the care of the mother's
property. It requires in everything that suits your
views and authorize me Mr. Smith to act as my at-
torney. In regard to seeing the other property I must
confide upon it. for then at present I do not think
it advisable as the lots will undoubtedly be worth
more than part of the city is improving. You will give
me further information upon the subject when I
will give you my decision. I shall return to San
Diego in a week's time. I have received two
letters since your last - your letters
come with a facility now -

Affectionately
Your Obedient Son
John A. Gray

duty to continue some way to send me letters without be-
ing intercepted. as they have undoubtedly been during the
time past. Whether I shall I can't say but I am sent
of money to defray the expenses to California beyond
what I have done. Therefore if she decides to come
it is to be hoped she will apply what I have done
to the purpose intended. The arrangements as they
now stand are just as Diana wished. and I make
them therefore she has no expenditure to claim the proceeds
which she had made. I will try her for once to see
what faith there is in her promises. Would that
I would give a decided yes or no - the money she
perfectly welcome to and double the amount if she
will but open her lips and let me know what I am to
depend upon - but I hate this silence, to be kept in
suspense, made a fool of by the old woman her mother
who I believe to be the cause of everything. This is a matter
which has given me much uneasiness and many
less nights. I find my health and constitution im-
proved. I am therefore resolved to suffer no more either
in body or soul. If she comes it is well, and if she
does not perhaps it is all the better. I don't think
something of going home in a month or two. especially for
her. My idea I was to remain. If after promising me to
come she does not come. She may go far this and far
worse. I love the girl with all my heart and would
gladly welcome her to my home - but I cannot and
will not be longer trifled with let the cause be hers or
her mother's. If she would leave me she must obey me in

New York Cal 10/23

Mr. Richard C. Phillips
Care of Mrs. Pugh's State St.
New York
P. O. Newark N. J.
New York

May 1853

June

1853

Stewart June 2nd 1849

Dear Son,

You wished for letter of the 11th of April had before me with the last of April the 17th informing me of your health and continued prosperity. It is a great comfort to me to hear that you receive my different communications tho' all the consolation I can give my poor boy at this time your apology for not writing was a sufficient one and happy to learn that you was in a position to make the purchase I trust the partner you have chosen will be a participator as you have trusted him to a great amount may be some good, no doubt it grieves you sadly & soon I hope you will throw of the yoke and assume a mans position & you must have been exceedingly prosperous, I rejoice with you, when I read your letters and exclaimed poor fellow when will he get through, you speak of great amounts and might have paid of a great share of your debts had your partner been your equal in cash, but the time will soon come I anticipate the time with great pleasure. I do indeed join you in thanks to the giver of all good, for your health and prosperity, and happy shall we both feel when the time comes. No doubt you feel keenly the unkind remarks, but you will be able to remove all stigma, by your attentive struggles, Thank God, I trust your long heard labours is near at an end and you will be compensated richly by a good return, I want to hear that you have paid back all you owe him then my faith will be whole as I care not what people say of you as long as I know your good principle to be good. Tho' I thought you would be pleased to hear of my purchase as it is a good one

I write you in my last that I hope you have recovered from your illness and are now pursuing your studies in
 Stewart will call on him this week after which it looks like you have done well
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I could not buy but one lot as mine is between two buildings ^{mine}
- nice houses I will try to have a good comfortable house for
I sincerely wish you was here to look to it, as John does not
know about business as well as you, but, you must attend
to your own affairs so that you may come home and see
us all. Your remarks are worthy of attention concerning our
property but what is to attend to the matter, you cannot have
your business at present but, time will bring forth forth for all
Thomas is it possible that Anna omits writing to one that
holds her so kind she cannot she does not write on her letters
would come to hand the same as mine, think not that her letters
are intercepted No, no if she wanted a spanner of cash
the letter would be on hand as the one of Dec, 18th do not be thus
decided look into affairs minutely you need not think any
one wants her as much as you why do she give her letters to
her brother when she walks out frequently and mail boys
are frequent in the City if she wishes to contribute to your
happiness she would be as careful to write as one I would
be greatly pained if you had not heard from me in
the great length of time, you have been looking for a letter
from her but she no doubt is changed indeed as you say
and who could but think so by her conduct you had better
write for a decided answer from her as no doubt she has
forgot to make use of the money for herself what would any
one think of her to do that and not write she has pledged
you her word to come to Cal^{ca}; but where is your done all
in your power that a generous man ought to do, on a lady
should require what has been your return but I will ask
you one question Do you think it possible for Anna to get
a letter conveyed to you by mail If so why does she not write

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she will tell you she does but do you believe it, how were her
other letter mailed why not do the same again but you may
listen to her tales as you please it would not do for me, I
should say you would be the last to endure such unkind
treatment from a person in her lowly state living in a third
story if she prefers to do your generous offer let her stay in it
it is a great pity you think so much more of her than
she does of you. You may present yourself but you
firmly believe she will go to Cal^a - I will when she goes
you have patience I have watched her movements for
my satisfaction but all will be solved one of these days
Eight in her power you appear to place little confidence in
so you resolve to run the risk of business even ruin
your future prospects would not so wild say Son do not
let trifles interfere if she loves you so well why despair
if her Mother is averse to the marriage who is to decide
why will you humble yourself to any one for so little
gain I once thought Anna would go to Cal^a but now that
she has treated you so unkindly and me so regardless I
place little or no confidence in her I shall not forget the
manner she behaved when I was at her mothers last I could
never look upon her with the feeling I have done for your
sake she is a unfeeling girl and does not deserve my Son
Thomas why do you say I cannot think of allowing you to
use the funds in your hands to your own use - Why I never
thought of such a thing do not think I will prove
treacherous I will follow your directions you may
depend upon your Mother in word deed and action for
your benefit I think you are neglected enough I
and not contribute to your unpleasant feelings, or would I

I am obliged to you for your kind offer I may need a
certain sum when I build I will let you know I will
keep secret your position Mrs Lanning would soon give her
consent for A, to marry a man of wealth do not fear money has
applied on she would have been off, heart on no heart
how does she know you are deeply in debt is she how you have
been unfortunate but why does she allow her daughter to take
your funds I hope you will not let them know your exact
situation do as you say try them I wish it was in my power
to assist you but I never will put up with ill treatment from
any one. John is in a shop to work at present, Flem is
well and doing well I believe I wrote to about the sale of B
Moth St - no answer I hope you will have a safe voyage to San
Francisco - you will make all safe for Anna do not be
so sanguine no danger of her coming to me to inquire
about you I might ask her to many questions when she writes
as I have done before if I would see Anna I would do as you
write but to encounter the old woman I will not I am willing to
serve you but Anna may deny what I relate but you may
depend on me for the truth - Last week I was at
Johns when I received your two letters, I was sorry to hear your
request therefore, I told J, he must go to Anna and ascer-
tain, when she would be read to sail, Anna, was out to church
as Mrs L, said but it was five eve J, left 5th at length she
came dressed in pink, had been walking after church though
she had told J, she was sick, and Dr. Gomez gave her stimulents
as she felt the loss of her sister company, who has gone to
governess to Mrs Burrows, children, he is a Merchant may be
gone some years, you see she could go for a certain pay J,
asked A, when she intended to leave for Cal - as he was to
get the ticket she said not till fall, was to take charge of
clafs of children in the country this summer they talked
considerable J, gave her the note enclosed, she says she writes my

written with advice
more the same
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San Diego, June 9th 1853.

Dear Mother,

Now I am again as you well perceive
I found one letter from you dated April 3rd & that is
how the family is blessed and that Harriet had got
over her first difficulty so well. I can not write
much. Therefore let me speak upon what interests me
most. I have received an other letter from Anna and
shall answer it by this mail. All appears to be going on sa-
tisfactorily. The day she has received the \$50.00 from you
and is preparing with all diligence to come by the first
opportunity that offers. If she comes it is all well, but
I think I shall never go home after her as the time would
be too long before I could do so. No she cannot come. She has
pledged me her word to do so. or give up the idea entirely
I am advancing in life and feel the necessity of marrying
and if I can not get Anna I must find some one else
that I love her and cannot so she have her share any other
I know. If she will not come what am I to do. I do not
feel willing to wait a year or two longer. I want comfort
in California and why should I be deprived of them when
I am in a position to get married? I have written her very
decidedly. About the letter you send, which have delivered
to her immediately if she has not yet left otherwise
when it comes let her attend to securing her pas-
safe by one of the ^{mail} steamers touching at San Diego. I think

it would be better to get a ticket through from New York to San Diego and it would then ensure her being landed here before it may come a little cheaper - I trust you will take some little interest in the matter for my sake or let John do it for me to know that she is well provided with everything necessary for the journey and at least \$75.00 in cash to defray the passage across the Atlantic and other incidental expenses - and whatever you or she expect in the way of provisions to be refunded. But my candid opinion is that she will not come if she thinks I will go for her therefore I have written most decidedly and may effect what I desire. I am very well indeed and prosecuting in business to my heart's content though owing to an increase in competition I can not hope to do as well as I have done the past year. Still I shall have no reason to complain. Mr. C. H. Morse my partner is a first rate man, friendly, industrious and sober as my self. I don't know that I have lost anything in the exchange for Britain except that he may not understand business quite so well but he will learn in good time. He is a man well liked in the community every body giving the preference to have their cases in his hands by a Justice of the Peace twice before him - I am glad to return to San Diego I had rather live here now than in San Francisco. The climate is the most beautiful I have ever seen besides there is beginning to be some Colliery Society. Mr. Morse thinks of sending for his wife to do for Saint Paul and she is well. We have commenced in founding an Episcopal Church which I hope will

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I could not
Strength 81

Wish to see
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and I think
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and have signed
the letter food
wife to do
I have been
I hope will

Succeed: I have promised to give as much as the next
man - Last Sunday I listened to a sermon preached
by Mr David Reynolds, Chaplain W.B. Charnock at the
Mission, the first I have heard for many years -
I must now close clear nothing withing you health
Strength & prosperity.

Yours Affectionately
A. B. Charnock

1853

Mrs Rachel Wiley -
Care of Joseph Wood Esq
45 Shelton Street
New York -

Dear Madam the enclosed manuscript would
not be better in my own hand than in
yours - I have enclosed it in a
package do please ad the front of each letter

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Newark June 18th 1853
My Dear Son

I am indeed happy that you receive my letters

your father's birthday
yours of May 16th has been received it must have
come by private hands as it was in Boyd's City Express this
wrote a note to inform me that a letter from Galt was at these
office I wrote to Boyd - to my great joy it came to day you can better
guess my feeling than I can tell you, My dear child I am thankful
and heartily rejoice that your health is good and your prospects
in business are so flourishing, God knows, I feel sorry that you
experience such unpleasant feelings on A's account - but I
think the stand you have taken, is a good one, but she will say
she is sick or some other excuse, to keep you dangling but
as you say, yes or no, I will get the enclosed taken to her
I beg you to try to settle with Dick, at some rate to be
to let others hold your property, do give him more than you
name then you will be free to act, for yourself, I shall
indeed feel as though I should be permitted to welcome you
a great joy, I am sorry that you crave A, to come as she is so
indifferent about you I have considered her conduct as it
ought to be towards you, when you showed such kind
feelings for her, depend on it I did all I could for you unless
I saw she treated you with such indifference before me and
at her house I told you I thought she acted - disrespectful on
occasions but you said I was severe, I can true acts of kindness
why does she not write instead of walking out she could write
if she wished she is no baby you will perceive she is crafty and
knowing she soon came for the 100 and has made use of it
what do you care such conduct what has the old woman to do
only to detain her daughter so that you can send her money

but you have come out at last, like a man but a pity you did not come to the conclusion sooner you manifest to much regard for her which she presumes upon (that unkindness) The sister was soon off to Europe, I must say the old one would never have talked to me as she did had she intend ^{us} to go to you the matter is the girl has been paid to much attention to you can certainly do as well only you have known ^{her} so long and confided in her from to you how you have had patience so long is very strange to me I trust you will surmount all difficulties ^{to} she will suffer if her love was half so strong as yours she will prove worse as you say I intrust of you to keep calm and cool something may occur you will be glad that you are clear of her in time to come only do not let it prey on your mind she is unworthy of your attention let me tell you I could have liked a very well had she complied with your generous proposals or have declined in a ladylike manner all the marks of indifference you must have felt keenly, but it will all fall on herself she may want you to take her Mother with her but never do that as then are your expectations of happiness are at an end, but you will know her. How can Anna trifler with one who has treated her so kindly, yes send for your letters and all as you have done you are perfectly right to do so you may think she but she does not or she would mail them herself, as I told her I did. do you think I would let you be without a letter for a year Most am too happy to hear from you I am convinced of the girl's indifference but now she must decide had you not placed such confidence in her you would done as you have done ere this, I should feel mean to decide was I her do not be put off with needless excuses stick to your point as you have begun so late Mother or not to blame, The Mother knows her the money has been applied therefore

I would not find you may rely on to cause any trouble in joining you loves you if no Anna the letter but next, its ill, I am fear Jackson of M your letter I decided next and he would her at Grandy longer at job the day after I am given been very & she looks like better news as I wish I could well know in getting office to get to Glen already Harwell said has given u for a year Bristol pair all have the

Thomas I read your very pathetic Epistle to Anna it created great sympathy
for you and if she ever did regard you it must be visible on this occasion
if she does not decide in your favour then you may be certain
she has played false with you and cares but little for your feel-
ings how long to be deceived by such a false girl sperm her form
as you would or when you have written all that words can express
I am fearful she will continue to deceive unless you are firm
she has had this way long enough she may say her Mother will not
let her write regard it not if she listens to you and prefers to com-
only think they live in the third story she teaches school who
would not say she would fill her promise to you her views are
an change but you must stand in your own defense
and consider your escape your mind will I hope be so strong as

not yield to any ~~less~~ proper conduct you are of an age to consid
der all for the ^{best} my dear son I should like to see you happily situated
in life quite satisfied, shall be to hear of your continued health and
happiness may I ~~hope~~ ^{trust} you as one meaning to do right in the progress
of your Mother and seeing you firm may feel willing to write
I will send next mail I would write more but Sister requests
my attention I received your paper from Col. W. of May 3rd
I feel very bad about your afflicted sister I pray she will soon be releas
ed from pain you will wish to hear of her safe recovery we all join
in love to you farewell my Dear boy remember your affectionate
I wrote to direct for me at Joseph W. West 45. Mother de Whaley
Horton St. I have received your letters I left word for them to be sent
to Thos. B. & state which has been done. I trust you will be careful
of your ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{own} health as I am very anxious to see you indeed

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I would not find any in it, was I you, the other part to tape in the bank
you may rely on me, and as I say, as I am to wish for your comfort
to cause any trouble, I must induce me to be willing to aid Anna
in joining you but I have done - as you say it is time to know if she
loves you, if not be freed from the obligation, June 17. I cannot give
Anna the letter enclosed in time for her to write this Mail
but next, as your sister has an ague in her breast she is very
ill, I am fearful it will break she suffers sadly have Dr. ^{J. H.}
Jackson of Newark I am very tired John may be up, he will
your letter to Anna, as he says he wonders you should not
decided neglect, he told ^{her} to inform him when she was ^{ready}
and he would attend to the Ticket, but, to return to sis I left
her at Grandfather after she had been confined 5 weeks I stayed
longer at Johns than I wished, the weather was rainy for days -
the day after I returned she had a chill, has not been well since
I am grieved to death, to see her in such pain as she had
been very smart, the babe is quite well so far, Aunt Lyman says
she looks like her Uncle Thos she has dark eyes I hope to write you
better news next Mail all the Newark people are well Thom
I wish I could give you some useful council - but you far
well know I have your health and happiness at heart I succeed
in getting the Land claim settled if I only takes it to the
office to get the Seal put on it and send it to Washington I wrote
to Ken about the sale of Mott St in Feb stating to him what
Harvie said but he will not answer a word I presume Mellen
has given it up for a while at least as the property is let
for a year but Ken is wrong he may be in city to see
Crystal Palace it is ^{not} filled yet or commenced upon I had an
all have been united we might have sold it for 12 or 1300

I am ignorant if I have the same power to sell as before
you was all of age. John had be^{en} receive your likeness
and letters &c at the same time giving up yours to him I mean here -
What a foolish girl what would you say to your sister under
like circumstances to be? John left home to see A. at 10 am
and there the Mother said A. was gone to church not home at
past ^{near 7} six came in gaily dressed had been to waule, it was very
warm her mother said she feared for ^{her} sisters ^{presence} was such a mere
excuse or how could she go to B. and teach an hour and more
after away with such lies so I thought ^{but} she is changed ^{indeed}
and so you will find, If I understand logic. Your Aunt is slowly
settling up her affairs (quietly ^{in health} well), Richard is home as yet -
he may return to B. - Thomas how would it be for me to ask
Lee Smith your indebtedness to him and on what terms he would
conspire, as though I intended to pay him, write what you think
of my proposition (The weather is warm) I intended to have been
down to the Bay 8 miles from Brooklyn but sister Elizabeth has detained
us here I am very sorry poor thing it will be some time ere she
can go to Baltimore I have not commended my house as the
carpenter was to busy, as H. is sick I must defer it she is better and
if informs me he has the mans estimate if you was only here it
would progress better. I think A. in marrying you would do very
well better than she has reason to expect - I expect Thomas will give
me up when he receives my letter 18, Dec^r - and if he will not then he
will when he does not receive any more from me, she might
~~added what she had to say~~ ^{have} ~~conduce~~ ^{to} I came ~~to the point~~ ^{to} with the mother
when she told me you was not as well as you said I replied, I know what
my doubts are is true and if bees contrived why do you countenance
she said I would have told you it before only for your feelings the
old fool I soon said Madam my love for my child is a acute
as even it was, she wanted to humiliate me I was not one for that but
had I given 500 she would have pleased I told her that was not mine
she is turbulent her daughter may partake of her cunning

Dear Son.

Newark June 26th 1853

I, have just received, your very welcome letter
of May 23^d it lies, under, the sheet on which I am writing, My
Dear boy, I heartily rejoice, that you have paid off ^{your} loan
happily I feel, on your account, that you can as well all the
feelings of a true man, in business, you was considerate to do
as you have done, it was a heavy payment, but, the relief is
so great, besides, the risk with others you are liable to bear
I do indeed, entertain the most sanguine hopes, of beholding
my absent child, once again, now happily I shall be, may we
be permitted, I shall now begin to look forward to the future

I read the account of your very happy feeling in respect to business
with great pleasure, & am assured, so that I set down immediately
to write] be grand ^{to} ~~love~~ indeed, you must have a hope and pray
your Partner will prove true and not betray your confidence
as you must have favoured ^{him} very much indeed, I expect John will
to morrow as ^{he} wrote that his child was sick then he shall take
Annas letter as I must send it by some trusty person, he must
deliver it into her own hands as she, may say she did not
get the one by Mail she must get one, I am surprised to
think she is so changed, to come and receive the ¹¹⁵⁻⁰ and were
to acknowledge it looks very bad, she must believe you to be a
fool, to think she writes when you do not receive them all
foolishness. I warrant there are gossipy ladies who would be
glad of a grant, who has manifested such generosity, as you
have to Anna if they only knew as well as she does, but no
matter all will be well yet keep up good cheer No, dispo-
sing with you, you are a man of sense I know you can de-
cide for good. I cannot say Anna is very amiable or would
she treat you so, you have not been her of late, I am
induced to think you will have great reason to be thank-
ful you are clear of her, as she is so inattentive to what you
desire, before marriage as you say, what can you expect
after? I am sorry Mr. Morse has so little capital. Yes I will
have patience for a while longer. Your purchase is extensive
you must do well with such a fine advertisement you must
do well with such a fine advertisement you must do well with such a fine advertisement

what a long trial and deprivation you have encountered
 since leaving home and any one that does not sympathize
 with you does not deserve your regard even though it
 may be your brother I say "you deserve great credit" as Mr
 Smith says - I firmly believe Anna can go if she pleases she
 told me she was willing and would go her own conduct alone
 has induced me to think different I am glad you will ^{not}
 use further persuasions or have any more correspondence with
 her unless she replies to ^{your} letters. Then you ^{be} willing to say
 she is changed indeed, as I have often written to you for my
 part I never advised the concern that's as you so earnestly
 desired me to see her I felt bound to comply in your request I
 must say she is not the person I hoped to see you will find letters
 from me when you return to San D - I shall be impatient
 to hear from ^{you} on your return I am pleased that you met
 Mr Montgomery I tried to see Mrs M frequently while
 we lived in Brooklyn I wonder how he is prospering it appears
 to me he must want to see his 5 sons she has quite a task
 to look to them - Yes, sister has a daughter I wrote you some
 time ago she had been sick with her breast she has suffered
 very much and I in nursing her as I had all to do we be-
 ing at grandfather having the room and bed room as we
 were disappointed of a boarding place, her husband had pro-
 vided we he went to Batte, in Brooklyn so we had to do the best
 we could, as she was to go to Batmore as soon as she was strong
 now she will have to remain a while longer to get strength
 he wishes her to go to the Bay near to Long Island. while she
 gains strength this very unfortunate affair I went to City after
 the baby was 5 weeks old I staid ^{weeks} 2 a day after I came home she
 was taken sick I have had much fatigue as the weather
 is very warm but I trust all will be well soon. I do not
 know what will be done about the ^{my} house as J had it to
 see to and he works slow I wrote to this effect by mail
 of the 20th inst The P. Master sends your letter to me
 as I directed here I am tired of going around thus I wish
 my house was done so it would be if you was here J
 is in a shop but he must not work steady this warm
 weather his bowels are weak, I am very sorry for it

I did not write on the 20th of May I will write any day I can

The Crystal
 may be here
 had written to
 you on for his side
 do ^{no} more than I have a
 children I have a
 right no doubt -
 father feels pretty w-
 from Sacramento,
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 great pity that He
 had gathered consid-
 I wish you had s-
 that Henry H. sai-
 you for it, then
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 a day to pay
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 is all ^{to be} importan-
 tinued the busi-
 he is lacking of
 J. has been un-
 to care for him,
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redit as Mr. [unclear]
she pleases she
conduct alone
and you will ^{not}
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willing to say
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you so earnestly
your request I
will find letters
he impatient
that you must
frequently write
spending it appears
is quite a task
I wrote you some
she has suffered
all to do we be
room as we
had had procure
to do the best
as she was strong
to get strength
England. write she
I went to NY after
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effect by mail
letter to me
and then I wish
was here if
stead of this warm
sorry for it

The Crystal Palace opens July 1st Henry and family
may be here this summer so if calculates, I wish he
had written to me concerning matter - he has some
reason for his silence but I am ignorant of it therefore I
do ^{no} more than I have done to write I hope he is doing well has 3
children I have a great wish to see him poor fellow he need
right no doubt - As the weather has been unusually warm
father feels pretty weak looks very bright - Richard has returned
from Sacramento, is with his Mother at present the sale of the
timber and ^{Henry's} personal effects are to be sold on the 11th of July this is
great pity that Henry was taken away as he was ~~fast~~ ^{for} though he
had gathered considerable for the space of time he was in ^{business}
I wish you had settled with him but your Uncle W^m told me
that Henry Jr. said if you never paid him he should never ask
you for it, therefore I might settle easy with them
say the first value of the goods they have 1 year and
a day to pay and collect in I did not say word to her
about your paying. Sen as there has been so much said in
my presence time back by ~~her~~ ^{me} and him always used
speak so far, as how do you do as he has been called to pay
the debt of nature, I am best satisfied, that it was so. Dick
is all ^{to} ~~importance~~ ^{importance} I can tell you, Theresy J. Kip has con-
tinued the business since his father decess it appears that
he is lacking of business tact, too as sad pity ~~her~~ ^{will} give up
J. has been unfortunate in his marriage she does not appear
to care for him, he is different cared for than when at home
he has to rise out for food when he comes home after ⁱⁿ ~~late~~
heard, instead of all being ready, they think he is unhappy he
had a mind to sell his house and go to Cali ^{all} ^{time} ^{one} has one
child, if she would only go hard and heart, with him she would
make a first rate Wife, so steady, I am very sorry indeed I
you will be more particular or what shall I do? They say
she was all compliance before hand, the were much pleased
with the matches, he will go to work ~~for~~ ^{for} work I presume
the property will be sold next Sept four years, as then the
girl is 18 each one takes their share the Mother has there
I cannot say what amount of real Estate they have perhaps
10,000 she has the house in Quincy St rents the lower ^{part} ^{of} that she
pockets

I presume the interest of her thirds will suppose me very near
the girl is provided for out of the property until 18- The weather is
cooler to day June 29 - I would not like to live with a family
of children I would prefer the Old Ladies home if I had to be sub-
jected to them I want peace and quiet. Thomas, I trust you have
received my letter of June 5th as it contains Johns calling on Anna Gas
may continue to direct to me in Brooklyn as I must be in
that City or City. your letter 23^d of May came to hand June 25th so
you can tell about what time I received them July 1th as the 6th
fast is fast approaching I must draw to a close hoping my
poor boy is safely landed at San Diego and is well & hap-
py the Mail Steamer Georgie came in a day or two ago
I was on the look out for a letter none came but I
am satisfied with good news glad tidings if Anna
had a proper regard for you how she sympathize with
us in the happy event never the less you and I know
and feel for each other, which is the point to those
interested deeply I consider arch and cunning I her Mother
is to rule why not say so at once and not take your
\$150, I tell you a young lady must have a great asse-
rance if says it is highway robbery if she does not go or
refund it she latter she will not do that made the old
lady so mad with me I will you give up de monst^r
I replied no indeed I can not comply or I hold myself responsi-
ble to my Son she was turbulent I tell you then to see a
walking around with so much coolness was not as I thought
to be never shall I forget the indifference she manifested
when I told Harriette that A has given up going to
Pal^a but you begin to be aware of the infidelity
May she never have an opportunity to deceive you again
as John says he must be careful how he buys the tickets
or she may back out at the last moment Adieu Thomas
I close with my earnest prayers for your health
and happiness all joins in remembrances to you
answer all my inquiries be very careful of your
health how would it be to send me written statement
of your affairs in case any thing was to happen
for you think of it adieu your Mother R. W. Peck

July

1853

Newark July 16th 1853.

Dear Son.

Yours, of June 9th has been duly received informing me, of your safe arrival in San Diego, I am pleased to hear of your continued health. God, knows it affords me great comfort when I sit and think of your long absence. So you have received another letter from Anna, a requisition attached no doubt, but if you deviate from the plan you have laid down, you will see the result what is the reason that she has not written before, I say as you do, she will not go, I am glad you begin to see into her views, perhaps she wants more money to pay her and mother expenses in the country as she told John she was going I trust you have received my letter June 5th which contains Johns visit to her; why did she not write her address as you say, that is the reason you directed the letters to 12 St. I am really glad that you have made up your mind to take a mother lady, I do not think A, has manifested great touching kindness for you, or do I believe the girl thinks much of you; it gives me great pain to see it. but, I beg of you to continue forward. ~~As~~ your conduct, so far, has been of little avail. I must wonder where Amelia's outfit come from, but she went - John has no doubt delivered you letter in person the one that came in my last and will attend to this enclosed in June Thomas if it takes place and is only a happy marriage then

John often says he wishes he was with you but I tell him he must remain and see to the Affairs
all will be well, but, before marriage and ^{or more if you are of any age to know} after, is to be considered
you are of an age to know. What does she mean by the first
opportunity that offers? Mails sails frequent but was I you
she should come quickly or stay I would not, I could ^{not} endure
such bare faced impositions, little did I suppose you would
stand it, as John says. Plenty of girls as good as A. I do not
wonder you feel as though you wished to be settled I am willing
and should feel better satisfied, which induced me to turn my
attention to, A, at your request - you said the enclose was
written very decidedly I should have liked to have read it
but, as you had put 3 seals on it I concluded you did not
wish me to do so, but, I do not see how it could be more so
than the one you wrote a duplicate off. Certainly very few
have taken the trouble that you have John say he will attend
to buying the ticket when she applies but he disbelieves
that she intends to go or even means to leave you though
she means to get all she can. He, was mighty glad
when I told him the contents of the letter he was to
deliver to her he was up last Sunday to see us, we shall
leave here this week for a place of board in Brooklyn
sister breast is nearly healed ^{she} looks far worse than af-
ter her confinements I have been sadly wrought upon
in many ways but I am in hopes she will soon resume
her health so that she may be able to go to 15, if he comes
ins there the child grows finely looks like his, I hope he
will be as fond of it, as I should if it was mine and
bore ^{me} so great a resemblance. This last letter came
to Mr West who brought it up. Direct to Me at
Brooklyn P, Office. as I do not know the number

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fined with H. S
and a mother
connected with
be very attend
miserable place
I came I hope
other places I
Heaster and Co
I am rejoiced
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house that makes me laugh, I have been so perfectly con-
fined with the sickness I have not had time to see to it
and a nother thing John, has been working for a man
connected with Crystal Palace therefore he had to
be very attentive. I am glad to leave here it is a most
miserable place I have seen nor heard any thing since
I came I hope to go to Palace Flippidrome and a few
other places I want to see. I wish you was here, do
hasten and come to your native place to do business
I am rejoiced to hear you speak so well of your pious
practice may all continue in well doings. I am happy to
hear that good Society is being established and that an Episcopal
Church is to be founded, write how you succeed I shall be any-
ious to hear I know full well you will contribute liberally
towards it. I should say \$50 would pay all expenses
to San Diego. Richard D. is seeing to his fathers affairs
not medicine the stricken is to be sold tomorrow they do no
progress very fast (he has been gone 6 months) I do not feel a
good inclination to write today though Tuesday I was not well
all last week but I need rest and peace, which I trust to get soon
we came here May 9th no idea of remaining so long only for
Sisters sickness John and family are well Wm writes that he was
at Hens, a short time since, says the children looked well
I was pleased to hear he was well though he is so in-
different Grand father is pretty smart I can see he pait
Thomas I hope you have various kind of fruits and vegeta-
bles in San D. You praise the climate so much I
might come if I was younger have your good medical aid

John D. D. & wife on their way to the fields

my letter is growing quite lengthy if it proves only in
testimony I shall have more spare time in future I shall
not have to cook or nurse unless I please but what could I do
here in Newark I hope you have received my letters
regularly, as I have written 5th & 20th for two months past
are you not to witness the Exhibition? I did hope you would
There is to be a large ^{1000 acres} park near to our lot, out of town it
will cause a heavy assess ment on our property which
I shall not be able to pay what is to be done \$1000
or more I shall hear more about it I told J. Baker I tell
it he said no! Taxes will be very heavy next year
Thomas I wish you could see my Newark lot the most
beautiful in the City is to be supplied with water
which pleases me very much I may write more
as I mail this. I will close wishing you all the
earthly happiness and prosperity this world can afford
is the prayer of your affectionate Mother R. Whaley

Dear Son,

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pleased to hear
for me & your
long absence
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P.S. I must say I think it is a good job I bought that
house for John he wishes to be remembered to you in kind
love Thomas when you write next say what you can get
a nice cape shawl for white horse baby & embroidered

San Diego Cal.
July 19th 1853

Friends Whaley,

Affairs in San Diego are moving on in the even tenor of their way with all men, our business still holds about the same though Bordini has opened a very fine store and is reported to sell at half price.

Raimond has as yet sent us no goods but I received a letter per the "Hunt" yesterday from him, and he says they are coming on a sailing vessel in four or five days - we are all out of sugars, butter, Mante, lead and some other things. Raimond has bought the harley for \$100.00 - it is only worth in S.F. 1 1/2 c per lb. I had taken it out of the room and shall now try to get rid of it first.

I gave your letter to Rodriguez - says "alright shouldnt haivnt given up the lease without an order from Whaley".

Raimond says the Hold is on its way per "Olds fellow" a sailing vessel. He intends to keep the vessel on all summer.

Curley has not paid his bills yet and I think he is somewhat doubtful for he lies to me, says he offered to give you a check on Burgomeister but you refused it saying you wished the cash. Every time I see or hear from him he promises to get it the next day. His family have moved up into town and he will follow soon.

I resigned my office on the fourth - of course to the great regret of everyone. L. A. Franklin not excepted for he wants to see Julian Ames and can't do it. (good).

Jack still passes most of the day either on Cole's counter or ours sleeping or reading novels - not having gone into the country yet - says he is waiting for Mrs. Smith to "hibernate" - as Smith is going with him.

The Doctor has not painted the sign yet, drinks too deep, he has just returned from a weeks visit to Whetkins' Rancho entirely used up, Jack has some fears that he will not get over it. From appearances I think that he drank very deep out there till yesterday when the liquor gave out, and the sudden stopping of the supply has nearly killed him. He had a fit probably of Delirium Tremens, coming in. However I think this will frighten him into a little more soberness, and there may be yet some hopes of the sign.

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I have received the amount for subscriptions to the Scientific American published in New York City and wish you to pay the amount at the club price & have it addressed to the following names Joseph Smith, Lewis Rose, D.S. Kurts, Col. W.C. Ferrell, (Judge) John Hays, Josephine Gustav Fisher, Edward H. Moore, making eight names @ \$2.00 each the subscription fine, which I have received. (P.S.) add Mrs H. Peole to the list.

I send you a letter which arrived from New York last mail, with this - not enclosed - none have arrived since.

As yet the general opinion is that Franklin is to be our next County Judge, Kurts who is strongly opposed to him thinks he will carry the whole of the vote with the soldiers and most of the Deacons vote, and that he is bound to be elected. There is no opposition, No. 6 who would easily beat him is running for the assembly in opposition to Ferrell's. However there will be some hard workers against him.

Give my regards to your wife that is, or that is to be and hoping that all things are prospering with you.

I am yours &c
E. W. Morse

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By the bye did you not take \$100.00
above the amount in the cash book which
is \$2100.00 for both Jack and myself were
minus \$50.00 each and I was a little more which
might be accounted for by making change.

Jack's account for the deposit in his "files"
that you must have made the mistake in
making change so often, by drafts, adobes &c.

I shall write you again next
mail for the last time.

I wish you to write to me the
mail before you leave New York

Yours & Debs respects to the ladies.

Now Adieu

C. W. Morse

I mailed a letter from John V. Debs to his brother
William Debs 164 West 18th St. New York City.

Politics

Franklin favored
for County Judge,
Kurtz - the opposition
to carry the Spanish
vote also soldiers
& most of Teamsters
vote - Naell
running for
assembly in
opposition to Ferritto

Aug.

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Monday
New York August 15. 1853

Dear Tom -

I hope this will find you &
yours when I write - wishing yourselves to your
Hearts Content - I almost can see you - but
a week day has this day I hope mine
will come around before long -

Edw. Puffer called to see me this afternoon.
He says that engaged a Passage at 7
O'clock - & after waiting till some minutes
after went to the Mills & no one appeared
to know anything about it - before this could
find a Passage it was too late - He appeared
to regret it some much -

- I will have the alteration of birth & the
Certificates attended to - as known -

- Your route North will be to Portland -

then take the Portland & St. Lawrence Railroad
& go to Gorham which is at the foot of the
White Mountains (Mt Washington) where you can
go in a Stage to Mt Washington - The mile

Montreal Mr Hamilton is very beautiful - they
are running at the base of the mountains
all through the State - from thence go to
Montreal which is only seven times side from
Bakham (& Bakham is only five hours side from
Portland) you will see the finest part of
Canada on this route - At Montreal
go to the Montreal House - which is near the
fine you will cross from the R.R. Go to
the Cathedral the finest building in the
City - & you will have a splendid view from
the steeple for miles around - a boy will
accompany you, & will point out all the principal
buildings - make a note of them, & around the
Square you will find lots of Cats who will take
you wherever you would like to go - a short
side from Montreal are the Cascades Springs &
other Amusements - Engage your State rooms in the
Steamer for Quebec in the morning - the office is very
near the Hotel - & give notice at the bar when
you intend to leave they will show your baggage
put on board - very likely you will find the
Stage belonging to the Montreal House at the ferry.

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when you arrive - which will save you some trouble -
At Quebec where you will arrive in the morning
you will find the Stage for the Russell House
at the Steamboat Landing - & at the head
of the Street, about half block from the
Hotel - Mr. Tete's Store - where you will find
Mr. Amiraux - His friends will call upon
you first - I shall write them this evening -
On the Circular of the Russell House you will
find the names of all the Places & Possibilities
worth visiting at Quebec - They are all worth
Seeing - Do not let Miss Dickinson think
you are particularly aware of our intimacies, as
it may make her a little shy - you will dis-
tinguish her from her sister by her dark complexion
& Dimples - Tell her you saw no father & mother
before you left - that the rest are in the tomb -
also Mrs. Harris - They all speak French & they
are a merry crew - you can be as jolly as you
please - Mr. Paul on Ship Board with a variety
of my Acquaintance in California & you can do as you
wish what will ingratiate you with her -
On your return take the Plattsburgh Rail Road

from Montreal - which is on Lake Champlain -
 that you will meet a fine steamer which will
 take you to Sionteraga. There visit the old
 fort - then take the Stage to Lake
 George - only four miles - at the head of Lake
 George - you will find the Steamer John Day
 which runs all the way down the Lake
 & at the other end are two Hotels - go to the
 Lake House - visit the old fort George
 & William Henry, which are very near the Hotel
 you will enjoy this place very much - a Stage
 will take you to the Hotel (on a plank road) to
 meet the Cars which will take you to
 Saratoga (from French side to Saratoga
 from Lake George) - from thence you can
 make your route to Niagara - & you see
 that you can get all information of the Saratoga
 Albany is but two or a half hours ride from there -
 I expect you did not get your Umbrella - though
 you will not need it - it would only be in your way
 I will keep it safe till you return - Remember me
 to your wife & write me in your love - affectionately from
 Quebec - Yours truly
 J. P. Thompson

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written at the
 Quebec, P. Q.

Dear Sir
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 White Mountain
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New York le 27. Août. 1792.

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Ma chère Anso.

Il était temps qu'il m'arrivât une lettre de toi, je commençais déjà à t'accuser d'insouciance et mon pauvre cœur se brisait; mais le chagrin nous rend souvent injuste. Je vois, par ta charmante lettre que tu es pendue à moi malgré tout ton bonheur. Je me réjouis d'apprendre que tu te tiens plus forte, cela est un très bon signe. Tant qu'à ta paleur cela ne m'inquiète pas; tu as naturellement des couleurs, qu'après-ent que tu es un mari qui te suce tous les jours depuis le matin jusqu'au soir, et depuis le soir jusqu'au matin que tu ne peux être autrement que pâle pourvu que tes forces reviennent le reste viendra plus tard. J'ai bien attention de ne pas trop te fatiguer; il faut user de tout avec modération et même les choses qui nous sont le plus salutaires, si nous en abusons nous devenons nuisibles. Mais qu'avez vous fait?

besoin de m'inquiéter! n'as-tu pas là
ton mari dont tu es l'idole? Oh ma
Chère enfant combien je remercie
le ciel de t'avoir donnée un si bon
mari! prosterne-toi tous les jours
devant Dieu pour le remercier, et prie
Dieu qu'il t'accorde toutes les vertus
requises pour être bonne épouse et
bonne mère. J'aime "Whaley, (quoique
qu'il n'ait pas grandi) parce qu'il t'ai-
me tant, et qu'il te rend si heureuse
aussi chère et nous fais tout en ton
pouvoir pour lui plaire, prouve-lui
que tu sais l'apprécier et tu seras
toujours aimée.

J'ai bien voulu savoir si j'ai été à la can-
pagne avec Mrs Graham? je vais te dire
comment j'ai passé le temps, depuis que
tu es partie. après ton départ j'ai
monté à ma chambre où j'ai beaucoup
pleuré la nuit, je n'ai pu dormir
le lendemain j'étais bien malade
j'avais des crampes dans l'estomac
la nuit suivante, Peter n'a pas
voulu me laisser coucher en haut
il a dit que si j'étais plus malade
dans la nuit il ne m'entendrait

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je couchai à
et Peter pour
ne dort pas,
grâce à la
toppor que
sais que je
dormir aban-
tout à fait je
je n'ai pas
le frère de
tombe malade
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pas, de sorte que depuis ton départ
je couche à la place de Mr Ishaly
et Peter par terre. Au moins si je
ne dors pas, j'entends Peter qui
grince les dents, ou qui ronfle et
toppor qui vient me lécher, et je
sais que je ne suis pas seule. J'ai
donc abandonné ma chambre à coucher
tout à fait jus qu'à ce qu' Amelie revienne
Je n'ai pas été à la Campagne;
le frère de Mrs Graham John M. est
très malade elle a été obligée de
revenir à la ville. Je ne me suis pas
souciée d'y aller toute seule.

Peter ne se porte pas bien, il a un
rhume et il tousse beaucoup. il
n'a pas manqué d'aller à son
travail un seul jour, et il a passé
toutes ses soirées avec moi. Je n'ai pas
beaucoup reçu de lettres d' Amelie. M^{lle} Jamison
et Amie sont venues me voir hier
Dimanche. Adèle est couchée d'une
fièvre elle m'a fait dire de venir la
voir je n'ai été nulle part depuis
que tu es partie. Il paraît que
vivement Mr Palmer est amoureux
d' Amie; il doit la mener ce soir

chez Siblo. je crois. elle dit qu'elle
ne l'aime pas. Je n'ai pas vu Lisette
Chère Anna dépêche-toi de revenir
afin que nous soyons encore ensemble
le plus long temps possible.

Tell your husband that a gen.
Stewart called last Monday to see
him she said that he saw Mr.
Whitely's Marriage in the paper and
that he called to invite him and
his lady, he said he had no card
with him but he told me his ^{name} was

General Taylor of California.
he said he would call again
when you return etc. - j'ai vu que
je me trouvais en présence du General

Taylor réassure-toi Adieu chère
Anna embrasse ton mari pour
moi (il aimera mieux cela que si je
l'embrassais - moi-même) et ton chère
enfant, Peter et moi nous t'embrassons
de tout coeur. reviens bien vite, il
me tarde de t'avoir ici. Je m'en vais
à mourir.

V. E. Spangay.
J'attends encore une lettre de toi.
(l'espère dit qu'il faut que tu vienne l'embrasser toi-même).

Ma est
Il est tout le
de toi, je crains
d'insuccès
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Sept.

1853

San Diego Cal
Sept 17th 1863

Friend W. A. L.,

I received your two
letters of Aug. 3rd on the 4th inst. and
knew they both were mailed in New York
on the same day - and endeavored
to obtain a draft here, but was unable
to do so either from Major Brown or
Franklin. The Major said he never
disburses business except to accommodate
soldiers for small sums, never over \$100.00.
Both Mail Steamers arrived upon the
same day, so that I could not send
direct to San Francisco, and there has been
no opportunity otherwise, till last evening,
when I improved, sending to Raymond
requesting him to send you a draft for
seven hundred & fifty dollars (\$750.00) to the care
of Mr. Joseph West 15 Fulton St. New York
You will forgive that there has
been no unnecessary delay.

I very much regret that you are
retained through the sickness of your
Lady, though I presume you have long since

Thomas C. Lammle sends his regards, and he is doing
very nicely. I feel very well satisfied indeed with him.

caused it to disappear.

No doubt the time passes rapidly
and it must be very pleasant to you
to remain amongst your friends, we hope
you not entirely to forget us but remember
that we are anxiously looking forward to
the time when we shall have the happiness
of clasping to our hearts our own dear
dear wives.

Mr Cook & myself expecting you somewhat
sooner, had made exertions to obtain a
house but paper have been unsuccessful,
and you must prepare the ladies to
expect very meager accommodations
even for San Diego. Tell them that
we will give them the more kind
and loving welcome in place of the
comfort and luxuries of home.

There has been a little
alteration in the town since you left,
Goldman has moved into Don's Madalino
Pico's house and made a store of it,
Hoop has moved the house where Funk
Marretsky lived, De Ted opposite the
General store and intends opening a store
Galt has gone to San Bernardino, and
he the bye it was to his wedding
Jack is still in the time in town and
is in the mountains, he is slightly recovered now

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The Doctor is still in the Town of San Diego & the land off the living but nearly used up, I have been unable to get him to faint the signs.

I have been unable to do more than obtain a lease of the "General" for one year on the same terms as before, I thought it was but, as Francisco Alvarado has not been in town for several months, and after your return we saw them make arrangements to purchase.

Rose has purchased the corner opposite, for six hundred (600) dollars, and is now moving in to it. He has given up bar keeping and boarding, and retired to butchering & ranching.

Do you recollect writing, Raymond sometime before you left, concerning flour & sugar by mail, well, he received the letter Sept. 7th, and it was post marked San Diego Aug. 2nd. Raymond says it was opened - I think it was on account of the "Gibbs" business. And by the by I have heard nothing more in relation to those affairs.

There has been a new mail arrangement, the mails here sooner and are taken outside point some in the old hood, then to be exchanged.

What did you think of my hint in a former letter in regard to the San Diego Fair Office.

The draft which Raymond will send, will not reach you till the first of November, but surely you can raise the funds on the prospect of its then arriving in New York, and you cannot be so cruel to Mrs. Poole & myself as to prevent our meeting our dear wives till December.

When the letters came from the States, I had to open my wife's first, and she wrote that probably when I received her letter she should be on the way to join me, but on opening yours it was a dash of cold water, fitth of Oct. I start? It would be a beautiful time to arrive now for the ladies, the land is "flowing with milk & wild honey" or literally melons & grapes in any quantity, and the beautiful weather, while everyone is prophesying that the rainy seasons will commence early this year.

Give my regards to your family - for I suppose you are made up family now - and all friends.

And I remain

Thomas W. Higginson
New York
City

Yours &
E. W. Morse

John
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Admiral, 1853 - from the
Pencil

Dechy leases the Pendleton
House -

San Diego, Oct. 26, 1853.

Thos Whaley Esq.

Dear friend:

I enclose with this a letter to my dear wife whom I hope you have brought in safety through the trials of the California trip.

Mr. Morse and myself have been on a lookout for a house nearly ever since you have been gone, but have failed in getting anything but the Baudini Hotel, which I hope can be made comfortable for us. The reason Mr. Johnson's house could not be had was on account of Mr. Baudini's having it in charge & leasing it to Mr. Deely, before we knew what was going on. I regret very much that I cannot immediately arrange the payment of the amount you have expended in my behalf on the trip, but will do so in some way when I see you.

I have been obliged to make large expenditures in starting my ranch, building my house &c during the summer, which has at this time rendered me a little short.

Should my wife require additional funds not exceeding \$50, please hand her the amount,

and charge to me. My idea about our
furniture is to get one parlor-full of good
articles, and bed-room furniture for three
rooms. The girls will know about the
dining & other articles. Hoping to see you
and your lady in good time, and all
in good health;

I remain

With great esteem

Yr friend

Chas H. Poole.



Thomas Whaley, Esq
Care R. E. Raymond,
San Francisco

Nov

1853

1853
News off
Affairs in
Old Town

E. W. Morse

Sept 14, 1853

Morse to

Whaley -

re: Mrs Paole

- Mrs Morse, Mrs

- + Whaley coming
out by Dec.

Confidential

San Diego Cal
Nov. 9th 1853

Friend Whaley,

I received your letter of Oct. 5th on the 5th inst and was very much disappointed to hear that you were so unfortunately detained, it was really shameful.

I had so confidently expected you on this trip that I ordered no goods so that I am now entirely out of many articles, and during the coming fortnight shall be obliged to purchase many things in town in order to keep along.

I fear that the rainy season has commenced in S. F. - we have had a rain of 60 or 70 hours here - and that goods have taken a rise, which will make it unfortunate, as now it is necessary that our goods should be laid in at the very lowest figure to compete with other merchants here.

Hoop is selling at the slightest possible advance above cost. Sacks, says many things under cost.

Hoop has ^{not much} ~~nothing~~ but groceries & liquors.
Massachusetts, - the Jew that keeps in Mrs
Wrightington's house - is selling dry goods
at the same rate. I understand that he
buys his goods at auctions, a brother in
N.Y. makes it his business to attend the
auctions ^{and purchase} for him.

I would suggest that you buy only
^{very} a small quantity of those articles that are
above the usual market price and a larger
quantity of those which may happen to be
cheap.

Don't forget the Barley I received
on the last trip off the Southerner (Oct 27th)
2000 lbs Barley, it was all gone within a week,
it cost in N.Y. $1\frac{3}{4}$ per lb, freight $1\frac{1}{2}$ making here
 $3\frac{1}{4}$ & it sold readily for \$5.00 per hundred - it was
very clean & good, - this country Barley was selling at
the same time for 4^c per lb. - Get only the best kind
perhaps if still cheap about 15 tons, though you
probably know better than I do, how much
we could sell in a year.

Mrs R. Howes at "Hawes & Co's"
Furniture Store 180 Montgomery St. is an old
acquaintance of mine and in purchasing
furniture would be pleased to have you give
him a call if agreeable to you - he has a very
fine and agreeable ledge for his wife.

I sent to Raimond for you a fortnight ago \$2775.00 and I send this time ~~\$400.00~~ ^{\$400.00} more I also send you enclosed a small list that I omitted before.

Either Mrs Cook or Lieut. Derby is going up to S. Z. this trip I believe, I think you had better try to get some money from him - he owes me beside the \$600.00 advanced, over \$250.00, I have dunned him several times. About a month ago he paid me \$150.00 - not quite $\frac{1}{6}$ of what he then owed. I simply mention this as a caution, for he may wish you to advance him money in S. Z. If he goes up, and it would be very inconvenient to us to his out of it a long time.

Jash will probably leave for Sonora today, had hopes he says to have seen you on this boat, sends his respects to you & the ladies, Nov 10th The steamer is on her way up the harbor. I shall send you by the pursuer \$4.00 making the total in S. Z. for you \$3175.00 being all I could possibly raise it has all been sent to the care of R. E. Raimond.

I learn today that Mrs Derby & not Cook will go to S. Z.

Give my respects to the ladies
and I remain
yours &c
C. W. Morse

Bye the bye some time since I sent
up by Lyons as I firmly believe \$500.00 it
was wrapped up in paper and Lyons put it
in the bag with his own money, by some means
it got broken open and he would only account
for \$400.00 which he paid to R. E. K. also
leaving \$100.00 in his hands to be decided hereafter
The books say \$500.00 and I can't imagine
how I could make the mistake.

Aug. 13th Raymond charged me with
a doz spurs amounting to \$48.00 he sent me only
one dozen, when I explained he gave me
credit for \$12.00 but can't understand how it
should be \$12.00 more & writes me that he
shall leave the riddle for your solving.

C. W. M

Bristol, Nov^r 20th 1843.

Dear Son.

I was somewhat disappointed at receiving a line from you on the return of the Star of the West but the D^r brother-in-law wrote of whom I grieved the wished for intelligence that you had gained your destination, so far in safety, which gave me hopes you would be enabled to reach your desired haven. You have my most ardent prayer my child. Your very agitated languid looks when we parted is still before me, never shall I forget how unhappy you looked, not from consciousness of parting from your last parent, but from ill placed confidence in those ^{who} rejoiced in your troubles, and dismay. How strongly it ought to unite you to those who put forth a hand to aid and assist. After bidding you ^{adieu} perhaps for the last time, I made my way the best I could, struggling with my acute feelings to Mr West to inquire for the letters, you spoke of, they were there he said he would send them I took the liberty to request him to go and see you leave, as I feared you would not have a single friend to witness your departure, He hesitated, as he did not know the Pier, he went out

gained the information decided to go and take the
letters, himself, it so released my feelings, I was able to
walk on in safety to the Ferry, as you know I had a
severe cold, then the great excitement I endured all
conspired to make me feel very bad. I must say Mr
West, is a true friend, to us both, I trust you will duly
appreciate him, I will try never to forget him. For
a week I could not see the Lawyer, at length I decided
to go, on my way. I called on Mr W. he gave me the
pleasant news, that John, was at the Hotel, I did feel thank-
ful that your brother, was there to bid you farewell
I was so very glad. I called on the Lawyer who wished
me to sign the Bond on part of Trip, Flintoff not desir-
ing, I hesitated, but he said it was only a form &
complicated, I then took the stage, to your brother
who I had not seen since your departure. He said
I was wrong to sign so I left him the next Morn-
determined to have my signature erased, I was then by
10 waited over 2 hours, at length General, came I told
him what you said, advised me to let it remain as they
might trouble, I did so, wended my way to Mr W.
as your draft is come and paid, Mr W. thinks
proper to try to buy them ^{notes} up not letting them know
a word of the receipt of Money, you know it will save
the interest, I saw Mr - C., yesterday he had not been
up, but I thought you would be very anxious to
know how matters was going. Know that I did no one
would write, unless I did. Sorry am, I to say it, as you
are, so far away from us, all and when will we all
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to health when I was there, Elizabeth, was to have been over to
spend the day with me I trust sickness has not prevented her
all Harriette and babe was well when I heard from her last she writes
for each week, I presume you will desire to know of all our healths
only I have written to Henry but no answer has come. I heard of his
in and family's ^{health} lately. Thomas, I trust, you have seen Mr
sided Montgommery and communicated to him the glad tidings
the of his family's health with their many heaps of Love.
bank His wife often speaks of it and says you can so well tell
re their position and looks. I hope you found your business
ed concerns in good order, and am as happy in your new
is in situation as you anticipated I have but limited
n's time to write therefore will not detail any of my
ed concerns as they may not be interesting. I must mail
in this to day Sunday, as the bag leaves early in the Morn
by Now my dear child I commend you to the protection
told of Almighty God who has hitherto watched over you
with his kind care which calls forth the thanks

Of your affectionate Mother
M. Whaley

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Sau. Vigs. December 16th 1853

Dear Mother,

I arrived here on the 4th inst and right glad
am I to be back, I feel at home and among friends again
My business has been conducted to my satisfaction
during my absence though perhaps had I been here
we should have made more money this house are
always better than our - My partner is a good man
therefore I cannot complain. The ladies are all
safe and glad to be with their husbands - We are
at present all keeping house together and have every-
thing very comfortable. A well furnished parlor
dining room kitchen and three bedrooms I have
spelt over one hundred dollars for furniture
What makes it inconvenient is that the house is
too far away from the store but we must
submit to this - At next Spring when we will
probably build a new store and house together.
Aunt's health is fast improving and soon I hope
to see her very cheerful and fleshy as ever
she was. Since my return I have received
your letters of June 20th July 5th 20th also
our written since I left home Nov 30th -
I am glad to hear you received the draft
for \$75.00 This will enable you to pay front

\$25.00 lawyer's and \$25.00 and of the above \$100.00
send me the receipts for these amounts. The balance
of the \$100.00 amounting to \$46.00 must be used to buying
up the notes to Kip & Flintoff if it can be done. The
Kip & Flintoff may be a bit too late but in case
it cannot be done I wish my note to Morgan & Co
to be paid it is due March 1st or the 1st of \$304.00
By the mail I came of the 1st January I received
the draft for \$304.00 the amount due Morg
and I wish that you would tell them of my intention
so that they need not send the note on here for
collection as it will surely be taken up in New York
therefore if the draft \$304.00 does not arrive in time
I wish it paid out of the funds in "trust" hands
if Kip & Flintoff's notes are not previously
taken up. I wish you to inform me when the notes
to Kip & Flintoff become due and the amount
I am to pay each, that I may know in time
to send the money and as I do not wish you
to be compelled to pay any of my debts.
Do not forget to give me all the information
I desire in your next. I leave here for San Francisco
in a few days to make purchases but shall
soon be back again. My love to all of you and
remembrance to friends, yet friends indeed and
believe me dear mother your affectionate son
Wm. W. W. W.

253 Livingston St
near Harmon St
New York
McKeon's



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Rachel Whaley
Care Joseph West Esq
45 Fulton Street
New York



San Francisco Dec 31 1853.

My Dear Wife,
Sad and lonely perchance you sit saying
thinking of me and wondering when I will return again.
The thought makes me unhappy, but be of good cheer my
dear I will not tarry long. You may depend upon
my coming by the next steamer nothing in the world
keeps me here but business of the greatest importance
which I have not yet been able to attend to on account
of my time since my arrival having been taken up
purchasing goods but to say the truth I have
hitherto it is true then I can rest myself and
embrace the next vessel with of seeing my Rio con
Point property if such a thing be possible to my
advantage. But I will speak no more on this sub-
ject as my business can be anything but pleasant
to hear further than to know I am doing well.
I had a very pleasant trip up on board the *Christina*
as the weather was fine and I enjoyed myself
since my arrival I have been occupied during
the day time. Two evenings I was at the theatre
to hear the *Van Loon's* Miss *Osmond* who perform
tolerably well. The new theatre *Metroproscenium*
is open. It is a very fine building and will com-
pare with any in New York. I have visited
it once. *John* is the leader of the orchestra

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Last night I heard a philosophical lecture and being the
first I ever attended, I was highly satisfied. They is
all the enjoyment I have had since I came here
and about all I expect till I see you again. How I
wish I could go to San Diego by this steamer I wish to
see you very much, though I am not sorry I did not bring
you with me. I wish you are far better off, if not
happier when you are, than you would be here at this
season of the year when the walking is so very bad.
But the next time I promise to bring you with me and
never wish to be separated from you again. I hope dear
Anna you have not cried all the while since I left
you if you have I pray you to cease doing so as you
may make yourself ill. Then how unhappy I should
feel. If you hear you heard my dear I shall not long
be absent from you, but come home positively by the
next steamer nothing will induce me to remain longer.
So be of good cheer for my sake and look as well and
contented as you possibly can. Write to me, tell
me how you have passed your time what you have
done and what your thoughts have been. All this
will be interesting to me to hear. I think if you are
the time I have to myself - and wish myself an un-
happy wife all the time I am away from you.
But soon we will again be united, never again
to be so long away from each other. I hope you find
your health improving and I think it will provided
you keep your mind employed. I hope at least
you and Mrs. Morse agree if you and Mrs. Morse

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cannot. Enjoy yourself all you can - I have bought
you a handsome gilt cup & saucer which Mr. Moore
will give you for a new year present also a match
box for our toilette table that I know you will
like, a little sleeping surface being the cover to it -
Also ask him for 2 candlesticks for our bedroom -
If you have not cut & made all the mullin
for sheets get what you want from the Store I
have sent one piece of very nice sheeting also
some counterpanes for the bed - a very handsome
plated cake basket, mustard Spoon Salt Spoon
Sugar Spoon butter knives Chamber pencil for
the house also some buck wheat indian meal
and fine dried plums for making fruit - Anything
you want from the Store ask Mr. Moore for and
don't be afraid you have the same right as I have
and I know you will never be more extravagant than
I wish you to be - Tomorrow will be new year How
I would like to have my kiss and bless you with my
best wishes but I must postpone this to another time
and can only write that I wish you a happy new year
the same to Miss Moore & Mrs. Poles I will write
you a letter for Miss Eaton but I have not yet seen
her nor Elvise You will forgive me for this neglect
I have been so busy but I promise you to go to day
before the steamer leaves to see if she has any letter to send
I must now close my dear wife trusting to
God that we may soon meet from your loving husband
Wm. H. Poles

Old General Whelan
Car of Major General
- Lane Wright
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Brooklyn Dec^r 18th 1843

Dear Son.

I, again resume my writing, trusting that you have arrived safe in San Diego though considerably disappointed that I did not receive a letter from you by the Steamer leaving San Francisco the middle of the month but I have shared the gates of many others like Dr likewise brother to Mrs Almond. I hope all your business was prospering to your mind on your return and you are again seated under your own vine and fig tree may the blessing of heaven rest upon you. Your affairs here are not settled only this far, they have the notes I wrote you that the draft had duly received Mr W^t asked Kife what they would allow on the note for cash he hummed a while, those said I will see Flintoff last week he called and told W^t he would take off \$10 - I told W^t to hold on and see what ~~It~~ would do - he was to go up last week again as business called him there, I told him to tell Mrs Kife, I would buy up the note for \$20 and the interest or see what ~~It~~ would do I hope to make some compromise as I do not wish to stand responsible to any one of their kind you may rest assured, all will be nicely attended too as far as the cash on hand will depay. We have had a very beautiful winter month so far I hope the remainder will be as mild Elizabeth and Lilee. many were here last week quite well John complains of a pain in his breast. I expect he has exposed himself to much in placing the lantern at the top of the tower I hope he will not get sick. They have not paid up yet I do not like it though her is very sanguine

but I have my fears I shall take a trip up this week to where
Thomas, I can scarcely realise your visiting us only when
I reflect on the many unpleasant scenes I had to encounter
with yourself, I hope you have regained your good looks and spirit
not doubting but you will frequently think of your absent
parent. My bold troubled me for a long time after you left
now I am tolerable well thank mercy, remain at the same
place - I presume you saw Mr Westgornery and told him
all the glad tidings of his family which must be very grate-
ful to him as a parent, she had a letter, of course you was
not named has you had not arrived. They are all well. Miss
Esther Devereux called here yesterday quite well. - Your sister
was well a few days ago baby grows finely. - Thomas
Laisa Piza informs me that you did not pay her a visit
she takes it very unkind of you and says, "Tell him I shall
never forgive him for forgetting me?" I felt sorry that you
had not called on her as she manifested so much disappoint-
ment but I will tell her how very busy you was I hope Mr W,
has seen the Newark folks as I am anxious to get the affair
settled for the benefit of all. Newman tells me Thompson
is going to Oregon I would like to see I - very much. hope he
will call on me Mrs West is gone to Newark
I insert this at his store 4 a clock Mail leaves to
Monmouth} hastily

Your Mother
A. Whaley.

if the notes which I have given them can be
bought up with the money which Fred has
in his hands. Should it require a little more
I hope you will not hesitate to advance it
and I promise to repay the amount in my
circulation. If the notes can not be bought
up I wish you to let me know the amount
for which they are drawn and when
they are due that I may provide for
the payment of the same at the time they
fall due. You will begin to think I
am really making money and so I
am and about getting fast too taking
care always to keep out of debt
I am willing to compromise with you as well
as with the rest of my creditors as it
is my intention to pay all my debts
if I can. If I send you five hundred
and fifty ^{or a whole extra} dollars, will you give me
up my notes and give me an receipt
in full of all demands to make. It
is as plain as I can afford to do and
if the offer is a good one I don't see
that you can do better than to accept
of it. I must now close dear mother
be standing my love to Francis John &
Henry and all the little ones.

From your ever affectionate
son
Wm. S. Thackeray
of San Diego Cal.

Curtains hung
in house -

Free Masons
Meeting in Bill Room
27th (Dec) 1853

Mrs Morse &
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Anna to Thomas

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San Diego Cal. 1858.

My dear loved Husband.

I had made up my mind
to write to you, not to let you know
how much I feel your long absence, fearing it
might make you feel unhappy. But you
cannot I know feel worse than I do. My
prayers ascend to Heaven every night that you
may reach San Francisco in perfect safety,
and good health. Also do you have my
sincere wishes that you may be successful
in your present business, and return home
to me once again, and as soon as you prom-
ised me. Two weeks appears an eternity to me,
and I cannot understand how I let you
go without me. How you feel now dearest
Husband after so long an absence I cannot
very well tell, but I am almost broken hearted
really. I do all I can to make time pass swiftly,
but it is useless, it still hangs heavily about
me. I drink any quantity of wine to keep
up my spirits, it answers for a while, and then

the charm is over, and I am still sad. You must come back to me as soon as you said you would. When you write to me let me know when you intend starting and by which Steam you will come, and then I shall have something to look forward to.

Mr. Hunt will no doubt hand you this, and he will also tell you dearest - Husband, what a pleasant time we had at the Free Mason's Anniversary on the 27th. Judge Robinson delivered an Oration on Free Masonry, in our ball room, after which we all marched (Ladies and Gentlemen) in a procession to Mr. Coats house, where we partook of a dinner prepared for us. Some of the company told me that if it had not been for me they would not have had much fun. I believe it, for I really got them all started.

When you come home I will tell you all about it. As you expected Lieutenant D-y and myself are well matched. Every time he sees me come out of the house he runs out and then we tease each other, and joke, and play together which does not please somebody. He calls me Little Whatey, or widow dear and I call him Tom. But dearest Husband this is to me all nonsense, without you by me. It will be impossible for me to stay here much longer without - My heart is full to overflowing, and am almost choked up

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with tears. Our little bedroom looks deserted to
me, and until you come back to me, I shall
not take much comfort in it, I can assure you.
Should you believe it, I cry myself to sleep every
night, O, how I long for your return home, I feel
that if I had wings, by your side I would be
once more, and feel happy again. Return in two
weeks, as you promised for my sake. Write to me
and let me know all the news. Everything is going
on the same as when you left. I shall expect you
by the Southern on the 5th of next month. My
remembrances to all friends, especially to Alice and
Mr. Marnes. Give Mr. Bainoud my best wishes and
my best respects. To you dear Husband I send
my whole heart which contains pure love for
you, and you alone. I must now close dear
one by, wishing you a Merry Christmas, and
a happy New Year.

From Your ever loving and
faithful Wife

Anna Whaley.

P.S. Two weeks, remember, love.

As I have told you to get her six yards of
silk lace to trim a sack like mine. And I would
like you, to buy me, six yards of ^{black} velvet ribbon
and, three yards of red uncut velvet ribbon, and
three yards of pink uncut velvet ribbon. Will
you get these, and you will please me, Anna?

I feather dust brush, one for the parlor
and one for Gas room. By the by, Mrs. Middle
and myself have arranged the parlor
The curtains are all put up and we feel
quite at ease, we use the parlor almost
every evening now.

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