

1858

FAMILY LETTERS

Burton, Jan 3^d - 1858

I am permitted to wish you all a
Happy New Year, once more, hoping you are as con-
fident as circumstances will admit; - that is my feeling
at this time. I was extremely disappointed that I did
not receive a letter from you, informing me of
Glenn's health, a privilege I fear his ^{illness} ^{was} ^{unable} ^{to} ^{perform}
mistakenly has deemed him to ^{be} ^{unwell}; I hope & pray
it is not as bad as I ~~have~~ ^{have} heard how very patient-
ly I have waited until the Steamer arrived I
was very anxious to hear of him, and was certain
you would not neglect to inform me, I presume
you must have been unexpectedly detained in some
way. I depend on his being under your kind pro-
tection, which is a consolation to me, O! Thomas
only thinks how it grieves me though, I endeavour to
beave up the best I can. I trust your family are
in the enjoyment of good health as we are at this
time, great is the blessing, I hope your desires
may be crowned by the R. R. - coming your way
then you will come and settle down in your own ^{land}

New York le 9 Janvier 1858.

Ma chère Anna.

J'ai à la fin reçu deux lettres de toi la première, du 27 Nov. 57. et la seconde et la dernière du 7 Dec. Je commençais à croire que tu ne voulais plus m'écrire ou, que tu étais malade et n'étais bien décidée à ne pas attendre plus longtemps de s'être à l'écrire à S. G. pour avoir de tes nouvelles. Mais ma chère fille ne t'avis plus de rester si longtemps dans m'écrire et suis bien sûre que je ne me contenterai pas d'une lettre tous les six mois: il m'en faut une tous les mois. Dernièrement, tu m'as beaucoup négligée; il y avait six mois que je n'avais reçu de lettre de toi. Mais je te pardonne cette fois en pourvu que tu ne me néglige plus à l'avenir. Je suis bien aise que les affaires soient si mauvaises à S. G. parce que cela décidera ton mari à quitter ce vilain pays qui me fait tant de peur pour toi. et j'espère que le Bill passera par les chemins de fer et que nous serons en ^{moins} ~~moins~~ ^{moins} ~~moins~~ pour ne plus nous quitter. Le jour que Dieu me fera la grâce de te revoir sera le plus beau de ma vie. Dis à ton mari qu'il faut qu'il fasse tout son possible pour l'avenir le plus tôt qu'il

sera en son pouvoir ce qu'il fera plaisir à plus
 d'une vieille Lady à écrire ma chère Anna
 je suis que je ne pourrai pas long-temps suppa-
 -ter la fatigue d'enseigner car quoique je
 n'ai que quatre élèves c'est quelque fois
 plus que je ne saurais faire convenablement que
 jusqu'à présent l'hiver a été doux mais voilà
 qu'il commence à seigner et nous nous attendons
 à ~~quel~~ ^{une} hiver jusqu'au l'été mais il est toujours
 autant de pris sur l'ennemi. On espère que les
 affaires vont reprendre au printemps: il me
 semble que l'on vit toujours dans l'espérance
 dans ce monde! Mon expérience à moi, c'est
 de te revoir bientôt ma chère fille, alors je
 me croirai au bout de mes peines. Dieu
 nous fasse la grâce que tout cela s'accomplisse
 maintenant, il faut que je t'annonce le
 mariage de M^{lle} Jardard, qui est maintenant
 M^{lle} Durgin son mari tient un Livery Stable
 et est plus jeune qu'elle. Que penses-tu d'une
 sottise pareille? Je crois très fort qu'il l'a
 épousée pour son argent et qu'elle p
 Chère pour teu whistle.

Charley Brown me prie de te dire that
 he feels very much flattered that my grand-son
 named after his honorable brother and hopes
 the next will be named after him and afford
 send his name like many Russes and Trelors to his

mother. An
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mother. And how many to his father? None.
Amélie ne s'est pas bien portée cette hiver
elle est très faible. Le Dr lui a donné du sulfate
acide à prendre et à présent il n'y a plus moyen
de vivre avec elle. Peter est toujours le même
comme il va son petit bonhomme de chemin. Maintenant ma
chère Anna que je n'ai plus rien à t'apprendre, il
faut que je finisse ma lettre. embrasse tes
chers petits Marmots pour moi dis-leur qu'il
y a à New York une grande Maman qui les aime
beaucoup une tante et un oncle qui ont grand
envie de les voir et qu'ils ne manqueront pas
d'être bien gâtés. Encore une fois adieu mes
amitiés à ton mari. Nous nous embrassons tous
du fond de notre Cœur.

Ta mère affectonnée
V. E. Larnay.

P.S. Amélie se plaint que tu ne lui écris pas.
Tous tes anciens amis et surtout M^{lle} Berrier te
font leurs amitiés.

My kind friend

Wednesday, July 3, 1888.

Having accidentally received
a larger lot of pages than I have
use for at present, I take the liberty of
asking you to try and dispose of a
few of them, as by so doing you will
oblige one who is truly a friend of
you and yours.

H. Ames

To
Mrs. Chas. Whaley
San Diego

Brooklyn February 3 - 1858

My Dear Children

It is quite useless to attempt to describe my feelings after waiting the arrival of those dear friends coming to inquire concerning my unfortunate boy which only augments my unhappy disappointment. I know not what to write I have written two letters in answer to your first generous information you must have written. I have not read it you never could keep me in such cruel suspense & you certainly forget my kind solicitude for you all as you both know full well how anxious I should feel; a friend kindly handed me a San Francisco paper which contained the atrocious deed with particulars, I was much relieved to read it was his left arm, sad indeed under any circumstances how happy I should be to hear what my poor boy intends to do, I begged you in my last to inform me what you thought would be the best method, to pursue as I am willing to do all I can for him, I hear he is able to write to his family, I hope and trust you will write me the earliest opportunity all that can be communicated and the reason why you have not written to me before.

and relieve my troubled mind. O! what would tempt me to
treat you thus, your letters are always read when they come
which is a comfort to me, as I love to hear of your welfare.

I should have thought, Henry would have written to his mother at least
John & Harriette's family are quite well, with myself, and your
friends in general. I hope and trust the, P. B., will come your way
so let me know as soon as possible thought you are so well situ-
ated in your great establishment. I hope and pray you are all well
and happy enjoying good health, with your dear little boys.
how I should like to see them. Our winter has been most delightful
so moderate. Thomas; I would like to receive a letter or follow
you each month, I do not think, I ask to much of my child
one and all of us feel sadly at a loss to know the cause of your
silence, as each stood tiptoe on the arrival of the Gal. mails.

How difficult to endure such suspense. Old Mrs Brown, is in her 91
year I cannot refrain naming her as she inquires so kindly about you
"do give my love to Thomas" they are a kind family Harriette was here
a few days ago, quite lively My Dear I must close, your Sister
and brother join in love to you all.

Your affectionate Mother
P. Wherry

My Dear Mr Henry

~~and thank you~~ I am indeed very sorry that I could
not hear from you amidst your misfortune do write and
inform me what you intend to do I trust your brother
will do all for you that lies in his power as he feels

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was as kind as a
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of all mails.
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your sister
to our Mother
Whaley
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do write and
our brother
as he feels

especially for your determination. and so do we all I do assure you
I am thankful it is not your right arm I hope Thomas
was as kind as he could be and will continue to be so
do write and tell me all about it Mrs Stout says she's
very sorry for you and her daughter likewise Mrs S.
is very ill her life dispared off I hope you have hear of
your family lately is Anna in any business.
Sometimes I think you may go in with F Do think
well of him he is a good brother very sorry for you
I do not think he would advise you wrong may God
in his mercy protect you against that bad Man

By your Mother
Dear Mr Haley

Steamer Senator
San Pedro
March 6th 1858.

My Dear Mrs Chaley. I send to Walter
Ringgold your dog, which you were
so kind as to allow me to keep
through the winter. I return
him according to my promise,
with many thanks for his use.
I am on my way to San Bernar-
dino, and shall probably be in
San Diego next steamer day.
I want much to go down this
trip, but have not time. I heard
from you the other day through
Wm. Ringgold, and am
extremely sorry to hear that you

March 4, 1858

Rachel to Thomas Whaley

re: Death of Thos Jr. -

{ Jamney - Feb 1, 1858 or
throats

Brooklyn, March 4th 1858

Dear Son

Yours of Feb. 1st came to hand
 informing us of the loss of your dear
 little Tommy, I sympathize with you.
 "The Lord giveth & the Lord taketh away
 and blessed be the name of the Lord."
 I know you must have felt his loss sadly
 I am glad you had his likeness, I will try
 to see it. I trust you ^{have} both recovered from
 your colds, please that Frank is pro-
 ving to be a fine boy may be a blessing
 to you both, and hope he will be spared until
 your letters has been long looked for, with a line
 from either since you informed of things
 had disaster I was near crying, I wrote to you
 to inform me your ideas, what was best to be
 done, as you was the best judge, was he said
 of family I would soon take him home and make

him comfortable as long as he would stay
with me, I have received a letter from Dr. W. this
morning, the first of the way he is doing alone
I was very sorry to read it as I instructed you
to take him to your home forgetting all past
difficultly I know he would feel very bad indeed
and could not refrain from feeling great gratitude
~~to you~~ as a husband for your kindness. Do take
him home until it is decided what it is to be done
The inference will that you and all make any kind
to hinder his trouble but that he is coming for his
nephew but that Mrs. W. what it is as the fact is
his wife is not quite well & quite unable to work as
Dr. W.'s course being given, he was not known
what to do in his present situation & his last
letter says he is getting the lightest business
days. His Dr. stands fine with Dr. W.'s
pleasure do attend to Mrs. W. must that he come
pleasur of any one but I do not like him to
live alone in his present state of mind. ~~There is~~
mean, might it not be his wife's? I feel that you will
him, you may thank her writes help say I could
write particular next time. We heard from
Washington that Ann's was to return in 2 days

hint of April. I know not how true it is. I am
glad to hear the had better come home says there is
a better chance for him the 28th or in March.
do say what it is to be done inform me without
delay, I beg of you, what is the use of her going
to him she has made trouble enough. Still I
will not blame her for this, she has good reasons
The, has not made any proposition to me
I am quite at a loss to ascertain his views, unless
he writes. I was said she intended to open a few
by then in N. D. she does not speak of her other
children, he omits other things of them, it is omitt
to be better, only thinks if it was your do write on
the receipt of this to it as it may. I hope and pray
you are progressing, how do you like your new place
there I hope very well. I hope you will see Dr.
and have a talk with him. I hope not to
have any bad news next time. May God
help you and yours is my hope.
Your Mother.

I did not know William's name, do what William
was ~~great~~ the thing. What has become of the kind
who injured your brother I presume Franklin is
getting ~~good~~ ~~good~~ we see some one of your family

Mr Thomas Whaley
San Diego

1850 -

Re: Property in
Central park - How it
is to be secured for
family - by mortgage

Brooklyn April 4th 1858

Dear Son Thomas

How it grieves me that
I ~~have~~ after pleasure arrives but no
letter for me you certainly cannot think
I cease to wish to hear from you, I don't
to know your opinion of Fleas coming
home, why not inform me I trust you
and family are well, though you have
been afflicted, According to my request
Amelia, brought your infant likeness it
represents a fine looking child, a great loss
to you both, but be comforted.

Thomas, do write and inform me of
all particulars, I heard Annies was to
leave for Cal. in April, but cannot say
for Britain, I wish I knew I hope you
and Ben are quite friendly only think

Some loss he has met with I cannot think he will in therefore John has
if it without the loss starting to my eye made a purchase of a house & let
I hope you think of it and that from time giving me a mortgage at 5% percent if
that would I so if I thought you could not I want the interest I should expect to
will on nothing for time that is would for it, sister, takes her part to pay off
I heat you. Thomas, you know Sarah on some time giving me the same
that the Repetitive had taken the 1/2 lot have some you and Henry. I shall
and 1/2 the same in the bond, Part. keep the money in the bond until
I apply for the amount 2,000, the you both give me the money, this I
consequently had it looked to make want some for the debt so that each
reside consequently it has been a great one shall have a like. He should may
house and estate put it out of court be on property in total you can let
as I was anxious my four children me know what is to be done, when I may
might have the residue of the day call for the six per cent, I must inform
ing all expenses \$900 or \$800 - disbursements. Then I rather he would come home from
to read May properly taxes and tax follow when do you mean that your wife
expenses which would be \$2,000 will come to the bank, I cannot imagine
just \$500 for each one the lawyer how you can spare her as the time will be
inform me I cannot devote from the so long. I trust we may see
will of your father. therefore each out and return to your native land I do hope
child can give a mortgage in real you wife I shall write to her about the
estate and take \$500 as it will money

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Benicia Cal

May 17th 1858.

My Dear Miss Whaley:

News from the States has finally decided me to leave for the east immediately, and I shall go on the Stephens on the 20th inst. I regret extremely that I am unable to visit San Diego before leaving, but it is now impossible for me to do so. I was very much disappointed in not getting a letter from you by the last mail from San Diego. I wanted very much to hear from you and fully expected a letter. I hope you are not forgetting your old friend. Perhaps you have too much else to occupy you, so that you find no time for me. How are you? And how are yours? You must give me a long letter and tell me all about yourself. You will know how you can make your letters interesting to me. I wish you to direct to me at Waterbury Conn - Care

of S. W. Kellogg" - As I was riding down town the other day, I met the express agent, who told me that there was a package in the Express office for me. I went in great haste to the office, thinking I should find something from you. Imagine my surprise on finding my own picture! I had not expected to receive it in Benicia. By the way, how is your own nice little picture? I presume that it had not yet started on its mission! How do you, Mrs. Wiley, pass the time in S. D. I suppose when not going to the theatre or some of the other places of amusement, you are devoting your time to your little family. What would I give to see you now. I very much wish to return to San Diego, and shall by all means do so in the fall when I return from the States. I shall then hope to get stationed there again. Gladly would I repeat those delightful rides, and pleasant interviews with my dear friend. Truly there are some pleasant bright spots in our chequered life, to which our hearts

revert with pleasure, however great the sorrow
that the scenes are past. How is your health,
and how are you getting along this Spring?
Do tell me all about yourself, and of all things
that you know will most interest me. I
shall look for a letter by the first mail
after I get east. How I dread the long
voyage! But it will soon be over, and I
shall soon be back in Cal. all right.
I am perhaps slightly superstitious, and I have
procured a "Charmed Talisman" which I wear
around my neck, and which of course, will protect
me while I wear it. I shall be absent about
five or six months. I may possibly return
by the overland route to S. D. I would
now go that way, were it two mos. earlier. It
is now too late to cross the deserts. There
have been several parties lately in Benicia
but I have been to none of them. I think
that I am getting to be an "old foggy" as I care
nothing about parties now, and I seldom
leave the garrison except to take a ride. How
is dear little Franky? With regards to Mrs. W. I am
as ever your most sincere and faithful

Don't fail to write -

My Annie E. W.
S. D.

Friend J. Kellogg

how it will grieve me had he only died when he was young I never should have had the pangs I now feel I wrote to him at the same I did you of a five hundred dollars, as I want to assist all that require help him in particular but, you received the letter if not, inform me, I will write again.

I trust your darling boy is in good health, rendered more valuable by the loss of his little brother but God takes when he pleases no respect showing, may he bless us all. My mind is too troubled to write more at present. All send love to you and family. God bless you all

Your Affectionate Mother
P. Whaley

Mr Swan died on the 15 of march, me and R. went to his funeral, 78 years of age he was laid out most gracefully in a splendid coffin handles plate of the best he looked very natural I forget if I wrote about it last time

Brooklyn May 3 1858

Dear Son Thomas.

I am about to write, but I can scarcely tell to what purpose, as I get no response to my letters, let me write of what I may. Is it right or is wrong that you should treat me thus? I have written to you concerning it, if you do not wish to give your opinion you might say so, and write to that effect I won't desire you to do that which is not compatible with your feelings, but in mercy and goodness sake never keep your Mother in such cruel suspense yes cruel indeed when a Pen and Paper would relieve her troubled mind. Look upon your surviving Son, he at a distance you craved knowledge of his health and prosperity, I was regardless of your earnest requests, what would you say, even if he could inform ^{me} but did not still more would your anxiety be increased? only consider, all the Steamers arrive no letter for me in answer to my many, last week John's wife had a letter from Annie saying Henry would be home, thus I catch a little information, God know I should be glad to see him once more but only one word, how can I endure the sight

Benicia Barracks Benicia Cal.
May. 1st 1858.

My dear Mrs Whaley,
Your kind letter of April
21st came by the last mail, and I
truly believe that if you knew what
pleasure it gave me to hear from you,
you would, in your kindness of heart,
write to me by every mail. But
while I rejoice to hear from you, my dear
friend, I assure you that I am much
pained to hear that you have been sick,
and are still in delicate health. When
I remember the many pleasant hours spent
in your society (as I often do with pleasure)
I can hardly understand that one so full
of vivacity, and life, and joyousness, can
be so unfortunate as to be afflicted with
sickness and pain - I hope ere this you
are well again, and that your life will ever
be free from pain and sorrow - Happiness is
but the absence of pain, and I trust that
you have yet in store a long bright
future of happiness - You deserve

the sunniest smiles of fortune; and I doubt not the fickle Goddess will yet shower her favors upon you abundantly. If you have suffered pain and affliction for the past few months, let radiant hope dispel the sombre clouds, and point to a life of happy years to come - Well I know, that no one but a mother can fully understand your loss of little Tommy - But it is well that we should always apply philosophy, as far as possible, to this life's trials.

Three or four gentlemen have just come in and as I must have this ready for the mail in a few minutes I will close by giving another page, notwithstanding their talking. Of course it will be uninteresting, but I will try and not put in what they are talking about -

Since leaving you in March, I have been pretty well, though not as well as in San Diego. I have been constantly here with my Company, with the exception of two days in San Fran.
You ask about my going east. I now think that I shall not go till the latter part of summer, if indeed, I go this year - There are reasons why I do not wish

to go at present. I may however go later in
the Summer, though as I do not wish to
be in the north in the winter, it is quite
probable that I shall wait till next
Spring. I shall hope, and endeavour to
visit Southern Cal^a during the Summer.
I want very much to see my very dear
friend Mrs. Whaley - Will she not come to
San Francisco during the Summer? I
hope so indeed - I assure you that nothing
will give me greater pleasure - Try by
all means to write to me by return
mail, and give me long, long, letters.
You are the only one that I expect
to hear from in San Diego and I rely
upon you to learn of all that will
interest me - Remember me to
all my few friends and believe me
Very faithfully
Your true friend
J. Kellogg

Mrs Annie C. Whaley
San Diego
Cal.

P. S. Be kind enough to tell me all about yourself - You
know me well enough to know what will most
interest me - J. K.

Brooklyn May 19th 1858

Dear Son Thomas.

I received a letter from your brother last Steamer, informing me that he had decided to return home, only he had that day received a letter from his family that they would leave in May for Cal^a, therefore he would be compelled, to defer until he heard from them again. I am quite unable to say what will be for the best; John thinks he may do better here, or in N^Y there must be funds, somewhere, for him to return home, board near a year with his family, and then return to Cal^a for my part I disapprove of her conduct altogether. though I did not tell him so, as I feel very sorry for him I cannot blame him for wishing to be with his family & fellow I could see to him better if he was here. though he has not asked me for money

he did not say a word about my proposition
on that he had any business to attend but
that he was waiting for a change and felt
rather unsettled the time before this he spoke
of that, right Henry, perhaps he has given up all
kinds of it but if he has any business how can
his support his family I hope he will be fortunate
if he remains I trust you are in friendly terms,
what a sad pity that he has not with out
a misfortune. Thomas why do you not write
and inform me of all particulars concerning poor
Mans I think you must feel very sorry for him,
what can he occupy his time in he says his wife
is healed up general health good but he must feel
very sad he ought to be very certain that he can
depend on him will be support his family
but all this they must consider I cannot as
I cannot see them (dependance, he ought to
know how to calculate for cal.

Amelia said when she thought you had like
also, that your wife was coming this summer
have you decided to let her and son take a trip
Thomas as you write to tell me I wonder
I can find any subject to give my letter
him do you like your new partner well
I hope. I did not know what you might have
employed, Henry as his case is a sad one
I trust. does not with any place of dwelling
or card playing

I would be very sorry that the phrase Amos
I asked you the question, I did not know how
he spent his time that is in confidence
I sometimes think you avoid writing for
reasons of your own, Thomas, I beg you write
out to, Thomas, what hope you have of the
Ball Road, coming your way I am very
anxious to gain all knowledge.

John is not very well for several days
a bad cold and sore throat with my
self, the weather is not an hour sun,
for week past, I like the house and
shop, he has purchased, his so handy for
his family to bring he had before this
Do you live in your own house or do you
live it out to the Wagon Road, as you
write. you might do. if they see your
your rent I trust you are all in
the enjoyment of health and happiness
this world cannot afford a greater
 blessing I suppose like thank your wife
the kind grandma wants to see him
my love to you and family
your Mother & W. Kelly

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Mr Thomas Whaley
San Diego
California

Brooklyn June 18th 1858

Dear Gen. Thomas

I write as it were by instinct as my patience is exhausted waiting to hear from you) two Stoppers ago Henry wrote to inform me that he had decided to come home only that his wife and family was to join him which would detain two months longer since which he has not written a line I cannot comprehend my childrens silence as I crave nothing from them, but, on the contrary I have to say Johns children have the measles, Mary has been very ill Lizzy little hope is on the name others doing pretty well so far in bed as yet the disease prevails very much at this time.

Thomas I inform you that your fathers Monument is completed it is a very beautifully made all raised letters a fine base you will be pleased with it I am sorry you never returned an answer to my many remarks on the subject.

I trust your family is quite well have you given up the idea of coming home soon. should like you to do so write how you are, then

are making out I cannot understand what he means
he says his means are limited yet talks of coming home
or his family coming all this takes money but I
do not hear all, but, I am willing to aid him in his
misfortune but he has not answered my proposition about
the 5th, I think strange of it. I have had a
bad cold of late getting rather better it has been a
damp cold spring. I hope to get letters soon my
love to you all. Tell Frankie grandma wants to
see him very much, hope he is a good boy May the
Lord bless us all your affectionate Mother

R. Whaley

Thomas Whaley

Brooklyn July 18th 1856
Dear Son Thomas,
I did not expect to hear of your being in
a letter from one of your friends, I am quite well off
and therefore do not like writing. John hears of you
and thinks to return by Washington road when she will hear of
Ann's going or going. John writes last night that he was on
his way after paying Mr. John's visit which he has not had
any letter from A. in some time last week she heard from
her Mother said not to go. Ann's do what is to pay I can't see
how she may have concluded not to go. John's children
has all had the measles which has caused them to work
Thomas, I hope your self & family are quite well. We have
had exceedingly warm weather, rather more moderate at this
time. I would prefer Henry coming home as then I could
attend to him better, or that is my mind if you do not say
what you think of it, or what you would say in the best
of ways. The climate has much to do with the pain of the
Ann's I am certain I wish him to do all for the best as I
am very sorry for his misfortune and quite willing to as-
sist him only I want to know what has become of the
part of P. & B. draft as I have had to pay the
note to Flintoff. I know you did wrong to place all
the money in H's hands instead of mine, but he was your

I told him I paid the note therefore whoever had the rest of
the draft had the money that was intended to pay of. ^{if all is paid I do not doubt it}
John says you are the one to ascertain, I do not want you to speak
to, ~~her~~ about it, perhaps, that is been to pay her expences of late
at all events she from what I can make out is in no haste to go
poor fellow he appeared to rely greatly on it, but, do not name any
promises to make him unhappy I beg of you as who knows the
end. I am fearful he is but tolerably situated. I was in hopes
you would have invited him to have remained with you awhile
as his troubles was great, those gladly would I have assured
him as he was also a good hand but I am his Mother I hope
never to lose sight of that but I am not Mother to his wife
I seldom think of her. I wish you to write me fully how
he is living and doing and what he work at and if he is com-
fortable in all respects he writes that he depended on sales
of what you say doing as well as you who has a partner
I do not understand how that is. There is little Frank
I see none of John children as I live in the next street to
them his little ones think their life and mother is very cross
but they are very tiresome I do not want them to love me too well
so that they would impose on poor Granney no no - they are good
children when they come to see me. John is doing but tol-
erable his ~~side~~ business is poor at present one comfort he has
a comfortable house & is hope for work he is a steady Man
keeps his family comfortable. I hope your health is better
I regret that you are unable at times. May the Lord
preserve and prosper you. Your Affectionate Mother R. M. M.

amount of \$1000
let you know to the
Brooklyn July 5th 1858

Dear Son Thomas.

I received yours of May 21st
I am indeed sorry to learn that you have
been ill I begin to think you will not
be selling out and returning home if it de-
pends on the R. R. coming your way well my
hopes are all in vain I am sorry Henry has
decided to remain in San Diego, I think he
might have gained employment and set
himself down, and then I could help him
and minister to his wants, I do not think
he will stay there always, only until she
gets dissatisfied. Thomas, you say you tell
Franky about his Grand Mamma in days
and his Grandmamma, in Brooklyn to
he must be quite a boy for this time.
I trust your wife will be brought most
mercifully through her approaching trial
and I shall have a little grand daughter as
I suppose a girl would be most acceptable
to you all. I was pleased to read that
Ben was making a living poor fellow.

I trust they will live more comfortable than before; or what will he do to the people? I believe they are to build a new way to the steaming, I have no money on hand, to leave her kind and pleasure, she thinks it great kindness to consent to go back, she ought to have some men to deal with they could learn her a lesson.

Thomas I wrote you the particulars concerning the \$150 I do not think I can derive from her, (wille), the lawyer said not it is no duty might suit in for I put in cash but what can be done you do appear to stand in great need why do you go so far beyond your means you appear always in trouble how do you meet a practice if business is so I should say he would leave it to you name buying in 200, what kind of a place could you get for \$800 - then comes taxes and maintenance. John has purchased the most convenient place his interest begins and increases amount to 80 a year but I must have the money on that will insure me the interest as I tell you & H, when I call for it at 6 you must I little mind who finds on the journey and you will find you have made a wide education to buy my house and lot of farm in old age than 2000 - you must

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Mrs. Kealey

San Diego July the 29th 1887

Madam in consequence of me washing your
Clothes and I washing all large pieces, for you I thought that you
would allow me the same now for large and small. So I
will wash the child's things @ 100¢ a doz now you know that
I get 2 Dollars for washing clothes and will have to touch a ketchup
socks & a doz of collars against 4 shirts I would come up to you
if I had time but you know the way it is with me

Remains Most Respectfully

Mary G. Crawford

San Diego to Charlie's care
I have you any idea of
returning to N. York

at present - or are
you permanently settled
in San Diego?

Grace writes to her
Daddy, have you seen
any of the family

and you wrote
me you are to him.
But I'll see you any
clear occasions I find

I would so love to see you
and have a good talk
with you or be more

of wisdom if we can ever
have that pleasure again
with much love to you

I remain as ever
your sincere friend
Mary C. Babcock

My Dear friend,

Your truly welcome

letter reached me sometime in the
latter part of April, and I have
intended writing to you every
day since, but soon after it
came to hand we went to San
Fran. and soon after our return
we were burned out everything
we had in the world was consumed
about three weeks ago the fire broke
out about one in the morning

and we having reached within a fortnight of your coming day my
wishes nearly the alike to wish as dear friend and wish to see
dear friend, hence they my husband you so much, what good time
has taken the way - I wish you to see if we were only
back, and he will probably want me over to see if we can
for the new - I wish you to see if we can
see days he is usually looking and very long you were expecting a letter
in his train during his absence though I hope that she will be
at - I wish you to see if we can
perform and can not bear to think of
my husband's going away without
and he thinks it will be better for him
to go as there is but little chance
that he will and if he is pleased
with the country he will
return for me in a short time,
I am not much in favor of
new times at least of people's
going up there, I think it
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is now a hope on any rate "coming events" do not
cast their shadows before. We have been
married nearly nine months, it does not
seem so long, my married life has been very
happy and if the future has as much
happiness in store for me as the past
had, I will be content.

A friend of Mr George Pendleton's
told me the other day that he
had heard of his death, I hoped
indeed that it was a false rumor
it would pain me to hear his death.
Jeff is well and sends his best
to yourself and dear husband says
that he wishes to have the pleasure of
meeting you both again. Mr Butler and
family back on their way to Cal.

Please give my kindest love to all
friends, I think of them all daily
often. My love to Mr Whalen and a kiss
to dear little Grandy from mine Aunt.
Write me all the news dear friend and
please write soon

New York le 4e Août 1858

Ma chère Anna

J'ai reçu deux lettres de toi une par le Steamur du 20 et l'autre m'est parvenue deux jours après. Les Daguerriotypes et les vingt dollars m'en sont parvenues en bon port, mais je n'ai pas encore reçu ton portrait que le Capitaine Bogart devait laisser chez Mr. Emsdell et qui m'en a mis le mandat dans tes deux lettres. Nous sommes très déçapointes, je t'assure. Nous n'avons pas vu son nom parmi la liste des passagers, ce qui nous fait croire qu'il est peut-être resté en route. Enfin j'espère qu'au prochain Steamur il l'apportera. En attendant, je te remercie de ce que tu m'as écrit. Car comme j'ai dit, tout va bien avec nous dans ce moment-ci. Sache que ça me donne du courage c'est que je suis sûr que j'ai une fille qui ne m'abandonnera pas dans ma vieillesse.

Il faut que je te dise que je suis très fier de mon petit-fils. Il a l'air si bon le cher petit! Il se tient si droit sur sa chaise! Il a les plus jolis petits bras que j'ai jamais vus pour un garçon et il est le portrait de son père. L'autre, le cher petit, ressemble à son père. Il avait ton front et tes yeux, il avait une figure d'ange. Mr. Brown a fait prendre une Daguerriotype de la peinture de son père.

anté maisons après tout, ne valent pas les petites, pour les
casseurs pauvres gens. En parlant de petites maisons! M^{rs} Weidner
bien s'est achetée une jolie petite maison en briques à
N.Y. située à Willamstburg pour trois mille dollars.
Pourquoi n'achetez-vous pas une petite propriété à
N.Y. ou dans environs? Si vous aviez cinquante de
dollars, j'aurais pu servir par acheter
une maisonnette que vous auriez été sûr de retourner
en cas de besoin.

Vous avez en la visite de Mary Elisabeth ces jours derniers
avec sa mère et son petit enfant. C'est un joli garçon
de onze mois, elle en a déjà perdu un, de sorte que
vous êtes de fameuses poulettes qui ne
peuvent pas se tromper.

J'ai à l'apprendre la mort de Caroline Story
Elle est morte ce printemps. Si le père et la mère
sont inconsolables.

Tous les amis de votre bien des choses et me
demandent toujours, when is she coming back?
Nous ne voyons personne de la famille qu'August
Jaclard (le veuf). M^{rs} Buchanan (Edile) demeure
à Brooklyn dans une belle maison et elle est
toujours avec Cornichon. Daniel a une
petite fille de trois semaines, et le mari de
M^{rs} Durgin (Clara) a manqué de mourir. Anne
n'est pas encore mariée. Charley Bowen est
engagé (à ce qu'il dit). Fred Graham est à l'Asile
de Bloomingdale. Sa maladie étant devenue trop
dangereuse pour le laisser au large. Il s'enfon-

Toujours de toi et disait I suppose she has
plenty of new tunes! I must go over there & a
How avons rencontré John Graham dans
Bradford il y a quelques jours. Il a beaucoup
grotté, il a la figure rouge et bouffie & qui
n'annonce rien de bon. Il est toujours le
même étourdi; en nous faisant voir
il a mangé de renversé un homme et un
femme.

Ja t'en me prie de te dire qu'elle croit
après tout, que le seul moyen de trouver un
mari, c'est d'aller en Californie. Elle veut
savoir ce que tu en penses. She says she will
take Major (Kingold) gray headed or white
& Peter will take a squad! Ja t'en et très
fière de porte bien. Moi j'ai un rhume j'ai
quitté mon lit pour t'écrire parce que c'est
demain que part le steamer. Adieu, ma

Chère Anna, nous vous embrassons tous
de tout coeur.

Ja me affectueux

V. O. Lannoy

P.S. Tell Mrs Robinson that feel very
grateful to her for the care she takes of
you and that it relieves me of great anxiety.

New York le 19. Août 1758.

Ma chère Anna.

Peter m'a enfin apporté ton Portrait que j'attendais avec tant d'impatience et une lettre d'attée le 7. July. Je te trouve changée qu'il que tu aies engraisie mais plus je te regarde et plus je trouve que le Portrait est ressemblant. Tu es toujours jolie mais tu m'es plus Mlle Anna d'autrefois. Je t'ai trouvée un air un peu mélancholy et les traits un peu tirés. mais les personnes qui ont vu ton Portrait m'assurent que tu es toujours la même! Ce qui est un compliment très flatteur (car je puis te le dire à présent que tu es mariée et que tu es maman sans craindre de te rendre vaine), tu as toujours été très folie à mes yeux. Je t'appelles-tu chère enfant? que j'attachais souvent mes yeux sur toi pendant plusieurs minutes sans pouvoir les ôter? et tu me disais: Why do you look at me so Mother? Oh bien ma chère fille c'est parce que je te trouvais charmante et mon pauvre cœur saignait de ce que tu n'avais ni père ni fortune. Mais Dieu Merci! tu as un mari qui te tient bien de tout. Je voudrais bien que ton pauvre cœur en eut autant. Ah le mieu! Dans ta seconde lettre tu m'écris que j'ai maintenant une jolie petite-fille! j'en suis bien fière mais je suis bien plus heureuse d'apprendre que ma chère fille est encore une fois sauvée car ces moments-là tels bons qu'ils

siens, sont toujours dangereux. Mais que la providence est
bonne chère Anna! de t'avoir fait trouver dans un
pays si éloigné, une personne comme Mrs Robinson
qui, comme tu le dis te sert de mère dans ces moments
là! remercie-la de ma part ma chère enfant et
dis-lui que je lui suis très reconnaissante de tous
les soins qu'elle a pour toi. Amélie a eu beaucoup
de fois d'apprendre que notre chère petite fille est
renommée après elle, elle remercie ton mari de lui avoir
fait ce plaisir et elle me dit tous les jours que si
vous n'êtes pas pour revenir bientôt qu'elle préférerait
être auprès de toi que de rester à New York si nous
avons si peu de chancel et où nous nous ennuions tant.

J'ai été très malade des Rhumatismes je n'ai pu
sortir pendant plusieurs semaines. Ça m'était monté
dans l'estomac je n'en suis pas encore tout à fait
guérie mais je me trouve beaucoup mieux. Amélie ne
se porte pas très bien ni Peter non plus. Il faut que
je t'en dise que je suis devenue très grasse mais
que je me sens moins bien depuis que j'ai tant
d'embouffant. J'ai un ventre tout à fait démesuré et
et qui me fait horriblement souffrir quand il s'y met!
Je ne puis concevoir d'où toute cette graisse m'est
venue, et de là fortune m'était venue aussi vite
que cela. J'en aurais été beaucoup plus contente

J'ai répondu à ta première lettre par laquelle
tu m'envoies le Daguerrestype de mon chère petit
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J.

ce est vingt-dollars en quatre piéces d'or d'ont je te suis
un bien obligé ma chère enfant car je n'ai rien du
tout à faire cet été et je n'ai aucun espoir d'avoir
mieux des élèves avant le ^{mois} de novembre, et Peter qui en
est fait à peine pour s'acheter des vêtements. J'ai toujours
un espoir que les affaires vont mieux et qu'il sera mieux
aidé par un qui il pourra trouver une autre place, mais
en attendant le temps se passe et on avance pas.

J'ai encore une nouvelle à t'apprendre! C'est le
mariage de Hermann Weidner. Nous avons reçu les
cartes de noces la semaine dernière. Les trois enfants
de Mrs Weidner sont tous mariés.

Nous voyons souvent les Berens et nous parlons toujours
de toi, et Dimanche dernier en regardant ton portrait
elle s'est écriée! Cécile c'est-à-dire la petite gamine
avec qui j'ai si souvent joué! et que nous ^{trouvons} très
chère tant? Son mari est devenu énorme. Elsa n'ont pas de
l'argent. Donne-moi donc des nouvelles de Mr Warner dans
deux ta prochaine.

Je voudrais pouvoir t'envoyer le Herald d'hier qui
nous annonce que the Ocean Telegraph is a fine
thing. The Queen's Message to the President de
dit the Atlantic Telegraph is at work!
The Queen's Message has come. That fact settles the
important question whether or not the line would work?

The Queen to the President
to the honorable
The President of the U.S. Her Majesty desires to

congratulate the President upon the successful completion
of his great international work, in which the Queen
has taken the deepest interest.

The President to the Queen

Her Majesty Victoria. (not me).

Queen of Great Britain.

The President cordially reciprocates the congratulations & on

the occasion of his two paragraphs in response to her
message of a single paragraph. Je ne sais que penser

de ce message de la Reine only, that it is no great thing

to see the arrival of the message of the Queen

in a letter of congratulations, des fireworks & a

message. J'espère que tout cela n'est pas à la mode

at present. Ma chère fille, présente mes remerciements

à Major Ringgold et dis-lui que je lui suis d'autant

plus reconnaissante, que sans lui, je n'aurais peut-être

jamais eu ton Portrait. Dis-lui aussi que le Portrait

est très ressemblant et que j'ai la plus haute opinion

de son talent et que si jamais je vais te rejoindre, il

aura encore une autre job. qui sera de prendre

un Portrait pour toi. Il ne défait pas une

seule boucle que je ressens depuis que j'ai ce

Portrait sur ma chemise. Mais cela n'a fait

qu'augmenter mon désir d'être près de toi

et que je voudrais savoir si vous devriez

vertical text on the left margin, including phrases like 'Je ne sais que penser de ce message de la Reine' and 'that it is no great thing to see the arrival of the message of the Queen'.

I was really vexed she said he was doing well but not
his business. I - why did you not ask her 'at what?' I said
he did not think it his business. I said she was going
as soon as she heard from Henry. I could not gain
that she was much wrought upon at beholding John
or that she lamented sadly ^{then} his misfortune, for I believe
he deserves kinder treatment from her than that.
I presume she will go, when H. complies with all her
orders: how long may it continue no one knows.
I trust, Henry, will not get in any difficulty, if any
of his customers should be disposed to quarrel.
I am sorry your business has fallen off, but cheer up
your clerkship will help John says you build to large
As you did not inform me that you was chosen for
for Pitt, trustee a little honor I think. I hope you
will, succeed in your road and you will rent
your house for the said Hotel: to enable you
to pay us a visit on establish a business in York.
continue to write me all particulars as proceed. I am
glad that you have reason to say that H. can do
better to remain than come home, I thought I could
see to him better and supply his own ^{wants} at least. It is a
pleasure to you that you are friends: what does he
do with his money I fear some one will cheat him: do
advise with him if possible. I presume I would
think of many other means than ^{then} her under his
circumstances, John feel sorry indeed for Hen. I do
not think he thinks of Cal: he would gladly have
gone when her sick but now he is settled has his

comfortable mansion & of spring
the Telegraph brackets for support
and other work, lightning rods
is mighty handy a good Mocha
in laying a cable, across the
the great Atlantic Cable, in
expectation at this time, John
until there has been a trans-
continent, but I am inclined
think: Yes we certainly understand
wife would come home this summer
told us as, Army & Hamitic we
the likeness, prove so good, I
Thomas, I am out of all patients
which you have to depend on
faith of it coming your way
the spot you must know be
like to kiss him and little sister
seen any of Josephs babies, he is
time I guess the baby looks like
findly all the children has his
sisters hole, has been poorly for
I am keeping house have a
one in the attic the gent
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and other work, lightning arresters of brass, you see if
is mighty handy a good Mechanic. he went to assist
in laying a cable, across the Ohio river. but that is not
the great Atlantic Cable, which there is so much
excitement at this time, John is rather heard of being
noble there has been a transit from continent to
continent, but I am inclined to believe, what do you
think?, Yes we certainly understood from A. that your
wife, would come home this summer as he Amelia what she
told us as, Army & Harriet were both present It is fine
the like uses, prove so good, I would like to see them
Thomas, I am out of all patience with that nasty R. B.
which you have to depend upon, John has but little
faith of it coming your way I tell him you are on
the spot you must know best. Tell Franky, I would
like to kiss him and little sister very much as I have not
seen any of ^{peppas} babies. he is quite a nice boy by this
time I guess the baby looks like your John's boy grows
finely all the children has had the measles, all well
Sister's hole, has been poorly for a month rather better
I am keeping house have a upper part of rooms
one in the attic the gent is a teller in the Bank
of Republic, a demer man B. Chaldown your Aunt
B. went with one Army & Mrs Trip, was going to keep
house so she went with them therefore, I am remark
of all I survey. I went for nothing to make me com-
fortable just call on the fence to god he will see
that I have my wants supplied

I left Sisters for certain reasons she comes here I go
there occasionally I stay with her when her husband is absent
which he frequently is as he is Superintendent of the Sal
graphs, ^{line} from N.Y. to Washington he lonely for her to be
alone in the house only a girl, she, who has always had
a mother at hand but, I cannot be the only one to
consider the matter she lives a smile secures the being
than I do I have good sky come behold ye and, sure, sets
yes I might say most magnificent. Thomas I sincerely
hope and pray that Annie will return to her husband
and give a good help mate to him better than before
you writes of the \$500- I willing to do all I can
for you as the others if you wish to buy any place
where on they require only \$500- paid down and
will pay expenses and you will be prepared to pay
of the mortgage when they call for why do so
the \$500, will be on hand for you, to make the first pay
ment, suppose you get, J. to look around for you
I would advise it to be in, Brooklyn, as property ^{is} cheap
in N.Y. - J. took, my advice and does not regret
being so, I can tell you, the weather is very fine
but I cannot make up my mind to visit my friend
Fanny Burling, received a letter a few days ago with
with remembrance for all my children, I would
love to go exceedingly but I fear the R R sadly
your Father's Monument is up, I like very well
why have you not written concerning it We
all join in love to you, and family. May the
Lord bless us all. Your affectionate Mother
R. W. Haley

Metropolitan Hotel New York
Aug. 18th 1858

My dear Mrs. Whaley.

On my return to Waterbury a few days since, I was rejoiced to find your kind and very welcome letter of June 22nd. It was then too late to answer it by the last mail - and as the mail the other day brought me a San Diego Herald announcing the birth of a daughter to Mrs W. on the 27th of June, I now most cordially and feelingly congratulate ^{you} on this little increase to your family. I sincerely hope that both Mother and daughter are in excellent health, and may continue to receive this with every other blessing - I cannot describe the pleasure that it would give me to be with you now in S. Diego - I trust that a few months more will bring about this which I so much desire - S. D. seems a home to me indeed - You say that several persons in S. D. say that I have come east to get married!!! They were never farther from the truth - I have no more thoughts of it than I have of going over to Europe

on the submarine telegraph - You will see by the New York papers what a grand display was made here last night on the occasion of the Queen's message, or dispatch, and the President's reply - I will send to Maj. R. or Walter papers containing an account of the display - You see my dear Mrs. that I keep somewhat informed on San Diego affairs. By the way, I have been wondering where was the scene of the Mrs. Little's gallantry referred to in the S. D. Herald and what was the nature of it - It should have been something pretty gallant to get remarked in the paper. Perhaps you can tell me what it referred to?

Your letter of June 22 was mailed in San Francisco, and came all right - Letters directed to me at Waterbury will reach me safely - I dare not reply to your letter as it deserves and as my feelings urge me to do - You know what I would say - If I could only see you, at this most interesting time I would say much, very much, that I cannot write now - I want you to answer this as soon as you get it, or I shall not get it before I sail for California, as I shall probably go out about the first of Nov. -

in that country when I like better than myself - You ask if I remember our trip to Pennsylvania? Oh all I ever saw was

Mrs. Annie E. Haley
San Diego
Cal.

Letter to Aug 21, 1858

Major Ringgold
tells of fire on
the Plaza

San Diego, Aug 21st 1858.

Dear Major,

Your letter to my wife was received to day. We were glad to hear from you. I had not time to say much, but Mrs. H. will answer in reply. I have to communicate bad news but the truth must be told, however hard receiving it may be. Thursday morning last I was aroused, between two & three o'clock by a loud rapping at my door. I got up immediately and enquired who was there? The answer was, "Fire!" The "Whaley" your store is on fire. I started myself as soon as I could and ran all the way. When I got to the Plaza I saw enough it was so. The fire was so far advanced that the flames were bursting out the door and windows enveloping the building in flames. I saw there was not the least chance to save any thing in the store and ran around to the back to see what could be done there. I found nearly all the liquors rolled out and lying in the street in front of McManasse's Store. There and two sacks of buckwheat that were in the large bin in the yard, some empty barrels and bottles and the rest I brought up your auction and the flour bin and all the things that were saved from the Cheap Cash Store. Many things might have been saved from the Store, perhaps the greater portion of the Store.

had I been there when Brown the blacksmith looked
open the store door to assure everybody that there
was but 2 1/2 lbs of powder in the building which
I could have removed immediately. Some few
said were going in when the cry of Howard was
raised and everybody withdrew at a distance
Not even the shoes on the counter near the door
and other things near at hand were saved every
body being afraid of the large quantity of powder
that was supposed to be on the premises.
When Brown broke open the door there was no
fire to be seen below though the smoke he and
Col Kendrick says was intensely dense and they
give it as their opinion that even though the
cry of powder had not been raised nothing could
have been saved. but if I had been there I
think I should have rushed in and no doubt
others would have followed me. As to the
specimen regarding the origin of the fire some think
that it may have been set on fire and others that
it was occasioned by rats gnawing matches. One thing
is quite certain the fire originated up stairs on
the side near Compton's shop. I left the store
that evening at 8 1/2 o'clock and supposed Brown
would sleep up stairs the same as he had done
the two nights previously. But it appears that he
did not sleep there at all that night. He says
he went there in the evening for his blankets that

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he neither lighted a candle nor drew a match,
then (there being no occasion as the moon was shining at the
that time.) and when he came out he left the door up
his stairs partly open as he has been in the habit of doing
and went down stairs and fastened the gate after him.
His suspicion was strongly against him, from the fact of
his connexion with Robert Leroy in the Lower Country.
I was asked if I suspected anyone and particularly
in regard to him. I could but answer that I did
not suspect any one, and at least of all him from the
the many favors he had received at the hands of
and Walter and yourself and which I had contin-
they used to extend to him - I mentioned these cir-
cumstances to Pindson and asked him if he would
submit to a private examination before two
or three of the citizens. He said that he would
gladly do so. The evening of the day following
the fire Mr. James, J. R. Gitchell, H. Steele, Henry
H. Whaley and one or two other business men
went with Pindson in the room back of Amos
Kenny's store. When he gave a short history
of himself, his connexion with Leroy and par-
ticularly as to when he was the night of
the fire - His statement was corroborated in every
particular. He was seen crossing the Plaza, with his
baggage by Robert Kelly, was proven to have slept at
a rancheria by Julio Lopez who woke him up
and accompanied him to the fire. Mrs. Robinson

Saw him as he turned the corner of the Plaza with a
squad at the same time he was going to the fire -
~~Chase~~ says the gates were fastened and had
to be broken down. Coulbors says the door
up stairs was open partly. and my memory
had been up stairs the day previous says that
she saw the candle and matches on the floor
so that his statement must be true. In regard
to his conversation with Leroy he says that it was for
the purpose of effecting a sale of a large wagon
to H. M. M. and to collect some money
from Major and Leroy - five hundred dollars
of which was to be paid to Henry Whaley.
His statement appeared to be in every way satis-
factory to the gentlemen except in one main
particular and that was the night before the
fire he had said to George Lyons in presence of Frank
Steel that Maj Ruggles and Mr Whaley had
grossly insulted him and that he meant to be even
with them yet in some way they least expected -
George Lyons states this positively. Frank Steel remem-
bers a portion of the conversation but nothing regarding
the threat. Purdon admits the conversation and
says that he may possibly have made the threat
as he was much excited with Leroy at the time but
has no recollection of it. That he does not know
why he should have made such a threat as

self blame for the any half way will most
surely pay you the amount as soon as
lies in my power. At present I can only
send you what little money I have on hand
from the sale of goods and collections which
may be only images - the liquors and other
things saved from the fire I have moved over to
Wm Robinson which I sell at auction whenever
the election comes off and there are more people
here than at present - Possibly they will bring
from \$100. to \$125. or this I will send you
and all the money I can collect from
the outstanding debt. I ask not one dollar
Every cent I can realize any ways connected
with the business of the store I will remit you
as fast as collected for I know you want all
the money. You will recollect however I have
to pay out rent to Mrs Kerwin. You also
board to Mary, and washing to Compton and
perhaps the taxes, but I hope to get the superin-
tend to remit this - Well major I think I have
written you enough for the present. To make you
heart ache, but I know you will take it like a
philosopher as I do - Your loss is great. but mine
is greater I lose all my stock, becoming responsible
for half of yours and have nothing to depend
upon at present for a living - Aunt & Kelly
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stocks on hand for the \$4200.00 interest so that I think it doubtful if they should as much profit made as we did in proportion to the amount Capital. The Kelleys are sadly awoken in the month. I forgot to state one thing very important in connection with the fire. The iron safe was heated red hot nearly the bottom and partly up one of the sides was red hot even when hauled out from the fire yet all the books and papers of any value were perfectly secure not so much as even scorched. I was very apprehensive of fire when Walter left under guard more and more so I think it was only three or four days before the fire I took all the books from the desk when we have been in the habit of keeping them and placed them in the safe. Had they been burnt very few of the accounts could have been collected. I have not yet made up my mind as to what I shall do, but I think I shall be compelled to leave him. Mr. Churchill spoke to me that you have suggested that possibly the government might appoint what is called a 2^d M. Agent at a salary of \$150 per month. This would suit me exactly or in case of the return of troops the Clerkship or 1st M. Clerk. I prefer remain here if I can, as I am located and if possible I hoped you will get me the appointment of either of these offices. Unless I can get either of these I see no way of doing anything here at present. I have written to Clark

I have to write what the chances are at the river
 and intend writing to Raymond to see
 to see if there be any opening for me in San
 Francisco - I know you will let me know
 should you hear anything advantageous
 It will however be sometime before I can leave
 here as I wish to collect all I can and
 the times are dull to be able to do much
 in this line I can say very little to show
 you feeling to see myself as believe me

Yours truly
 J. W. Whalley

I remit you \$65.00 per Gross, Express Freight
 \$1.00 parcel. The San Antonio mail is just in. No
 news from Doyle & Wheeler more than they are safe -
 A letter either for you or to you came which has
 been forwarded through the P.O. of A.

I have sold the grey horse at auction	\$25.00
Less paid for bringing \$150 May 50	\$2.00
Auctioneers commissions	1.50
	<u>3.50</u>
which amt you will deduct from the \$66.00	\$21.50
and give me credit for balance	21.50
	<u>\$44.50</u>

I gave the \$44.50 to Capt. Munton and
 will pay the \$2.50. Will charge it to his a/c

San Francisco

August 27th 1858

How shall I be able to thank you my poor dear child for your kind letter, especially considering the circumstances under which it was written - I grieve beyond measure at the dreadful disaster that has befallen you and Tom - It is so hard - so very hard - and yet I have faith in the value of misfortunes, out of which often grow changes that in the end teach us that we should be thankful even for the heaviest blows that come upon us.

Ah my dear friend what words will convey to you the feelings of my heart, and tell you how deeply I feel for you under this distressing calamity - As for myself - I have not thought of myself, ~~and~~ the way it affected me pecuniarily, for one moment - Go help me God it is of you that I ^{am} thinking - Tell Tom not to be foolish and worry his head about me - I shall get along well enough - Tell him to dismiss the matter from his mind at once, so far as I am concerned -

Tell him not to send me a cent of money any more or I will be under the disagreeable necessity of returning it to him - I perfectly appreciate his kind and honourable feelings and that is enough -

Tell him that this is no time to be adding to his trouble by supposing that his friends will not stand by him in his hour of need - You understand me, and now

I see you again - I have much more to say to you
but I have a whole week to say it in, and so for the
present adios Amiga mia -- 28th I went to my room last
night & read your letter - you must not laugh at me when
I tell you I sat down and wept like a woman - but so it was -
This morning I went to see R. E. Raymond and had a talk with
him about the prospect of Mr Whaley's getting employment in
some house up here as bookkeeper, and if there was any thing
else that might be suggested that he could do - So far nothing
has turned up - I went last night to see Mrs Gatewood - Mr
Hempstead had moved away from corner of Powell & Jackson &
I spent another hour in trying to find him without avail - This
morning his father told me Mrs Gatewood was with her husband
at their home in the Country - I forget the name of the place tho'
I suppose you know - I then went & spent an hour with
Mrs Badson to whom I delivered your message, receiving from
her a message of like import for you in return - About late
what I have to say is this - Hollister gave her to me - I promised
to get him another which I shall do - He had no business coming
to you about her - I will be down thro' in the 21st proximo and
will then tell him to wait patiently - August 31st - The steamer
from the state is in and I have letters from my mother wife & daughter
- all well & expecting me home - There is however some probability of
my yet remaining in San Francisco - Sept 2^d 10 P.M. - I am quite
sick with cold & fever - this fog & wind all very bad for me - I have
been for two days past trying to negotiate an arrangement for Mr
Whaley - & it was only half an hour since that I got through my
last talk - as I have to write to Tom I am obliged abruptly to
wind up my letter - I can't send a photograph this time - I
had one taken but it ain't good - My regards to all my
friends -

Adios.

Very Sincerely yours
G. P. Briggs

Mrs Anna E. Whaley.

San Diego September 4th 1858.

Friend Major,

You favor me just as to have giving me much happiness at the manner in which you take things, but I cannot think of retaining funds in my hands, belonging to you except some very pressing necessity. I shall be much obliged to you for their use till such time as I can refund the same. We have had very bad luck indeed, but perhaps there may now be a change for us. I have as yet collected but \$14.00 of the outstanding bills. They are mostly all good, and will be paid in the course of time. You must allow me to send you what I can by each steamer and not think of sending it back to me. I have no use for money, whatever except to pay my debts as I see no chance of doing any business at present. My sole object is to be free entirely from debt and then I shall feel no concern for the future. I have had one good streak of luck since the Miss Morgant has paid my \$300.00 being 50% on the amount due, and I have given him a receipt in full. This enables me to pay Hazard & Co, get the tin for roofing my house and the balance of \$300.00 I reserve to pay Mainour in case I can effect a compromise with him.

very much particularly as I must remain here
some time to wind up affairs. and if I could get
the appointment I would be willing to remain here
altogether till such time as things are better and then
commence business again. I like the climate of this
place all my interests are here and I should
be better satisfied to remain than to go to San Francisco.
But at the times any I can hope to make very
little and must of necessity leave. I like your pro-
position very well to go to San Francisco and the
business you propose would suit me very well.
It would certainly be an advantage to get in to a house
already established. You mention the one of Elliot & Bell
I am not acquainted with either of them but no
doubt I should like them if you think so. But if they
are doing so very well I seriously think they were about
a third partner without capital. Unless he was willing to accept
either a stated or a share proportion of the profits. and
if that is the arrangement I think it would be preferable for all
parties for me to enter as a clerk and then at the end of
six months or a year if we agreed I might enter as a
partner with whatever capital I should invest. By this
means I should become acquainted with the men, the
nature of their business and run no risk whatever and
they would enjoy the same advantage respecting me
that I leave to you to make such arrangements as will
be most satisfactory without stating anything to them I
now communicate. and when you come down

San Francisco Cal
Sep^r 17 1858

My dear Whaley,

I expected fully to come down on this
boat but have received no funds from the east
so I shall have to put off my visit - I find
myself thus at the last hour, and consequently
hard up for time to write fully - I have just
seen Mr Elliot whom the more I see the more I
like - He informs me however that they cannot make
arrangements now to employ any more ~~clerk~~ help - and
indeed since writing to you I have ~~the~~ come to the conclu-
sion that you could do better than accept any position
of the kind - I have seen both Ellis & Fargo and
had a very satisfactory talk with both of them. They
~~say~~ say that whatever amount of goods in their
line you want to open a new business, is perfectly
at your service - If it is simply a question of goods
you can get whatever you want - The thing is to
select such a place to do business in, as shall be
suitable - I took up your note to Fargo & send
it herewith $\$168.\frac{87}{100}$ - and passed $\$100.$ to your credit

on my books — I send you Mellus bill for
the mine I bought in Los Angeles. I think
you gave me credit for \$20. you see it was
a little larger — I am very much delighted
to hear of your being likely to get in some of
your outstanding matter — I do think you ought
to quit S. Diego — San Francisco is quite prosperous
now & never was there a better time to begin business.
— I saw Colonel Swords about appointing a government
agent at San Diego — he says there is no use for
one — I can't employ one — No farther letter
from Walter — I suppose he has reached home.

12 at night — Mr Elliot told me of a man who wanted
a partner to go into business with him — but had forgotten
his name and address generally — but recollected that he
referred him to Mr Farwell of the Alta — To Farwell I went
and he informed me that the man's name was A. W. Russell
that he lived in Santa Rosa where he was going into business
and that I would probably find Russell at the American
exchange — From Farwell I got to know all about
Santa Rosa — which is the County seat — it is 50 miles
from here 16 of which is by land the rest on the bay —
it contains 4 or 500 inhabitants in the town, but has a
rich surrounding country, doing pretty much a cash sort

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business - The vote of the County is about 3000 - and
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was not at the American Exchange, nor could I
trace him - I throw out these ideas for you to
consider - Business is looking up wonderfully
up here - The Fraser River excitement will bring
10000 people into Cal^a and they will get no farther
- I feel quite sure you would go right ahead if
you could only get under way either Santa Rosa
or other suitable place - Santa Rosa is a beautiful
place - so says Mr Farwell - He says the valley
is peculiarly productive - and as a residence cant
be beat in California - I shall not apologize
for going into these details - for I believe you
know that my interest in your welfare is
genuine - Write me by return boat - Remember
me to all my friends - to River, Moyses, Pendleton
and all - I shall probably be down next boat
if the money comes - Adios - adios

J. H. Pringle

Please find out without saying any thing to
Mr Rose, whether his copper ore is attached.

or not - Morse may tell you - I could
have sent the whole of it to New York
the other day; but I did not know the
fact about which I inquire - and therefore
I would not let the ship go down on an
uncertainty. I had a positive offer - I'm
afraid to tell old Rose so - Other offers
may occur and it would be well for me to
be able to act at once otherwise the occasion might
slip - ~~the~~ party would have gone to the expense
of getting ~~the~~ ~~one~~ all on board - but not made
any further advance until they had returns -
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Mr R if I could - But I must be prepared
to act at once - I hold Mr Rose's power yet
unrevoked - but would like to be certain that my
acts under it would be fully recognised - but
first of all is there any line on the ore - that's
the point -

Your friend

J. H. D. Maynard

J. Whaley Esq

My time & paper are out
Excuse haste -

San Francisco Cal.
Sept 18th 1858

My dear Mr. Whaly

Instead of coming down to San Diego as I had expected to do, I find myself almost at the last minute obliged to give up the trip, at least by this boat - My funds did not arrive as I expected, and hence my disappointment - You will thus find this letter not such a one as I would like to have sent you, as my hands are chock full of matters to be gotten in order for the departing mail steamer - Since I wrote you last, my life had run pretty much the same round of monotony - It might seem strange to most persons but it is most true that there was about my life in San Diego is something that this great city cannot furnish - I weary of the noise & bustle & artificiality and sigh for my old solitude - The plaza was quiet and dusty and doggy, but then I had grown used to it - and all the accompaniments around and about San Diego were such as made life swim along ^{more} easy, much to my liking than in this place - As I sit here now, writing to you, the image of the beautiful

bay comes into my mind - the new town roads that skirt it ^{so} delightfully, & where as the sun was sinking down I used so often to enjoy the deliciousness of the evening air - in my fast drives with my friends - Oh those were days - days that have none to match them here - But I am growing sentimental - and must force myself away from dwelling on the past.

Of friends I am not in want in this metropolis - friends devoted & true - Maglee is more than a brother to me - and there is nothing he would not do for me; but the truth is I am a man of strong fixed habits, and a change of locality sundering them suddenly, leaves me wrecked as it were upon an unknown coast - I have as yet found no place ~~except~~ where I can find myself as it were at home - no easy, comfortable, welcome domicile that can substitute itself for South Park, where as you know I used hazardously to risk boring you at all hours, because you always welcomed the old man and always told him that he did not bore you - You tell me I must not go to the theater too much, otherwise I shall not enjoy it, should it so come to pass that you ~~should~~ find yourself in San Francisco and myself your escort to that resort that you

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I went to the French theatre last Sunday evening & saw
Madame Castillon & Monsieur Bonnet in a rare piece of
acting - better than any thing I have seen yet in the city -
It like to have killed me - The mechanic's Institute
Fair has been open for a fortnight - a wondrous exhibi-
tion of fruit - inventions, pictures &c - I generally
pass an hour there in the evening walking about
and seeing the sights - I am on the Committee of
the fine arts - Boston admes will be down by the
overland route he thinks - I don't often see him -
when I do I have to hunt him up - He is always flying
round somewhere & seldom to be found - I have not
been to see Mrs Myer yet, I feel quite ashamed but
I can't help it - I have only seen Mrs Doyle once
since I wrote you, the day before the Senator came up -
I suppose she was much disappointed that Mr D did
not come up - She expects to return to San Diego -
Mr Baderus I have not seen either since I wrote to
you - I intend going there tomorrow - but in truth I
find visiting very stupid - I am getting old and
tired of making the effort to talk to people -

Please tell Mr Whaley to say to Mr Noyce &
Mr Pendleton that I will write to them if I
do not come by the next boat, but that
there is every probability of my being down -
Do write me a long letter as you promised -
and give me all the most interesting items -

Most Sincerely Yours

W. A. Foy

P. S. Please excuse my very hurried letter

San Diego Cal
Sept 21st 1858

Wm Ringold
Dear Sir

Mr Whaley
requests me to answer some
inquiries made by you in
regard to Mr Ross Mine.

The Copper Ore is
mortgaged to Soto but
Mr Ross has I believe the
privilege of shipping it.

It is about 6 miles from
the coast and it would
take several weeks to
haul it to the landing.

I told Mr Ross a few
moments ago that a party

in San Francisco had
written making inquiries
about his Copper Ore, if
it was for sale &c — not
wishing to elate him too much
by stating the whole facts as
he might "go off half cocked"
and he said that a party
with whom he has been in
correspondence in San Francisco
has come down to look at the
mine on this steamer, and
he should probably make
a trade with him. But he
would let me know so that
I could write more fully
next steamer.

I remain

yours &c in haste
E. W. Morse

San Francisco
Oct 2nd 58

My dear Whately

Again at the last moment I find myself writing to you - my trip south being again postponed unavoidably - I have received news from the States to the effect that I may come home at once if I choose, or whenever I choose on a furlough, but that I cannot be ordered at present - This does not suit me at all - I am too much crippled in the funds to think of taking a furlough, at least just now - I think it pretty well reduced to a certainty that I can remain in San Francisco permanently if I please, but my wife is opposed to it - that is she would greatly prefer my coming East - so you see, true has got to develop more things than one - Touching Santa Rosa I have obtained no further information than that it is a flourishing place and just the one probably to suit you. Mr Doyle knows the Mr Russell & will tell you about him - I wanted very much

to have seen you but the fates seem against
it. I had rather talk than write about
business a great deal - I wanted to show you
my view of our matters and have purposely
avoided writing about them thinking every body
that I should be able to come down - I think
best however not to leave it too long -

Of course when I turned the goods of the
Store over to you, I understood it to be a sale,
otherwise the reduction of 10 per cent would
not have been made - again, I might, though
I don't think it very probable I should have insured
- Still if I had regarded them as in part my
property it might have made me think more
of the matter & possible insure the goods -

However I do not want to strain you an atom
- I don't want you to pay me a dime unless
it comes easy to you - whenever you feel it
perfectly convenient to remit, of course it will
be acceptable, but I want you to feel that
I am anxious for you take it perfectly easily -
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ciate your just view of these sort of things and
that any settlement we may have will be mutually
satisfactory - I fear my long minded letters
prove a bore to the Madam - It is the nature
of an old man to imagine that he continues
interesting long after such has ceased to be the fact -
Present her my respects if you please -
And to all my San Diego friends I send
greetings - It is late & I have no correspondents
to attend to - so adios

Very truly yours.

Geo. P. King

My dear Son,
The death of Frank

Brockton Oct 2nd 1878

Dear Son Thomas,

I received yours of Augth 23, informing me of the sad disaster, the loss of your stock of goods & how discouraging, it appears you are always in trouble & I always said you do not make good calculations, which is the reason at one time, you are building most extravagantly at another greatly at a loss, & so well you do not dispute you did ^{not} say what caused the conflagration, I am led to believe you have enemies about you, I think if you had returned home with your skin on your back you might have done as well as you have, as it is what you built so largely I cannot conceive why ~~not~~ keep you cash so that you will have a post to lean against, I would not care how plain I lived until I could amass a sum sufficient to begin a business in some other place, but you will say how do they, Mother knows no such remark, but it is I have let the like my knowledge & you say your large house if reports you no interest, what is the reason, you did not say what was the cause, that is what I say the house does not appear to suit you or any one, I hope then will keep his savings in cash I am fearful he will have a break down next winter we have expected

his, wife & children, on to go to Cal^a on the 5, inst your birthday,
it appears astonishing to me that she is so tardy about it
but, she gets all she wants, why need she care about time
or going, poor hen, I feel sorry for his devotion; what can he do
It gives me great satisfaction to read that he is doing well, if
he is near, remember only one w^ore poor fellow, a hard case to
endure. I would not wish to insult him with \$20. I thought to help
if he kept his own house how does he accomplish the task of keeping
Restaurant I cannot tell. Yes you may be certain I was vexed indeed
to have to pay, It, note it was your fault you ought to have sent the
draft to me, then all would have been correct, as John says, No I
did not even get a shawl, or an answer when I requested you to send
me & sister one, I was far from expecting it as a present. Therefore
you might have responded. Thomas, how can you be so neglectful and selfish
did not to name father's monument, when it gave me such great pleasure to
see up the money to do so. You must be greatly ^{changed} more the better, as I always
admired your veneration, Thomas, it really appears necessary that you
should have a bank to fall upon keep it in one I will be your banker
as it is most sad to put all your property in ~~gold~~ a very unsafe place
Why do you say you may be compelled to leave San D^o why so on account
of the Indians I have seen in papers, that they may be troubled soon do write
soon let me know why was the troops with drawn. If you ask me for assistance
I will see but, I must fulfill my payment for the ~~monument~~ first. which
is near \$6000 then I have the iron sailing to pay for when done I will
write to Ken, if he does not answer I am pleased to hear of you and family health give
Grandmother love to Frank, and bless baby, sister's boy & John, Thomas grows
findy if you had better departure John to purchase a lot in S^o for you
write as soon as possible what is to be done I shall have my bounty
land warrant in a few days do you write Your Affectionate Uncle R^o Whaley

New York le 4 Octobre, 1854.

Ma chère Anna.

Ta dernière du 21 Août 1854. m'est
parvenue par le dernier Steamier le Mary
Jay. Tu dois te faire une idée de
l'inquiétude que nous avons à ton
égard lorsque tu me parles de la
perte que vous avez faite et de la
 Crainte d'une troupe de voleurs de
je me suis tout de suite précipité au
mal qui en faisait mention de la
manière la plus inquiétante ce qui n'a
fait que redoubler mes craintes. Dieu
veuille qu'il ne vous soit rien arrivé
ma chère fille car je sens que je ne
pourrais pas survivre à un tel malheur
Je suis malade de chagrin et d'in
quiétude! Oh! ma bonne Anna! nous
souffrons des Hard times! Je n'ai rien
à faire et je ne sais ce qui nous allons
devenir! Mais mon plus grand chagrin
c'est toi, ma chère fille! de te croire

exposée, toi et les tiens, à la féroce des sauvages
 c'est une chose qui me fait frémir! Oh!
 quelles idées terribles! Jus qu'au prochain
 Steamer! qu'elles nouvelles apportera-t-elle? I am so
 Si Dieu te conserve tes jours ma chère. Anna and we'd
 reviens donc bien vite parmi nous. Il est de au Sir,
 impossible que ton mari se contente de you and of
 rester dans un pays où sa famille est as the gre
 exposée à perdre la vie soit par les miserable
 Sauvages ou par les tremblements de terre. I hope
 Si vous restez dans un endroit pareil upon the
 vous finirez par perdre tout ce que vous where you
 possédez. Enfin, ce qui me soutient, c'est dread of
 que j'espère que tu n'y es déjà plus. ledge on
 que ton mari a eu la prudence d'industry,
 de te mettre à l'abri toi, et tes chers I have
 petits enfants, d'un pareil danger succeed
 et que je recevrai de tes nouvelles par and pray
 le prochain Steamer. C'est à dire, le douze safe. at
 de ce mois. Jus qu'alors nous sommes dans May soon
 la plus grande anxiété. Adieu ma chère I cannot
 fille. Nous t'embrassons toi et tes chers petits dear Da
 du fond du cœur. Ta mère affectuonne Cruelty
 V. E. Larnay. Hills Im
 States of

des Sauvages
! Oh!

Mr Whaley.

My dear Sir

I am very sensible to the help you have met with
Anna and we all sympathize greatly with you my
dear Sir, and above all the danger in which
you and yours are exposed. It has caused
us the greatest anxiety and we shall be very
miserable until we hear from you.

I hope that after all this, you will decide
upon leaving such an unsafe place
where you cannot but be constantly in
dread of some misfortune. By your know-
ledge in business and your constant
industry, you deserve a better fate, and
I have no doubt, ^{but} that you would
succeed where ever you go. We hope
and pray you may all leave the place
safe and my greatest wish is that we
may soon see you all. As for my part
I cannot live in such a dread of my
dear Daughter being exposed to the
cruelty of bloody Men! Such a thought
kills me. You can easily imagine the
state of mind I am in and may

God grant that we may soon receive
good news from you.
We hope and pray that God will
protect you and yours and that you will
meet with the success a good husband &
a good father deserves.

Very affectionately
Yours.

V. E. Larnay.

P. S. Anna in her last letter wishes to know
if I received the two pictures. I have received
them both together with the twenty dollars.
and I sent a letter to that effect. & two
more that I have sent since. in the
last one I mentioned ^{that we} had been obliged
to move & we are now at No 69 1/2th
Street until we can do better.

please address your letters as usual
to the care of Mr Underhill.

San Francisco
Oct^r 17 1858

My dear Mrs Whaley

It is Sunday night and the steamer sails tomorrow, and I have procrastinated writing to you until the last hour, not because of want of inclination, but because I have had more causes of unhappiness than one; since I wrote you last, that weigh very heavily upon me, and make me feel that my letters cannot partake of the character which they ought to have, to render them interesting to you - If I were in San Diego, my naturally communicative nature would probably make you the recipient of some of these private matters, but a letter is not the place wherein to develop them - I feel that if I were there we might, as you say, have some of our long chats once more, and maybe my heart be lightened, as the pent up stream flowed freely - As it is I am very weary and San Francisco can not help me - You must forgive this down hearted strain, but nature will sometimes have its way - I have received letters from my mother, Antonio, Walter & my wife - Walter has reached home amid great rejoicings and writes me all about it, & sending his love to you & Mr Whaley - His intention is however to return to California after a couple of years - My daughter has become quite reconciled to my decision as to her being a nun, and is recovering her health & gaiety.

Of my probable return to the east ere long, I begin to feel that it becomes more so as time advances - I believe fate has determined that I shall bid adieu to California for the present at least - My hope is to be able to make you a visit before I leave, and if nothing out of the way happens I shall be down by the next steamer - If you answer this letter by the same trip that takes it down, I shall know that altho my letter be dull, yet that you take some interest in it as coming from your old friend - I am very much pleased to know that your Mother liked the portrait - Present her my respects when you write - I hope you will not think ill of this letter because of its brevity - in truth I am very unhappy and unfit to write at all - I hope you will answer it without waiting over a boat - If I can I will be down on the next trip - I regret beyond measure to hear of little Nannie's sickness - I hope however with care that it may prove of less moment than you imagine - I spent a week up at San José a short time since - and made it my business to look at it in reference to Mr Whaley - It is a very growing thriving place and would suit him I am very certain Tell Mr Whaley I received his letter & the \$50. he sent me, and placed the same to his credit - The Indian war in Oregon is over and ^{almost} all the officers have come down - Tell Mr Whaley I will see Major

Wryse & Sicut Hill about the settlement for him at
the Mission if he wants it - Of course I do not think
there will be any difficulty in arranging it because
I can get ahead of every body else - Maj Wryse has
not returned but will be down next boat they say
and his company goes back to San Diego -
- I am tired of San Francisco - it does not suit me - and
it does ~~not~~ ^{it} improve an acquaintance - Mr Bonnycastle
is in the city on his way home - I send a note on
Lathrop endorsed by Bogart, which I want Mr
Whaley to collect - and ask him to sell the old
gun for me ~~and~~ assure him of my esteem and
friendship - Adios - May the God of peace fill your
heart with its sweet influences - and may his choicest
blessings rest upon you - is the prayer of
Your friend
The Major

I did not collect ^{J.P.} James bill.

I will write to Mr Whaley by next boat if
I can't come down - but I hope I shall be able.
G.H.R.

I shall look especially for a letter from you which - to me in the care of Bro. S. B. Humphreys. I expect for they are always so busy in teaching. I hear when sent - I will. Please give my kind regards to all my friends the Clemons, the Daltons, Major Brown and Mr. Gifford - it is a pleasure and to all who need you. I suppose you need not expect for some time - I suppose I shall see you dear mine and regret that we cannot be nearer. Do you ever see my dear brother or his family. I shall look for a letter from you - we are so glad to hear of you. I am your friend
A. B. Brewster

informed you that I intended visiting Mrs. Mason, while she was at the Mission I promised her that if she ever came to Remick I would certainly make her a visit. - I came with the intention of spending two weeks here, have been here that long but Mrs. Mason says she cannot think of letting me go home so soon, next week my cousin Charlie will be down from Sacramento and I will then accompany him to San - Francisco, Mrs. Mason is very anxious for me to remain with her all

winter, I have not yet made up my mind, I hope
mind whether I will do so, if I
conclude to stay, you need not expect are well, the
me in San - Diego until Spring, I regret it is a very
that my dear Brother Philip and her kind are
yourself were so positive as to she likes be
my going to San - Diego, when I wrote San - Diego, be
you last I expected to go this fall here, there
some time but ^{now} do not expect until twice each
next year, I am very anxious to see have a good
you, often think of you all.

I was of course
quite surprised as well as delighted to her family
to see Mr Clemens, I only saw him once, I will have
that is at home, he called twice but I write me
was out the first ^{time} though I afterwards how soon
saw him down town, he told me he Mr Clemens
had seen Mr Hooff, I have not seen Derby ever
him since he came from the not have an
States, he never called to see me before I left
I expect he has entirely forgotten Major Brown

of my me, I hope he has

if I
I expect are well, the baby has grown very much
I regard it is a very fleshy child. Mrs M desires
and her kind remembrances to you all, says
as to she likes Benicia much better than
I write Sam - Diego being very pleasantly situated
fall here, there is a fine Wagon band plays
until twice each day, and as you know I
to see have a great deal of Benicia in my soul
of course enjoy it exceedingly. Tell Mrs
was Poole I congratulate her on the addition
lightest to her family, I suppose before long
in once I will have the same to say to you,
but I write me a good long letter, tell me
towards how soon you expect your Olive branch
you he Mr Clemens told me that Mr & Mrs
at San Diego were in San - Francisco I did
the not have an opportunity of seeing them
me before I left - I hear that our friend
often Major Brown has been ordered to Texas.

My dear Uncle was well when I heard
from him last. My health is improving.
I think this climate agrees with me
better than that of San-Francisco, do not
think I can live there, which I regret
very much. How are you pleased with
San-Diego you have now been there long
enough to know whether you will like
it - as your name I think the climate
the most delightful in the world
and that is the opinion of all those
who have ever been there. Tell me if
you are pleasantly situated and how
you enjoy yourself. God bless you my
friends, believe me I do not forget you
very often, I think of you and the
many pleasant-hours we have spent
together, may we again be as happy.
Please give my kindest regards to Mr
Whaley, tell him not to forget his promise
to me I shall expect it to be fulfilled.

Yours affectionately
O

Dear Thomas

Galena U.S. November 24 1858.

It has been a long time since I have heard from your children & I think I wrote you last - I don't know Mrs. Whelan & how does she like California? I should like much to see you with the staff - I have been absent quite a while since I left New York last - I am still in my old situation in the Survey General's office - I have been since my arrival in Oregon all the while, & the old Survey General has left since I came here, but I have had the work put over to be returned soon. I presume to be not interfering in politics, & having no personal enemies I should like much to make you a visit - if I could leave the office - after next year if I am fortunate I am in hopes of obtaining a Contract to Survey East of the Cascade Mountains - when I will have more time - & will be able to go to San Diego I am in hopes after next year I shall be able to make some headway in the world - old debts & heavy expenses having detained me a good deal I don't see any probability of her being in wife's company - if she is less than the same age - the wife's health is not good in winter - she is lame & does not care much for her - she had a cough last winter & is now troubled - I think I will make

you to persuade her to leave Oregon here after the rainy
season - her is the climate of the world here for the winter
- would you like to have her spend you a visit
next year - do you think you will be in San Fran-
-cisco next fall - write - let me know your intentions
- I will of appreciable endeavor to persuade her
to spend the winter with you - I am quite worried
about her & I hope that my business will not allow me
to visit her - Please write to let me know
you think of it - I have a good deal
of San Diego wine - I should like to find
reference in it of a sample of the same
The wife sends her respects to Mrs. Thompson
Please remember me to her - He should like
much to receive a visit from you

Yours truly
W. P. Thompson

Brooklyn Dec^r 4th 1858

Dear Gen Thomas.

I cannot think of neglect-
ing to answer your communication & I
am indeed sorry to hear that your little
girl is so poorly I fear the result from
what you write it is strange she cold
continues so long. I Thomas your loss
must be sad indeed I should like to
know how how the fire occurred
how would ^{you} make out to move and
leave all your associations in Sand.
I should recommend you to remain at
Major Kingold has promised you
the office he has, he has been much
prepossessed in your favour why doubt
him, I really hope and pray something
will turn up favourable for you if
the troops return it will embrace the
plan as Mrs wife says 33.

Thomas do not say the Fates are against you
amidst all your trouble you are no doubt
greatly favoured If times are dull why
you must expect bad times with others
I think you have had tolerable good busi-
ness which ought to enable to stand a dull
season. One thing certain if you could not
sell the goods it would be necessary to get them
on credit but all this a business more
like you must know how is it with others
stone keepers in the place it might
be dull times in other places - so that
may not do much better to leave your
property I am sorry that the way
you thought did not come your way
is it two or ten miles from you

~~I could not make it out in your letter~~

I shall say you will remain at
present I shall feel very anxious for
your welfare until I hear that something
good has turned up in your favour

I hope you will soon inform me
very soon. I hear that Mr Franklin,
is doing a good business with some
others

I presume you have
this time well I trust
well and they will be ha-
ppy nice children, Tho
in one of my last letter
a merchant Robert went to
or \$1000, Annie was to
and he is to write on
If you want John
Chase for you he is
so with pleasure but
a reasonable sale, by
could inform you at
might be gone - so
what is to be done
depend on his judge
you must write on me
inform him what the
the money has laid d
enough and must be at
must calculate to pay
interest
taxes on on the mo-
you know must be paid

if the States are against you
untraceable you are no doubt.

If things are dull why
not had times with others
we had tolerable good busi-
ness to enable to stand a dull
time certain if you could not
would be necessary to get there.

This a business more
now how is it with others
in the place it might
in other places - so that
not better to leave you
we sorry that the way
is not come your way
ten miles from you
take it out in your letter
we will remain at
I feel very anxious for
it I hear that something
is up in your favour
we soon inform you
that Mr Franklin's
business with some
others

I presume you have seen Annie by
this time well I trust all will be
well and they will be happy together they
have nice children, Thomas, I named
in one of my last letters that there was
a vacant lot next to Johns for 800
or 8,000, Annie was to tell Hen about it
and he is to write on about it to John
If you want John to make a pur-
chase for you he says he will do
so with pleasure but if should see
a reasonable sale by the time he
could inform you as you desire it
might be gone - so I do not see
what is to be done unless you
depend on his judgement, if so
you must write on immediately and
inform him what to do as I think
the money has laid dormant long
enough and must be at interest. You
must calculate to pay ^{taxes} interest and
taxes on the mortgage, which
you know must be paid promptly

Annie remained at Johns, from the 1st
of Oct to the 30th of Nov I was sorry she
could not sail on the 20th as she expect-
ed; but, she sailed at last and has wit-
nessed her husband's misfortune by this
time. Dad indeed not that thick she
estimated as some would she said Mr
Franklin was very kind to write when
Glen was sick - she appeared to esteem
all the neighbours pretty well. it was
a strange freak for her to have done
and now return again, but all is
right I hope, and will be hence
Your sister gave birth to a son
on the 12 of Sept, quite comfortable
she has 2 sons and one daughter
five children. I will write again soon
all join in love to you I needn't frankly
it pretty well I wish you would answer
such subject that I write upon you
might have named your father's
monument I say it is most grand
but never mind I am sleepy good
night May the Lord bless you all
your Mother
I will improve of Thomson about 1840

New York le 5 Decembre 1858

Je t'ai écrit la dernière du 20 Oct par la
 quelle tu m'as écrit un Draft pour 250
 je suis certain que tu ne te feras pas
 l'ouvrage et cependant je t'en remercie
 car j'en ai vraiment besoin ^{d'autant plus} que je n'ai encore
 que quelques Elèves lorsque j'aurais dû en
 avoir quatre au 12 Nov. Mais elles ne
 viennent. Commencées après les fêtes
 ce qui me nu'arrange guère. Peter faisant
 la piece pour payer sa pension et ~~de payer~~
 des vêtements et la manière dont, il se
 fait c'est de le faire donner un orbe
 par Mr Underhill pour des habits
 nous avons bien du chagrin de
 voir que notre chère petite fille est malade
 j'espère cependant que sa maladie
 n'a pas eu de suites fâcheuses et
 que ta prochaine lettre nous annoncera
 qu'elle est hors de danger. Elle est
 dans un très bon état de santé
 moi des jours qu'il me reste à vivre
 pour que tu fasses de retour près de

vous certainement que cela servirait pour le
mieux car je crains que ce pays ne vous soit
funeste à tous le climat ne doit pas être
salubre puisque tu as tant de peine à élever
tes enfants. Comment prennent-ils du froid?
est-ce que les maisons sont humides, ou
sont-elles les vents qui sont froids?
en ce cas fais leur porter une robe de nuit
imperméable et les jours tenus les
pieds bien chauds. Voilà le principal avec
les enfants. Mais Dieu merci tu as près
de toi M^r Robinson qui s'occupe
d'entendre aussi bien que moi à soigner
les enfants, mais ce n'est pas tout que
de les soigner lorsqu'ils sont malades,
il faut aussi tâcher de prévenir les maladies
ce qui est encore plus difficile et très essentiel
Ma chère Anna! Combien je sympathise
avec vous deux et que je voudrais voir
avoir horreur de certains pays de sauvages!
J'espère bien que vous ferez en sorte
de vous en retirer le plus tôt possible
J'imagine de vous faire venir ma bonne
fille et quand il parviendrait à employer
l'argent à revenir vous-mêmes? Enfin
faisons nous à la providence qui j'espère
arrangera tout cela pour le mieux
et surtout ne manque pas de nous écrire une

lettres
bien me
le bon
fin
sur
un
bon
et
ta
de
un
pour
tout
non
et
non
P. S.
au
soit
que
par
de

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Brooklyn May 11 1851

Dear Sons Thomas

I will answer your last letter in one
going of Feb. 18th & April 4th from San S. If you speak of being
well & comfortably situated in a cottage of six rooms I trust
you will continue to consult economy and circumstances as
you increase your expenses, I was glad you rented your house
so well \$40 per month, I think a common grocery is had profit
you appear to understand Cal. life. I do admit that you
have a good faculty to make money, but not one to take good
care of it, but, as you tell me it is your own business what you
do with your own money, but I must say it gives me great plea-
sure to see my children prosper. I presume you did feel
great regret to leave San D. I was sorry to see the same
least your leaving might affect your property there, you need
so nicely fixed, but I trust all you do will be of good import
It gives me pleasure to hear that your greatest comfort is
in your family, as a compensation I hope your property in
San D. will meet your highest expectations I do say you
have had your ups & downs, considering the ease you were
brought up in, but, you can understand and so can I,
and have had to do considerable no one stood with extended
hand to me or would I wish to be in a situation to
require it, no I should glad it most sensibly Thomas
in one part of your letter you remark that you have not
received a cent from me in ten years how do you make

out do you not give me any credit for paying Mr West
 note all the goods you took off me with cash & besides my
 paying Flintoff note, this I name because you say I have
 not assisted you, I would not have the least objection to help
 a son & family but, no further, as I do not consider that my
 duty, to go beyond my own; at this time I could not have
 favoured your wants. I am certain I felt greatly for Henry but
 if I had sent him monies it would only enabled him to send
 no here and would I do that when she left him Mr, but I told you
 particularly not to let him want for the least thing and I
 would repay you or do I think you would, or did, if you are out
 of pocket say so I am truly grieved for his misfortune and the ill
 he had to have, poor fellow, she told us he was keeping
 a Restaurant, at that time saying I shall not have to cook
 now do tell me what he was doing at that time, you wish that
 he was doing well, I wish what was his occupation. how gladly I would
 hand him assistance but not to fall in her hands only the pro-
 ceeds that is the reason I wanted to buy the tel. next to J
 and told her, to tell J, about, neither has written a line since who
 say you to that, not that I would neglect to aid J, on any account
 so that he has his \$ 500 - to fall back on, at any time, I shall write to
 him once in a while I may get an answer perchance his Mother,
 I am much pleased that I was the means of J, getting his nice comfort-
 table home for his family. he had a great trouble to move every year
 now he has his shop attached he hires it perhaps then I saw that
 it was just the thing he wanted so I said, J, call on me tomorrow
 when I will see to the purchase so we did much to our
 satisfaction and the house was had it been for myself I could
 not experienced more true heart felt satisfaction than I said a good

I would do the
 will not con-
 heartily desire
 delay; I fear
 I am sorry let
 she looks to
 Naples; then
 comes to see
 is in San Fei-
 I am truly
 able I will
 increased in
 the sun rise
 I want to go
 out I have
 I should be
 get his big
 lots will not
 the Telegraph
 life. I die,
 Mrs. B., of J
 I intend to
 to let it lay
 of a house
 I must say
 by I cannot
 may letter me
 feel highly
 Thanks for

was what she thought of me

Mrs. B. said she had paid for the house

West I would do the same for you if needfull. I begin to think you
will not come to your mother in a long time though you may
very heartily desire to do so, restrained ~~by~~ money. I am glad Franky tells
I have pitainly; I fear he will be a long time ere he says much to his B-gundona
to help. I am sorry little, Amelie, has the cold, give her a yep of Opicee I am
I say she looks like me she must look like you the girl is the picture of its
have Niapa, the boy complexioned more like the fair and flaxen hair a fine
every but comes to see me with Mamma. I am glad you live out of town, so Mr. Warner
send more is in San Francisco his wife with him, I hope I will succeed in finding Mr. Balcan
you I am truly obliged to you for your good advice, to make myself comfort
and I able I will promise to try, to do, I say it a time. My Lot in B. has
went out increased in value, I am about to sell it, as it is built up ^{around} I cannot see
he ill the sun rise or set, yes, I will remember the lot in C, but times are gone
spring I want to purchase a nice house for self next I am on the look
book out ^{would} I have given \$2,000 for 2 lots a stable & small house, which
that I should have enlarged but it belongs to an estate but when John
ly I would get his big chainable sending out its volumens of smoke they will say our
the pro- lots will not advance greatly. I must work his engine to complete work for
to of the Telegraph's, it is a first rate man looks more like father as he advances in
a what wife. I despair of having a house now, if I wait for you to come home
a count Mrs. B. of San D must have been a kind friend my respects to the lady.
will to I intend to put H. B. Klascietto \$1,000 in the saving Bank what good
mother to let it lay in a City B longer, you have lingered long, what kind
is comfort of a house & lot could you think to buy in C, for \$1500 I think I have an
my year saved your first letter which I read with pleasur some parts, Now to April of
aw that I must say your friends advice was very good and you have profited there
worrow by I cannot tell why, but I felt well pleased with your office you think the
to our may better one & I say to first ~~to~~ he wishes he could get the title, you must indeed
I could feel highly complimented by Major B., I hope you will give the Major my
a good thanks for his kind influence, I do not complain of the compensation

Mr. Warner will pay the
Mrs. Balcan will pay the
Mrs. Balcan will pay the

Tho^s how can you say you cannot give me from 92,000. then you cannot
ask for Pitty, its spirit all that ~~is left~~ for you to decide. You
write that you intend to send for your wife's friends I hope it will
prove a satisfactory send, and an end. You request me to call on
the Lannys, I went according to your desire once, and experienced
her politeness in a perfect moment, which makes me remember to stay
away from the like. I think she will do for Gal. but since that
you are able to pay all expenses out. I would have no objections to see
Remelia. I do complain of your answers at times, but do not sub-
cute me, as usual. Wm. E. no I ask for no page, only a cousin's
sympathy, to your Aunt, as you please. Mr. Day, likewise, they
are pleasant people, and he a great business Man. he is to remain
in Cal. 3 years then he returns to spend the remainder of his days in
B, with his wife and children he must put up plenty of ^{money} to get
through. Your Aunt Pussilla, is very smart & comfortable.
I will get some likenesses taken on leather like the one you sent
to B - if they take them on leather in B - I think you have
written me two long letters which I hope was a pleasant task to you.
I peruse with pleasure and hope you will not weary in well doing.
You will inform me how you enjoy your new office. as I shall
want to know. I often look on your lot that is to be and say, what
is Tom's lot I hope you wife and children are in good health
may the Lord bless and prosper you all. Last month cold
with sore throat prevailed very much, all of us had a touch
of it. We have had the water pump in Brooklyn had a large
celebration. It will be a great advantage to B but its con-
dition is very flourishing. Its worth to see what a city it
has become. I trust you will see one of these days. we all
send love to you and family. Your affectionate Mother R. Whaley