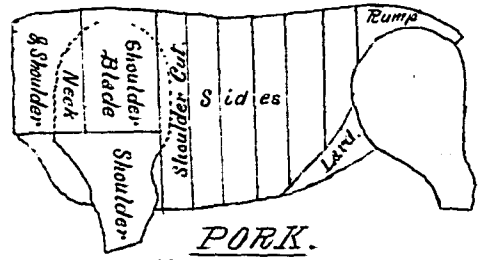
1850

FAMILY LETTERS

JAN — DEC

ARMY INSPECTION OF MEAT - PORK

A. Bozart's Inspection.



PORK.

Mess Pork is composed of 3 or 4 Shoulder cuts, not too deeply cut into the Shoulder Blade of 4 heavy flanks, well trimmed, and balance Sides.

Prime Pork. is composed of 3 half heads, divested of ears, brains & snouts, 3 Shoulders with Shank cut off at the knee joint, 3 or 4 pieces of Neck and Shoulder, 3 or 4 pieces of Shoulder butt, 3 or 4 heavy flanks, a sufficient quantity of Shoulder cuts and Sides to form the last or upper layer in the barrel and balance rumps.

M.O. or Thin Mess Pork. is composed of half Shoulder cuts & half flanks, or of Sides too thin for Mess or Prime.

In packing Prime Pork without heads replace with an extra Shoulder with its equal portion of Neck and Shoulder and Shoulder butt pieces.

Shoulder cuts and flanks intended for Prime or M.O. Pork should be cut from 4 to 4½ inches wide, and must pieces from 5 to 6 inches long.

Prime Mess Pork is composed of 50 pieces, each piece to weigh 4 pounds, and selected as follows viz. 25 pieces cut from ribs, loins, chines, and belly pieces, all lying between the ham and the Shoulder, forming what is called the broadside or middle, and balance of all parts of the hog — with the exception of heads and shanks. Should the Hams be excluded replace it with the sides. Hogs to be well conditioned and weigh about 150 pounds and every barrel to be well capped with Turks Island Salt. Every bbl to contain 200 lbs net.

Scholzie
Captain

San Diego 1850-1

William
Maj.

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John E. Summers
Surgeon, cpt.

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U.S. Naval Office
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New York May 11 1850

My Dear Nephew

It is now over one year since you left New York and over five months that you have been in California in that time we have had ONE letter stating that you had sold part of the goods and from the statement at a fair price. this is the first and last that we have heard direct from you. We have learned from your Mother that you have built a store and we suppose one Money want to pay in part for it. You will perceive upon reflection how we feel in the matter and you can also judge of the treatment we have received at your hands. Tell us we are sending the Goods counted. We have sent some other small matters to make a bundle which we hope will sell well.

The Bearer of this letter who has one of introduction to you is a Gentleman who has gone to California to improve his fortunes. any kindness or attention extended to him will be appreciated by us.

Yours respectfully

Morgan Lewis Smith

Morgan W. Smith
Rec'd Feby 25

New York Jan 7th 1860

My Dear Son.

I recieved your kind and affectionate letter by Mr Wendles Express John was at home and when to W, for it, he came to spend new years with us, in company with Mr Hiff bringing his family in, T. W. we recieved yesterday news of his safe arrival home, on the 7th inst they turned, a few days in Phil & Bal he says they had a very pleasant travel and it would have added much to his gratification and comfort to have met you at home. I say, only Henry would be wanting to complete my little family, as I when left us — While my child I am permitted to compliment you once more on the New year we spent it as usual recieving our friends many whom we did expect did not appear I presume knowing of your absence and ignorant of our intention to recieve calls, Thorpe, Thompson W. Smith and some others not exceeding twenty not Beckhoff or Harris or Dr Reed or Gomez just as they please. Now to your letter I was exceeding sorry to read that you had not recieved recieved any letter from us since your arrival untill you state having done so by yours of the 11th of Nov from Boy how sad you must feel under I shed tears to condole with you and then the Epidemick prevailing was exciting beyond discription, thank God we were Mercifully preserved. I read by your last that it is quite uncertain of your return home as Thompson will leave I consider him selfish he no doubt has accomplished his own ends, you must be the best judge why does he want to go now More than at another time, Me and Sister had our doubts of your comeing if it depend on T, as he had broke his engagement with you before, this is another lesson for you. You wrote that Mr Payne was with you not under what circumstances if you will call on Francis Speed he will inform of Mr Watson who has done a great deal of business with Mr Payne as you know Mr P has been insolvent Mr Watson is settled in the paint line at Sacramento. I have recieved all your letters up to the 11th of Nov. I am sorry to hear that you feel so much distress in San — this winter what a price flour has risen to. I hope you will be careful of your health as all depends upon that with you and it would be grievous indeed to us to hear that you was distressed for comfort. O my what should I do therefore I beseech of you to attend to your health

San Francisco 14th January 1850

Dear Anna,

Your very welcome letter dated October 13th came to hand the 5th with a few days after the departure of the Cold Stream, making the third only received since my arrival. The others were of the 7th March and the 27th June. I am disappointed in not getting more. I wish in future you would write regularly by every mail even though you should have little or nothing to say. Your letters are so cheering, that when I go to the Post Office and know there are none I feel very disheartened. I have communicated with you by every opportunity as you will perceive in perusing the following.

Jany 1.	Off Sandy Hook.	Sent by the pilot to mail
" 16.	At Sea, Lat 31°.16' N	Long 37°.0' W. Sent via London to be forwarded to Thos Wardle Esq 88 South St. Newark N.J.
Mar 7.	From Rio, per Brig	Fabius. To the care of Mr Wm S. Shumpton
May 19.	From Valparaiso via the Isthmus.	Invoice to Mr O. Amity Street. Enclosed to Mrs Shumpton & Hunter to mail
Aug 1.	From San Francisco, enclosing	Postage 10. I forgot the address but think it should have been to the care of Mrs Shumpton & Hunter
Sept 1.	" " "	$32 in dust. Invoice to 395 p. South St. Entrusted to the care of Capt S.H. Wardle together with an many letters
Oct 1.	" " "	$57 7/100 in dust. Entrusted to the care of Mr Meade agent of G.S. Wardle's Express to deliver in person
Nov 1.	" " "	$48 in dust. Entrusted to the care of Mr John Hunt of Newark N.J. to deliver in person
" 15	" " "	two letters from Mr. Mathews an to your husband one to his uncle. Sent by G.S. Wardle's express
Dec 1	" " "	One letter directed to No 395 p. South St. Sent by G.S. Wardle's express
Jany 1	" " "	One letter sent by Charles S. Patten Esq in the letter of introduction to you

If you must be so good as to write those received stating the

time when Mr. Hunter may have misconceived and be of sufficient importance I can furnish you with duplicates — On mentioning having received but two letters during my absence. Now which two you mean of the many sent I cannot possibly conjecture. How easy it had been to put the dates in years of the letters when you acknowledge the receipt of mine from Rio — You may perhaps find those that have miscarried by enquiring at Mr. Geo. Wardle or Messrs Thompson & Hunter No. 23 South St. But I trust you have received all safe together with the several duplicates mentioned. Now having finished the business portion of this letter let me proceed to something more interesting though I have time to say but little more. Your letter was indeed a source of great comfort to me and relieved my mind from much fearful anxiety. You may think my last rather harsh, but I was induced to write thus, believing from your long continued silence, you had become negligent, perhaps inconstant. You must not blame me, dear Anna. I hope you will never again remain so long without sending me a letter. Never fear write by every Steamer. I prize all I receive from you more highly than the greatest gift I enjoy in this dreary place where I am without a single sympathizing friend to whom I can unfold my joys and griefs and hopes for consideration. Ships would be welcome were you only one. I could then content myself to spend years in California. I like the country and the climate. Rush a gun is thrown upon them enjoyed better health in my life including I have not had a day's sickness since my arrival. The winter is mild and with the exception of the heavy rains is far the pleasantest season of the year. I prefer a California winter to the cold blast in the United States of my native State notwithstanding the mud is knee deep. This in the course of time will be remedied when the streets and sidewalks are paved. Do you think Anna you would like to come to California to live with me provided you were assured I could furnish you with many of the comforts you now enjoy? I am now putting a plain simple question. I hope therefore you will answer it candidly and in such a manner as to be perfectly understood. I am resolute remaining some years in this remote part of the world and as

I am sure it impossible for you to make [illegible] to enjoy the
same [illegible] that I married [illegible] to connect myself
with some young lady and that too under circumstances
quite [illegible] to a New Yorker. I am a Californian if I
must be and at all hazards my dear I have made [illegible]
upon the subject. [illegible] assured you still [illegible]
and that you [illegible] have been induced. I
believe [illegible] for such [illegible] to you. I [illegible]
make the [illegible] perfectly [illegible] of the [illegible] which
have [illegible] me. [illegible] to call you [illegible]
[illegible] family [illegible] from the [illegible] and for
[illegible] of an [illegible] community, [illegible]
the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
life or at least a portion of it with me in a newly settled
country [illegible] you will be more or less [illegible] to various [illegible]
and [illegible]? I believe you [illegible] [illegible] Mrs.
the [illegible] for my [illegible] [illegible] I shall look [illegible] you
dear [illegible] as you [illegible]. [illegible] doubtless [illegible] to
[illegible] me [illegible] much, since [illegible] would [illegible] you more than to
be able to [illegible] you were [illegible] but for a moment. [illegible] time enough [illegible]
a [illegible] than [illegible]. [illegible] for a temporary distinction [illegible]
of my affairs I should not be on my [illegible] [illegible] I would
settle things satisfactorily before I have [illegible] with the heads of
[illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the misfortunes of one [illegible] or another I have been subjected to [illegible]
[illegible] cases; but I trust with the usual good luck which has
so far attended me I shall [illegible] from my present embarrass-
ments and be able to return home in the course of a few months
with enough to pay all my creditors and [illegible] home [illegible]
[illegible] make you a [illegible] [illegible] the jewel-
ler is now at work upon a [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in time [illegible] by the steamer. [illegible] the [illegible] of the
[illegible] to hire or find some one to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Newport Jan. 27 — 1850

Dear Jane

The time name for your welcome visit came and passed away until the middle of February or spring, our happiness would have been complete no doubt as we all feel very anxious to see you once more. Yours of Dec 1st we received yesterday and it gave us great pleasure to hear in your letter that you enjoy good health. I hope you continue to be careful and not expose yourself on any occasion for fear of a relapse. I have received yours dated Dec 1st in which you give me a detail of your expenses. I do not complain of your expenses, but I do complain of your extravagant way of spending money. You write as if you had no idea of the value of being independent, surely you will not spend your money wantonly and especially as you owe many bills which I hope you will pay. I have received all your letters and bills which I hope you will pay. I have received all your letters named in yours of the 4th & 15th of Dec likewise in the one mailed Dec 1st which has come to hand bringing the good tidings of your health & Thomas's. Why I did not send you 100 per Month, sister says you might have sent a dollar gift to her, but she will wait patiently until you are prepared, for she was at home and went to Mr Wardles to receive your letter and read the pleasure of reading it. He will go to Cal with you when you come home, looks remarkable well and has enjoyed excellent health this winter. His wife and child was quite well. I have not seen the offspring. I sent a new frock and shoes to Charlotte. Mr Wheeling has appeared healthy during his stay. I did not call on Wheeling as he appeared to be concerned about it. I am quite vexed with him, you would not do so I know. I have not heard any thing from Wheeling since I wrote you, or I would communicate it. When he said it was decided in your favour but he had not made his report at that time. Olmson made his appearance but he had left Newport a few days ago. Mr Hobby said he would have left for Cal but he was waiting until his fathers estate was settled which would be the case in a few days. I hope you will heed what he says as I think he has not been any great benefit to your Thomas I am truly pleased to hear of your improvement and I shall be finitely glad when I shall see you home again. I will then attend to all your business. The responsibilities are paid as I will then protect you in your rights and I trust you will bring with you your money to keep it safe. I hope you keep in mind the advice of Mr Wardles as you may need them again as you not alone. I hope you have received all my letters and then you will be fortunate.

be convinced of my ardent desire for your welfare and prompt payment to your
consignees Mr Smith was here to pay me some cash a few days previous to Jan 1st
he appeared to say that you had not been prompt to inform him all the particulars or
might have sent you more, good he appeared to speak very friendly even kind I expre
ed that I was very grateful to him and that I was certain that you would pay
them all to a cent which I really do think, would be so dishonest not to
refund your kind friends with interest when you are doing so well I say
tis impossible I have not heard from Kip since he wrote me on the arrival
of Mr Hlintoff I hope he recieved a remittance by the last Steamer from you I
I recieved a letter from Sister Angeline a few days since she did not name it
I wish Mr Hlintoff had called upon us how happy I would be to see any one
who knows your situation in Cal. Oh! my poor boy you will know how I have
been wrought upon one of these days, for your sake, and now feel encou
rage to think you will make my heart glad, which will erace all pain
unpleasant feelings from my minds: who can forgive and forget like a
mother? In your of Dec 1st you say Mr H, and a young gent was to be your
Room mates. as you wrote fire would be dreadful indeed I humbly pray that
you will be preserved from conflagration for a time at least how happy I am to
read that you are comfortable and as happy as we could expect so far away from
all your Relations & friends, a pleasant sensation ran over my mind as I
read your advertisement, in the Pacific. I have informed all the young ladies
of your determination to choose a lady to become your wife and return with
you to California. I hope you will not purchase a piano as you cannot play
Thomas you say that you will select an educated and amiable lady and that
I cannot object to her be her rich or poor, I would like to see you marry
one who is on a par with yourself, and not a family to support because
you have married the daughter, you know I have some experience on that
subject. at the same time no doubt you will do as you please
and may the result be a happy one is my hope. Miss Thompson was
here and informed me that her son had been sick, her letter dated Dec 4th
I replied that you said Mr was your room mate, did not name his name
she said they have been a gent from Cal. who stood I, laughed very hard
Mrs H was quite troubled and that they had written for him to return home
Thomas how frequently we sit and talk of your prosperity I beg that you
will not run into any extravagencies as some young men do but consider your
situation in life and conduct yourself with becoming dignity for our sake

Uncle Ned was pleased with your remembrance and Mrs Christadore was much pleased with your salutations about her daughter and returns her kindest regards and hopes you will meet with her friends etc. Uncle as she thinks you will be pleased with the news. I was in hopes you would have been to have assisted us to move this row of houses a-to-morrow, as I hear. It is rather uncertain that we can remain all waiting for the arrival of the Steamer. Mrs Brown has a nephew who arrived in San F last June name Nathaniel Thadeus Browne his Mother asked, is almost frantic thinking him dead. rec only one letter from him he took goods out sailed from New Orleans around the Horn to inquire about him. Mrs Bauer asked me one day in what manner you had befriended her husband. I think she ought to know as he arrived at San F. [illegible] Dollars. I think he will [illegible] you as you were [illegible] to assist another friend. Send you our kind wishes a jar of quince jelly one of cranberry 1 of 6 Manifold letter writer and a $1 worth of carbonic paper by Capt Wardle just off in a box. I would have written by Mr Lozier friends but was not apprised in time they were to travel for pleasure. I have not seen Gomez yet or Dorlan in fact but few of your old acquaintances. Mr. Nickelson in the Bowery the one who owed Henry is in Cal. so his sister informed us a few days since I met Theodore Porter he inquired very particularly concerning you. We passed the usual salutations and Charles he wished to be remembered to you. We have had pleasant moderate winter so far only one night very cold that it froze a great many of Sisters plants tender ones that were in the Parlour I gave her two handsome pots one contained a Salvia the other an Ocalia on your last birth day, I did send you the flower and will send one of the Ocalias as it is about to bloom, our Crocuses, and Hyacinths are doing well whatever we have how I should like to have a conservatory or garden filled with Sisters lovely flowers as you run, we often travel through the Green houses what splendid Camellias, whites and Variegated I hope you will have such from in Calif. Thomas I have been reading so much of your [illegible] lately you will be some time this season I cannot refrain from thanking you [illegible] about of the Steamer [illegible] your home I fear the great gladness will be allowed one than you may read this at home I hope my doubts as you may fully intend to come and be suddenly disappointed, so I will close but is well and sings finely. Thomas, you will be surprised and astonished to behold what improvements are taking place in all directions within view of the house we live in and the most splendid buildings etc. Stone fronts pretty much, two churches have been built between 18 and 19th in Madison Avenue 1 Presbyterian other Episcopal. The taxes are very high this term and I did not attend to [illegible] to get them paid in time but the Cholera prevented many from doing the same. Jim says his dear father resembles me very much I told him I hoped she did, I was very careful to repeat Henry and family are in the [illegible] of health I believe he has gone on business with his father-in-law as [illegible] says I have not received a letter from him in long time

Feb 4th

the Steamer will be in soon then I hope to get good news if not your person. Mercy what a melancholy disaster has occurred at Taylor & Co in Wenge & Hinds, ten thousand persons killed and wounded by the explosion of the steamer Lex it has thrown a gloom over the city it happened about 8 o'clock A.M. Feb 3d Gracious heaven! here is the remaining details of the late disaster and the account of the much to be dreaded conflagration in San F—o you can judge my feelings Sister dear alone I was much troubled on your account, as you can conceive, happy to learn that you had not lost your all from blasted your golden dreams would have been, then did I feel great thanks to the giver of all good for my poor boys escape, I immediately sent a team to Mr H 58 South St a negro man Jad, who came back and informed, that your Friend Mr Palmer had returned to Phila and told my messenger, he had letters from you to us, I could have jumped for joy as I wanted to see some one who knew of you well & long ago expect him to morrow morning according to his promise. I sit here in suspense waiting for Mr Palmer I am quite in excitement I see Sister she must ask questions with me. I hope you have sent some remittances to your friends as they begin to feel anxious for you to do as you may suppose, if all your responsibilities were paid, I should be at liberty to speak loudly about you, Dear Dear Nile I enter into your feelings as near as possible when the fire was in progress and hope you feel fully sensible of your good privilege to prefer a while preparing you to pay your many responsibilities and come off gainer in the end. The little Misses Mrs Cuthbert and Antoinette come to inquire about your health and happily leave their best regards and are happy to learn that you have not sustained any injury by the fire Mrs C observed that she would write to their friends Atwoods I as they are gone I will write to you the little rings the good Friend Mr Palmer I was exceedingly happy to receive him looking very well I told him I hoped you looked as healthy as he he said you did, in all respects he gave us a welcome account of your situation and promised to come again soon, we said we should be happy to see his lady whenever as we informed him he is certainly very pleasant and communicative I hope if he should ever come the Hour, I informed him his party had been highly complimented, he left after taking a glass of wine, to your health I was fearful that you would not be able to leave and think it was all for the best you did not as no one will attend to your business Save yourself at the same time I we would have been a thousand times thankful and glad to see you home I will have fortitude to wait until you will bring money to pay off your debts and come out like a gentleman As Mr Palmer says if you say you will do any thing you are to be depended upon I hope you will do better than Mr Wadsworth who would leave thought it. I did not name the transaction to Mr Palmer as he is only your most before your friend George on as much as he before you when you were here I called on Mrs Hindle a few days since the was not at home

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[illegible] the day before yesterday together with one [illegible] Capt. H. C. Howard. I wrote by them [illegible] which [illegible] the middle of the month in answer to mine of October 15th. I was very much disappointed to learn that the letter and packet addressed to the care of Capt. James H. Fraeder had not been received at the time of your writing. The packet was to deliver both to you in person but I presume it was either forgotten or been thrown too bulky to be carried along. I do not remember [illegible] before this so [illegible] the state that Capt. Hedward having either a letter or packet addressed to me for your hands or knowledge having arrived for my [illegible] I should have delivered the one and the other [illegible] I should have delivered the one and the other [illegible] I can imagine. The gentleman is now on his way. [illegible] Holt delivered [illegible] of his errand. [illegible] Holt not have received the letter, dated 3 Chinese [illegible] from [illegible] I learned you [illegible] inquiring [illegible] from [illegible] in this matter not [illegible] I derived [illegible] thing [illegible] that in weaving the gold and [illegible] to you they were [illegible] confounded a great [illegible] upon me. Can [illegible] anything [illegible] afford me more pleasure than to know you have received it safely [illegible] a thousand times over [illegible] though the [illegible] and [illegible] than the fact of my lending money should have been made to [illegible] only to my family from which I intended to keep it but to those who have interested [illegible] and [illegible] why I do not make [illegible] in [illegible] letter from [illegible] parties who are perfectly aware of the transaction [illegible] letter. Our [illegible] from my [illegible] to Mr. [illegible] to Mr. [illegible] I [illegible] that in [illegible] I had [illegible] Mr. [illegible] with a [illegible] I intended to do [illegible] thing [illegible] might be best to think [illegible] fact [illegible] in [illegible] letter [illegible] a speedy and [illegible] settlement [illegible] it [illegible] The intentions are [illegible] therefore his words [illegible] my [illegible] intent [illegible] me [illegible] Can [illegible] any [illegible] [illegible] because [illegible] but me [illegible] He has [illegible] before [illegible] the world

and called upon. I am sorry any thing should have occurred to cause him to alter his opinion. Captain Hardie upon his return informed my uncle that I had disposed of a certain large waggon belonging to him for the thousand dollars and money he saw me receiving! Nothing could be more false than this assertion. The fact is I have this same waggon on hand yet and was not so largely indebted to my uncle as he was led to suppose. What could have been the captain's motive in telling him so that we did I cannot conjecture unless it was merely to afford him pleasure by way of a joke. The captain did not do it to injure me, I do not believe. He has his peculiarities and singularities as well as the rest. I have been very uneasy however in not writing from time to time informing my uncle concerning his interests. Surely, I do not altogether blame him so much in credited what he heard, but I shall never forgive him for going around among my friends & circulating a report that I had disposed of his property, withheld his money when at the same time I was remitting to a certain "bitter female jail" in New York! Although he believed this acted or intended to act dishonestly, no matter what his motives may have been, he certainly ought to have shown some regard for the feelings of my mother. His letter has been perused by the [illegible] of my mother's intimate friends whose indignation [illegible] by my mother. My uncle would recall all he said and make me every reparation in his power. His reports are calculated to do me an infinite deal of mischief, for he represents my character for life in such a light they are indelible. I shall demand an explanation of the whole affair as speedily as possible in order to establish my character. I am now preparing a circular to send by the bearer of this, for signatures by parties here and will send it to my friends in New York who can testify to the integrity of my character. I have been amply rewarded for my [illegible] in this instance. I have been amply rewarded for my [illegible] in this instance. Outright, I do write you thus explicitly from an apprehension that my uncle's letter stating that he intended to deliver the remittance in person by himself. What could have been his object in doing this I cannot imagine. We certainly are innocent and have no knowledge of the [illegible] existing between my uncle and myself. What could be his object? Could he hope to prevent the truth information intended to be delivered or expect to receive more than my thanks for having safely delivered the gold dust? His reason appeared to have been only to frighten me. I should not wonder if you not informed me he had gone from beginning to end. At what earthly use could they be to him? Certainly you would not credit his account before hearing mine. If he

[illegible] him
[illegible] informed
[illegible] belonging
[illegible] nothing!
I have this
[illegible] to my
[illegible] the
[illegible] captain
[illegible] changed in
[illegible] his inter-
[illegible] in existing
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[illegible] this party,
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[illegible] said
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[illegible] by Mr.
[illegible] I cannot
[illegible] to him?
[illegible]. If his

object in writing you has been to [illegible] or in any way to dis- [illegible] that [illegible] you [illegible] attempt [illegible] difference. [illegible] then the manner in which I have written you may [illegible] attach considerable blame to you at a [illegible] vating my grievances, but let me assure you dear [illegible], I attach not the least [illegible] you to have been over persuaded by your friends [illegible] my letters. They appear to me to attach more value to the gold than to the injury which the exposure [illegible] it from me might cause you. I thought to have kept this secret, but [illegible] is known far and wide [illegible]. But now it is known far and wide. — According [illegible] to [illegible] the various comments contained in [illegible] letters, [illegible] I feel adequate to the task of [illegible] the others I shall take to mind their own affairs and [illegible] dle with mine. I am glad to hear the gold [illegible] afforded you so much pleasure and that you intend devoting it to you accomplishment [illegible] to improve [illegible] while you have an opportunity. I regret exceedingly not to have it in my power to send you a few more specimens [illegible] to enable you to continue your studies further [illegible] advantage. I [illegible] hope you will [illegible] possible [illegible] without [illegible] whether the young lady I marry has [illegible] I have taught [illegible]. A [illegible] must be well educated and accomplished, graceful and lady-like in her deportment. [illegible] much time to the study of [illegible] tends more to [illegible] and [illegible] mean [illegible] novels, which, instead of improving the mind with [illegible] sentiments only tends to corrupt it the more. But [illegible] matters. I am not naturally a book worm, indeed I [illegible] rather say I am not [illegible] at all, probably not having [illegible] dozen books in my life. I can not therefore [illegible] what works would be most [illegible] to you [illegible] and instructive but [illegible] I [illegible] would be [illegible] Every thing is very dull here [illegible] a month or two [illegible] advantage [illegible] able to pay all I owe [illegible] I am now [illegible] and until it is [illegible] I shall indeed be very short of funds. But [illegible]

you in present as soon as I can possibly do so. I can in some measure imagine the pain you experience without the knowledge of any one. The breast pin I ordered is very beautiful, but I am much pleased at by the thought being able to spare the money to pay for it. Still not in the least disappointed I hope not to be always drawn for money, though it will take some time for you to receive from the mining produce of this month. Your disappointment must have been very great in not seeing me on Monday last, so great perhaps as to induce you to start for California if you are in the way of doing when you receive this letter. Should you feel inclined to come, write to me immediately that you intend so to do, that I may be on the watch for you. I hope soon to receive your letter in reply to this and not fail to be with home. I write at no time I have done the one and failed in the other. It is just as follows the course of events. My dear Emma appears to doubt my love because I do not write every minute. It is hard that for doubt the reason? Is she not informed of my situation and does she not feel that I love her and that I trust only for! I have no time to devote to epistolary writing in every line the finest sentiments of love. My letters must merely be confined of plain matter of fact, unvarnished by the mere small decent friendly written. I am done to think, but not with difficulty. I remember to assure her that my affection still glows in my bosom, and that I wish the most important business in life to be to make her happy. The original does not shine so. I am in the [illegible] the fairest flower in the exchange of sentiments, and the fairest [illegible] dispelling sorrow after sorrow, rather return from her presence and the [illegible] their light, shining brightly upon her dear head. I have been from my dear Emma, for my dear Emma, what you wish to know. But I think you had better keep the description of the dear children and Mr. B. to yourself. I should have been distressed in your to have done so, not but what I am very much pleased with the [illegible] in your letters and manner. I hope for to receive a letter, my love, do not feel the least offended, and allow it to spread upon from writing freely whatever you think. Oh, will you not be more liberty in this respect. I am not any [illegible] of your letters highly every one of them. The quaint and calm I have while you are so fascinating and pleasing. Write from time to time. Then for the time to address me as the same amount the same as before. I pray you to write me more and often. The letters are like angels visits few and far between. Should I commend a little you use with to offer dear? The punctuation of your last letter is nearly correct and day you could, I trust I could say as much of your composition. It is susceptible of great improvement. Use more attention to the formation of your sentences and be more choice in the selection of words, and

my infirmities as much as possible. I shall in a degree be able to judge of your advancement in other things from the progress you make in epistolary writing. — When you do send me a letter composed in French you would oblige me very much. I would endeavor to answer it to the best of my ability. — You may possibly think I have forgotten how to express myself in French. But I assure you I have not. A day rarely passes but what I have occasion to address myself to a fellow-creature. — Mr Thompson has not yet gone to the Islands. He decided to be positive in my remembrance to you. I was also that Master Edwin did not inform you that his brother was in California when he persuaded you with his letter. — I met Mr Hawthorne a day or two ago depressed "to kill." I did not think to ask him whether he had given up the office of chief cook. — He is unceasingly expecting letters from his uncle & friends in Nantucket. — I have this time written you a long though not a very interesting letter, but I trust it will be satisfactory in every respect. — Remember me to your family, and believe me dear Nell

Yours in Constancy

Thos W Hawes

Miss Anna E. Lawrence
395½ Fourth St
New York

P.S. I will enclose the lines written at Sea by my friend Charles S. Holmes Esq. at my request. The original was were contained in my letter of the 1st of August, which you informed me has miscarried. I think you will find some pleasure in their perusal though perhaps not so much had they been in the first letter I sent you from California. — Do not forget to write by every steamer a long letter. — I am sorry now for the comments I have made upon Mr B's interview with you. It may intimidate you from writing as freely as you then were wont. Therefore I accept the remark I think they are altogether too harsh. — I should be very sorry to know that you concealed anything of the kind from me. Once more dear Nell I bid you farewell.

Yours &c

T. W.

Mrs Lawrence desires my addressing your letters to her dear, but I prefer addressing them to you more immediately. —

Feb

1850

C. & York Feby 9th 1850

Dear Son

I received your letter in answering yours of the 3d of Dec and 1st Jan, in which you wish us a happy New Year, and remark just one year since you left for Cal. In my letter was that is spoken during the day as persons called in I am happy to learn that you continue to receive letters from us, as you inform me you have received mine dated in Sept and Oct you have by this time I have not forgotten or neglected to write, I hope you received my November letter likewise. I was sorry to learn that you had such an unpleasant encounter with your ten want, but I think you was on the alert, as you say it was fortunate that it did not cost you by the way of [illegible] Stockton [illegible] Fantom, Eliza, to Smith, Drife and Wade, likewise Mr Smith yes I see as you what calling and no doubt you Dear know how to appreciate old Father on hard could you have built and done as you have done without the help ing health. I hear nothing from you as to business or doings on a pretty quite want to see my one friend Patmore to ask him a few more questions but any business he must pay them to his family a letter, I desired when he commenced to converse with Mark, for my part I always as some one forgot, being put up in a chase with little [illegible] a time and which of your [illegible] since I regarded with anxiety the whole dismal [illegible] I was compelled to be satisfied with his delays, which were very pleasing I was rather disappointed that you did not send some remittances altho you have wrote to them assigning the reason why you did not. Your surprised and astonished Sam Stockton also Mr George Wadsworth I must say I cannot refrain from feeling bitterly sorry with so great a lamentable case, on the Wonder, that such a [illegible] confidence in Mr Wadsworth, tell that you will teach you, and show to be careful in future. I hope the decision will not be so heavy as you think. but his father, cannot allow his son under circumstances I would say it is fortunate indeed that G. Wadsworth [illegible] you may realize to come with him, but mind in that case you leave your business I fear it will be quite as well without a partner, I wish one of your brothers was with you. I always rather regretted that you did not go in business with the W—s tho really you did not so far. I presume Thompson people wished ~~[illegible]~~ gone in business with you, as things has turned out I think he is very changeable and perhaps will not go to the Sandwich Island, his Mother does not wish him to go, as she tells me

Aaron and Edwin called on C. Y. day, Charles has not called once, We saw Mrs L. a call I did not see Mrs Sharp last time we called as usual she has been ill all winter, Mr Slifer called on C. Y. day the first time I have seen him since I came from Va John & Mr Hiff Hunks tion to wed for me, so I have concluded likewise, Sunday Feb 10th Steamer in expected days

Mrs Thompson informed that
one of the Miss Lannys was married
but would not tell me her name
She said they went to the Church
oposite them and spoke of your
being pleased with one I said I was
not acquainted with them
but I heard they were very
fine girls, Sister would have written by this time but when she read my letter to she said I had communicated
all the news but she would commence in time for next Steamer and then she will write a long letter as
she thinks you will not come [illegible] as [illegible] people think your journal is very
interesting I wish you had sent the other part [illegible] opportunity to do so [illegible] Mr Smiths
Mr & Mrs [illegible] Smith think of going to Washington in March with Mr Smith [illegible] Mr Meiss desired
his best wishes for your health and prosperity & happy to learn that you was not a sufferer by the
conflagration

Mrs Washington Smith has just called to inquire about you I told
[illegible] your letters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you
would soon [illegible] do write to Mrs Smith she wishes to [illegible]
Mrs Wm Buckley died a few weeks ago the paper states that [illegible]

Thomas I hope [illegible]
13th June [illegible]
Brother we expected to send this letter with one
[illegible] by a gentleman from Harpers ferry but
as he has not called we thought best to send this
by mail Last evening Sarah Jane [illegible] was
married to a widower of 30 yrs [illegible] Mr Middleburg
church had three bridesmaids is to occupy the
Irving House and travel to Europe in the Spring
this is what I heard [illegible] has not called
upon us yet the [illegible] had a piece of [illegible]
laid from the carriage to the Church door Sylvester
and William were at the wedding [illegible] went in
company with a young lady and her brother neigh-
bours of ours It is now ½ past 10 the Steamer sails
at [illegible] we will be obliged to mail this as [illegible]
Buckley may not call Believe me your
Sister [illegible] Whaley

Recd April 5 18[illegible]

Thomas I wish you to keep yourself warm your feet in particular
if you have any pain in your bowels be certain bathe them with
brandy and salt warm and rub them with champhor and oil or grease
melted together and apply an extra flanel too best you should wear
flanel all the time how sorry you would be to get sick likewise pay attention to your appetite
eat light suppers on going to bed as your [illegible] bowels are weak I am fearful [illegible]
it might be of serious consequence I am fearful [illegible]

Thomas how does Rocks sell disposer of ours even if you do not think to
as good a price as you may wish, as I am fearful they may be many
Market. You can surely get from $3,600 for another front down and all
others in proportion interest of money something and fine may accum
spoil them all I have many have you sold. I hope considerable to think
of fine and be very careful as I wish you assume a good name as a trade
neighbor man, then your friends will continue to confide in you not
withstanding all that has been said. So you have not lost thirty large
wagon for $1000 as he represented you had done and not humbled on
the cash he sent out considerable by Capt Wardle I was told by
I wrote you about it in my previous letters. Mr Henry has gone in business
with his Father-in-law he might as well have married fellow I often
think of poor with tears in my eyes let me tell you he has a twin of
Mr Henry from home the very I saw enough to convince me he had a
poor life and nearly ruined herself with her Father and he as arbitrary
as his daughter I pity the poor child who seems bad to support
a lazy and they have not children and I hope that will be the last of
present. Thou says the we they done is perfectly shocked if one comes of the
other carriage it has cost them a visit of 6 weeks to Lynn
I wish he had never beheld such a woman. Ha! I not better see you go to bed
than see you placed in such a situation. Yes far would I prefer it did seem
behold you again. You may say I should not permit but I need a many
sound judgement and consideration to select a disagreeable wife had I treated your
father in like manner he would have turned as far as his legs could carry him
Thomas now comes the discourse of money and looking for another house and
living with new [illegible] we have succeeded literally well and have in
the house but I would not pay more than $200 and all that are going up in
effect to be raised upon Mrs Clark Lot of Hamburg but I do not with the crop
a fancy Mrs Hyatt lives right down town they cannot decide untill they know if
the property is to be sold. I wish I had house of our own desirable for us to live
in Mrs Hummel proposes to us to take her second story and board with her I see
no, if I pay rent I like the house the way I wish altered
heard my mind all depends upon circumstances. When you left us you
said to Sister Hannette you must get married to some clever fellow, profit
by, she may think she has found one, who has their his power to make
her comfortable as she would be a poor subject to endure poverty, or would
she take such a one. The Gent is a native of Phil a very gentle man in his
manner and deportment, and I think a person of good sense and kind feelings
to his profession he is like other young men requires what his business affords
I am inclined to think more of worth than money, and my most fervent
desire is to see your Sister happy. I would not like her to leave me
therefore I would wish to board with them and then I could see her
also was going [illegible] of attending to house hold then I could
[illegible] what a calamity if all did not turn out well

it would break my heart I would sink and die; and who is to be depended upon
cannot tell before hand John says he is a clever fellow and doing finally well I
think she would wish to take him if she did not hope she could live happily with
I like him quite as well as any one I ever came to our house, not disposed to
open and candid, if he wishes her to accompany him any place of amusement
generally speaking one likewise very respectfully, and I consider
trials. I certainly expect you know to whom I refer, as you have
he is rather disposed to literature he subscribed for the Ladies book and
paper last year and continued it this year, and presented her with a
richly bound, I thought he was very considerate to do so, as you know
does not new trappings, and then he might not select what would please
books are always welcome to a cultivated mind acts of this kind
I will inform you more next time write what you think of what I have
as far as I can judge it would prove
married to the perfect satisfaction of her mother
tenderly brought up Sister
his mother said he wrote but he was but a
could not for want of funds, they look for him home
letters from Richard as the land which Hamilt Adaline are only called
to you may thinke we do not see them often Mrs Lawson gave a party she is so gay
as you please sister was there Lawyer Walker called upon her home
was acquainted with you Mr Wm Stout told Hotte to give his best love to you
how are the brothers making out write who are your room at this time
write I hope you will not be seen after you
ple are when disposed to take advantage I hope you have been able to welcome
Mrs Chisholm friend as they are in the first state and standing. Did you see Mr
Donnegan young gent Mr Barr in the periodical employ I believe you have at the
wledge him in some of your fond letters Miss Donnegan was here a few days
ago I gave her your kind remembrances as you desired John says you will
let him that he could make a fortune by going he would get a furlow and
just his wife and child to heard do you must write to him enclose in mine it may
some avail, and I will do
Thomas you will think my letter is very long but I know you will read it
and may you be permitted to answer it is the is the prayer of your absent friend
who has been mercifully from all harm to the present time so me and sister are
in the enjoyment of perfect health. I think those persons are wise who
leave Cal when they have accumulated a comfortable fortune for life, what do
they want more Now my child I commit you to the care of almighty
God who has protected you thus far by land and sea and to whom I
you feel a live sense of thankfullness you sister joins me in love to
you and prays that we shall meet again from your affectionate
Mother Rachel Wheaty
We and sister hope you thought of us on
Christmas day, and drank our healths

Harpers Ferry Feby 10/50

Dear Brother

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Aaron Buckles of this place. you will oblige me much by giving him all the information in your power. you will find him a first rate Fellow and of strict integrity. you can safely place in him implicit Confidence in all things. you will find him a true friend [illegible] unlimited trust. [illegible] him without fear the [illegible] and of Brotherly love. I vouch for him to you as being a strictly sober and honest man true as steel to his trust. you may safely recommend him to any person or place without any fear on your part. in short receive him as you would myself, and advise him accordingly. he makes it more of a visit than other wise his being in good circumstances but if he can make by it he is willing to do so.

By Complying strictly with the above you will oblige your Brothe[illegible] Thomas Thaley.

Received May 8.10

Thomas Whaley Esq.

San Francisco

Alta California

Harpers Ferry Feby 10/50

Dear Brother

I take this opportunity of addressing you a few lines through the politeness of Mr Aaron Buckley we are all enjoying the blessing of good health and hope you continue to do the same, I have a fine little daughter you should see her which I sincerely hope you will in the spring as you talk of paying us a visit then I was home on New Years day I almost expected you then but I can not say I was disappointed as I know how you must be situated in your business. we all want to see you much, Henry is at Washington yet he has gone in with his father in law in the Auction & Commission business I do not know how he is doing but I do not think he has any notion of paying your place a visit, I think I would come if I was sure of meeting any thing worth while by it the statements are so very contradictory I do not know what to think of them. some times I are all go than the news is unfavorable and I fall again below Zero so I may come when you least expect me. Elizabeth will not hear to my going yet

I would not do so unless I could leave them comfortably situated until my return there has nothing strange transpired since you left this place I suppose Mother has written you all that has happened in New York since your departure, again I will speak of Mr Fuckles he is going to turn his attention to speculating if an opportunity offers he is considered here to be worth $15000 most of it in Cash are very good farm so you see he is in good Circumstances he has made it all by close management you will find him all I have represented him to be, so if you wish a friend you could not make a better selection, if you can make it convenient to entertain him do so as he is an old Batchelor and would make quite an addition to your Fraternity. Elizabeth wishes to be remembered to you and says you must think of your sister when you are getting gold, Mother seems in very good spirits about you and always eager to hear from you Sister is well and looks well, you will see a great many from Virginia in your City

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you must send me word in your
next to Mother and she will send
it to me, what you think about
my coming and what I would be
likely to get at to make moving
there and I will see about starting
I sincerely hope this will find you
enjoying good health I see by the
papers that you have had a large
fire in your place but at the
same time I think you have es-
caped as your name does not appear
in the lists I must close now hoping
you may still enjoy good health
and prosper in all your undertak-
ings and live to meet us all in
this part of the world again you
must take good care of your self
be carefull and all will go well
... and May God in his Mercy protect
you from evil is the wish sincere
prayer of your affectionate Brother

Thomas Haley

Rec'd May 1. 1850.

Mr Thomas Whaley, Junr

San Francisco City

Alta California

Politeness of Mr Buckles

Mr T Whaley Sir

Newark Feb 11th 1850

I received your letter dated Dec 31st 1849 and by it I learn you did not receive my last letter of November sent by a Gentleman of Thomas Wardley acquaintance in a box of letters sent to George T Wardle, I am sorry you did not receive it if writing is of any avail, but the truth is I feel so mortified that I scarcely know what to say, according to your own acknowledgement and what I can prove, you have in your possession or have applied to your own purposes of my money independent of Plintoff and Co's act, and independant of the large wagon, wich if you have not sold it was because you wished to keep it; some five or six hundred Dollars, and have had the use of a part of it for one year where money is worth ten per cent a month, and now you send me word that you meant to have sent me 150 Dollars but I must go to your mother to find out why you did not, the greatest impudence and rascality that I ever came accrost all things considered, with regard to Plintoff & Co's act you sent me word, that if not before, you would positively send all the money by the first of January Steamer free of expence and 3 per cent a month interest wich was not 1/3 the regular rate, well now you say you meant to send 200 Dollars the inference is you told him and me a wilfull lie, but why you did not send the 200 Dollars we must go to your mother to find out, I have only to say that I never have got any information from your mother nor never expect to, only she said then that where not satisfied must not send any more, but I forbear, in conclusion I have only to say that, if you have any thing on hand Belonging to me when you receive this letter, that you would transfer it to Mr Robert Elcoe the bearer for my

benifit, also give him a full account of Sales and expences, so that he may foward it to me do this without fail, one more question to your concience if you have any left, how do you Suppose I feel now to show Mr Flintoff your letter after assuming him before he left home that he could trust any buisness with My Nephew and it would be all right, I have met with losses and received wrongs before, but never felt any thing so humbly as I do this

Henry L Kip

P.S as to trusting out the goods on taking notes for them as you say, is the poorest story you could have told, where the would know that is not the way buisness is done at Sanfrancisco

Mrs Kip wishes me to say she would like to have the money that she worked so hard for in making them shirts, and, Richard would be glad to have the boy for one of the wheelbarrows that he made at night

Received Aug 1 1858

New York February 25th 1850

Dear Bennie Thomas

A gentleman from Harpers Ferry intends leaving for California and has intimate call upon us this morning for a letter for you which he is to deliver in person. Mr Palmer will write also, his name is Aaron Buckles. It was a great gratification to us to have Mr Palmer call upon us and informed us of your well being, he promised to call again soon. I hope you will not fail to avail in accumulating a cash fortune but return home when you will have a competency, money would not compensate for the loss of your life. Some of the accounts are very distressing, hope you will be protected from all attacks.

Mr Hyatt informed us last evening Mr Bunce had left the Custom House and commenced commission business, we were quite surprised to hear it as he was so very destitute when he arrived, he partly loaned you in exchange one of the Steamers passages for you, we think he will accumulate enough and retain the line next year with a sufficiency to commence business in New York. Jane is a great entertainer of late moving, we are quite at a loss to know what we shall do at present. I hope the wind will be tempered to the shorn lamb, and you must say God bless my Mother and Sister, we fear that the Cholera may return again this summer, we would not feel willing to remain in the City again during its prevalence. I believe Mother has written you the most important items but as Mr B is to call it gives me an opportunity to add a few lines with a promise of a longer letter next time. Your quite such pleasing accounts of your fare, we would be happy to sit in it a little while, only distance forbids. I see by this morning paper that Mr Thomas is on his way home, detained at Panama on account of sickness. Did you see him? We have not heard from Newark since Mr Palmer came, I think it must be quite efficient [illegible] to engage to protect several ladies across the Isthmus, we are frequently asked if we would not like to go. I reply not until the railroad is completed and the population is increased.

I did not get your likeness petaken as you wish returned soon. Supposed having it from the original, we shall go soon and have Mother's as the only of her is on the way to California. Jane very romantic this winter and remains at home by the fireside. I thank you for your confidential observations of me respecting my being a good wife. I hope to [illegible] in that delineation. Mother says she thinks you [illegible] more from time to time [illegible] observations, I am more valuable now than ever, as I wish as, [illegible] to write a few more lines. I have a promise from one young gentleman acquaintance you and Mary in case we moved, I hope he will bear it in mind. All your acquaintance have left about as very few have called. I will remind them of this kindness when you return. We have not had any good sleighing this winter, I had many sleighrides last winter in Pa. I hope to send you a flower of the Azalia if it expands ere Mr B calls. I have been very unfortunate this season with my plants as they [illegible] -

I hope you will acknowledge some of our communications next time as you promise I have the satisfaction to inform you that this leaves you in the enjoyment of good health, and I hope you will continue to enjoy the blessing you have been so highly favoured hitherto which gives you an excellent opportunity of prospering in your business, you must feel quite like a landlord, you say you will astonish us with the quantity of gold dust if so you will have reason to realize your golden dreams we shall be happy to see your amount published with the others in the papers. I will send you a few flower seeds to test the Californian soil, though you may not be very successful in your undertaking. I called upon Charlotte the other day but she was not at home. I think she does not gad about so much as she formerly did, cannot say that she has been with this time nor will I hear but very little of her. I wish she had, I may as it might have proved better for both of them. I thank you heartily for your kind solicitation for my future welfare and I will endeavour to profit by them. I think the address is good and in making quite a letter which no doubt will be very acceptable from your affectionate

Julia Hoadley Whaley.

P.S. We are going to wait until the last moment for the letter as we have engaged a lady to go to the Post-Office for us to mail the letter with those live Hoadlys

Received Jan 17 1852

New York Feb 13th/50

Friend Tom

You may look out for me about the middle of May I've has come to the conclusion to accompany me out in the steamer But I am very sorry that I have had no word from you to start before now I called at your mothers on the 4th and found her quite well, she was kind enough to give me full particulars of your worth (Gold Digging) and from her I am glad to find that you are accumulating a large fortune of respect that is to say whether it may be in collecting Gold or in chattering the poor from the whipping post (but the latter will pay if the results are good) How is it old Boy that I have had no word at all as late from you it is a shame that you would treat an old friend in such a shabby manner, but it is very easily solved when one gets in the Gold F-g's friends leave, the thoughts, but you cannot accuse me of such neglect for if you had seen me when ransacking my brains for news to fill up the letter before this, it would have astonished you I had to call in the aid of Ben to fill up the document (I do not feel much inclined to start till I have word from you, but this will give

sufficient time for an answer, before leaving (Middle of May) If you get this scrawl in time to write back by the next steamer you will oblige me. There is little news in our town. Gotham at present, all the particulars clippings you will find in my letter of the 5th Oct, and, I hope you will pay the strictest attention to the "P.S." on the bottom of the same, so as to jog the memory that is the "Sir", Kate and Bill are now nicely settled up, at New Rochelle Westchester Co. on a very snug little farm of 54 acres and they have become great farmers, Mr & Mrs. Joy to be remembered to you, and all the children and a Rip to the Tom Whaley. Sis and Ben are blooming the Autocrat is enjoying himself.

There is nothing new in town of any consequence My object of writing this letter is to give Ben Lewis a chance in your "Calro" of course you must show him a little attention as he is now the husband of Mrs Cozier our old neighbor friend.

If you have any funds on hand I wish you would send it to us as I am in want of funds,

Ann Sutton thinks Mrs Thing of going out with us. If in case she does we co
I send G
great he
to start
Henry or
oblige you

P.S. I wo
workings a
my letter
that

does we will have a pleasant party
I send this by Capt Lewis and in a
great hurry at that, as he is about
to start on the Steamer Ohio at 3 o'clock
Hurry on the change by so doing you will
oblige your most

W. P. Grant
A. P. Hutton

P.S. I would write more but it is
useless as I have sent all the News by
my letter of the 5th and letter at
Chat

A.P.H.

Rec'd Dec 29 1867
Ans'd Jan 1 1868
Jno A Williams

PAID
SAN FRANCISCO
JAN 24

Thomas H Hales Esq
care George Wardle & Co
San Francisco
California

(Pertaining to
Mat B. Lewis)

Hawkinsville (Swalome Mico
February 16th 1850.

Friend Wheaty.

Having an opportunity of sending to San Francisco by a person who has volunteered some trouble on my behalf, I have taken the liberty of troubling you also, tho' perhaps you may not think so hard of it when it comes from a person now a miner.

When in San Francisco in September last I left a trunk of mine with a Mrs Williams wife of a carpenter, since when I have not heard from it and being desirous of having it brought up, my request is that you would be kind enough to hand the enclosed letter directed to "James Hawley" as soon as possibly convenient that he may, if he will, attend to it for me and leave word with you immediately as to the result in order that I may have the trunk or word of it by Mr Hall, the bearer of this letter who is now with you about buying provisions &c for an eating house about to be established by him and others on this river - My success in mining has been nothing nor have I received any news from the states if it would not be too trespassing too much on your time drop me a line with any news for anything would be desirable and oblige

Yours &c

Chas. W. Helling

P.S. This Hawley is a carpenter and from the fact of his putting up at the Wandle's supposed will collect

Chas. [illegible]
[illegible] Feby 26. 1800

MARCH

1850

Sunday Cork March 1852

My Dear Mother

As I am very anxious to communicate to you all the intelligence I think will interest you, I mention that we are, morally speaking the Steamer, which I hope, will bring you the good tidings of my health, which is my greatest comfort. I have received your letter in due succession, yesterday Mr Palmer, since one date, I am thankful to say they are all joyfully received I can assure you, I read your letter to Mr Nisbet, I do not wonder that you wrote as you did. I did not answer his long letter, as its tantalizing opposition conduct to Mr Plinthoff, who I have not seen, I thought it would be so kind, as to take the dust to Mr Fanning, I was really surprised, that you sent it in a way for him to obtain the knowledge, as it would be never, for him, since to receive his string, as he delivered the gold, but I hope and pray the next Steamer will bring some gold, for food, other consignees, I mean for him. I am really sorry he has had such an opportunity to represent you in such a unfavourable light, but you will remember, at the difficulty which may occur, by remitting on each Steamer until, all is safe to hand, as you wrote me you intended to do, the very best, and only way. Then, I shall be at rest, on that account as I am as certain, as I can be, that your intentions are good. I hope, the circular, will be of some avail, which your friends in San Francisco, have written, Mr Thompson wrote home concerning the trouble, but it was the California papers, I believe, that revived it still, those cards they, when so many, [illegible] and encouraging young I hope George will keep calm and not let [illegible] trouble, you must be kind to him. We I write that he is at Melville his mother does not know what he is doing, he was in good spirits, I believe I was happy to see him in Melville, to her, [illegible] as cast down she has been down hearted, they do not smile, they look and look and give it up. They will find all their trouble, [illegible] will find ours in the end, on the arrival of Capt. Handcock Sister will have a safe voyage round the Horn, I cannot find an adventure, [illegible] so far. I may close my effects and [illegible] to be [illegible] to your Mother. Simon, he was [illegible] we talked about it but I am not decided people generally [illegible] the quick [illegible] the board Epidemic, so that [illegible] should it be the case [illegible] according to your request, [illegible] Mr Palmer and [illegible] lady, with whom I am very much pleased. Mr does not leave until the May [illegible] return from Boston where they had been to see their [illegible] friends. Mr informed us they spent a month quite pleasantly. [illegible] not [illegible] but will return [illegible] to think he must [illegible] as the [illegible] I hope we may live to come

Oh! Thomas, only think are you should receive this letter, I should be in my cabin
as it were it may no doubt I will find a comfortable home, for me and sister
at one time I flattered myself you might be present at our moving but
I give up all hopes at this late period I must move as the house is sold and
hired the purchaser did not wish to rent it to two families the location is
a healthy one. Mr Church has bought a house and lot in Williamsburg
cost $5000 Mr Jacob Hyatt has bought one next door to her at the same cost
I went over to look at the lower part of one next door to Mrs C. after
contemplating upon it I've thought it to hazardous to cross the ferry at
all seasons I like the island of Long Island best. Let me tell you Baily
has bought a farm in Cherry Valley he will go to see about it soon, he is to
call upon me and inform me of the particulars then May a year to come he
gives up our property I think he will do well he always enquires about you
and [illegible] wishes you as the one to go to California. Sister
sent you a flower of the plant I presented to her on your last birth day
May you prosper and grow in goodness, as the plant flourish with kind
care is my fervent hope. I must be very careful and not spend
money I have met with bad luck with the dwelling part of Mr
house I am fearful I shall lose nearly half if not more we relied on the
woman's promises to much she has a husband he was sick with rheumatism
getting no better and she pleading and promising and praying a little
Mr H. did not what to do with her about the 14th of Feb I told H she
must leave on pay day I rent so she could not well then a severe storm
commence she says her husband has part of some certain property
but I will not be led a way in this manner in a long while again
as I am almost without funds, and I must get my lonsonds to favour me
which is very unpleasant it makes a material difference to me and
Sister I can't argue and worry I am to say so I have had great pleasure
ment lately, notwithstanding, I have reason to give thanks
not a single gent has sent us a paper was I you I would not send
to those who have relations in Cal. I have not seen Mrs Thorp this
winter Adeline has called on sister in this house one single time
of course sister does not go only to return her calls. I think she is
quite affected. George comes occasionally. I received a letter from
Mrs Peshine in which she wishes to be kindly remembered to you
she is very weak and feeble informs me they intend moving
ing I want to run up and see her if I could I will try they move
in the first of April. Sister called on Mrs Lorrance she received
your papers and understand Mr Bruce has been very ill I call
ed on Mrs Thompson last week. Yesterday March 26th we went
to Mr Palmers where we did not stay long he is very
com municative and pleasant his lady likewise we spoke of you
and the differ incidents which occured during the voyage as it ap
pears he was always in the party I regret that I did not know

in time gone by as she poor lady did not know any of the gents possessing
except the Wardles. She says she would go with pleasure if her husband
would consent to take her but her little one what a great trouble to travel
with. I was asking Mr Palmer about Lawyer Wood of C.S. who has
come on to take out his family Mrs M. dined at Mrs. Kimmels while
I was boarding there She was a pleasant lady and said she contemplated
going to Cal.a in a year. I presume Mr Palmer has made money
as he intends returning home for good in Sept. I think he is very
clever gent. I should be happy if you can make enough to be comfortable
with for life in a short time I cannot say that I think it would be
for the best for you to take a wife to Cal.a it will be attended with
much trouble and expence, and then, I hear Miss Fanny is very young
of course she cannot understand much of domestic affairs all this you
had better consider why not wait untill you return home for good, Mrs S.
informs me that one of the Miss Fanny has married to a Mr Walker who has
Mother did keep store in the 4th Avenue I read by the papers that the
Rail Road across the Isthmus is commenced I was pleased to hear that it
keep the cash for as long as you are there I shall feel interested for its
prosperity Mr Porter called a few days ago and acknowledge the receipt
of papers from you & wishes me to write his best regards to you the rest
of the family are well I hear from Brother John yesterday the gent
Mr Hiers has not given up all intentions of leaving for Cal.a and if
he was single I think he might succeed very well and if you would
him the right way he would be a first rate person for you to depend on
as I do not think Henry or John will leave their homes they might if
they were to see you and hear what you say, John spoke to that amount
when he was home he says his child looks like me I hope it does, John is
quite well this winter Your friends in general are well I would feel
better if I had a place of residence fixed upon, I had this house taken
ere this last spring here I am tired of looking for a house to time
in to get rich and come home and let Smiley a house for Mercy
sake Thomas you may conceive how very much I feel the loss of my
Henry and Harriet so many debts to pay I am waiting patiently for
Whiting to inform me of the particulars I hope he will soon I do not like
to ask Mr Hassel to do so but I will the next time I see him I wish you was here
to ask him but I know it will not be long before you come possibly after
the return of Mr Palmer well time fleets along very fast and we shall
be rested from our toils we will commence packing up such things as we
can dispense with as it will devolve all on me and sister with the
aid of a girl. Let me tele you I was quite pleased with Mr Palmers
details I hope they will pay me a visit ere he leaves if it only of an evening as
you will be pleased to hear of his having conversed with him on his
return to you who is your room mates always inform me Mr Potter
he lay very sick for three weeks I trust you was kind to him at the time

have you seen Tomey brother in law
as a Mr Wm Wilkins nearly Tenner
Mr Wm Wilkins 31 years of age

Rhea Mary Ehrlich

New York March 18th 1850

Friend Whaley

My brother Anson showed me a letter from you dated Jan 20th ult in which you expressed a wish to hear from me. I do not know Tom, at present anything that will particularly interest you or that will particularly lead to your amusement or instruction. New York is as fold — pleasant to those who have the means of enjoyment — stupid to those who are in want or wanting [illegible] — Rent moderate apart —

My dear Tom will you be kind enough to write me a true, faithful account of what the prospects are for an adventurer in San Francisco. What business would be likely to pay — what opportunities for investment — what chance of employment — what inducements to come out there — and in fact the whole information which you may easily imagine ~~me~~ would like to be placed in possession of which I am at this present writing. I know Tom this is asking you a great deal but if I can reciprocate ~~to~~ favors you have but to ask and it is granted —

Mrs Sutton requests me to express her most kindly for your welfare success, and happiness.

Yours truly

Thomas E. Sutton

Shipped, by ~~GEORGE~~ H. F. SUTTON, 88 South Street, in good order and condition, on board the Ship Hymen whereof is master for the present voyage Cupid now lying in the port of NEW YORK and bound for Matrimony

One Female (Maiden)

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like order and condition, at the Port of Matrimony (the dangers of the Seas only excepted,) unto Thos Whaley or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Female Fresh board and Lodging with ~~primage and~~ average accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath subscribed to three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in NEW YORK, the ~~twenty~~ Eleventh day of March 1850

(Contents unknown.)

Baby Gowing

Thos Bailey Esq
San Francisco
California

Received from Mr. Rhodes
June 17 1857

A celle-ci fait la cinquième.
dans laquelles elle vous fait
réception de l'or que vous
lui avez envoyez deux fois
Mais elle n'a pas reçu la
poudre d'or. Nous avons
envoyé un ami chez Mme. elle
pour la réclamer on lui
a dit qu'elle a été remise
a Madame votre Mère.
Amélie me prie de vous
dire que vous êtes bien
pressé de ne pas même
faire mention d'elle dans
vos lettres elle, qui se
faisait un si grand plaisir
de vous revoir ce mois-ci!
Mais elle n'est pas la seule
qui ait été désappointée!
Enfin mon cher M. Ruhaly
je finis en vous souhaitant
tous sortes de prospérité
et j'espère que nous aurons
le plaisir de vous revoir
bientôt.

V. E. Lannay

Samedi le 8. /50.

Recd Cleveland Nov 4 1860

Mon cher M. Ibalez.

Je prime vers Noël me permettra de vous écrire quelques lignes pour vous prévenir de ce que vous ne m'avez pas écrit un mot depuis votre absence = Rien qui m'intéresse à vous autant que si vous étiez mon fils et qui mais si heureuse d'apprendre que vous êtes en bonne santé et que vous faites bien vos affaires. Mais je vous pardonne cette négligence encore une fois pourvu qu'il y en a d'autres que vous ne manquiez pas et que je sois bien sensible à l'intérêt que vous leur portez, espérant que on saura apprécier vos principes honnêtes.

Elena me dit que vous vous plaignez de n'avoir reçu qu'une lettre d'elle elle vous en a écrit quatre.

Capt Thomas Wheeler – Gr Puffer

Sir –

On behalf of the Gri[illegible] who have received your kind acceptable invitation, this evening to partake of wheat cake & coffee 12 o'clock I by A. Condon am vendue guest and hereby thanks & blessings of all concerned of means. I am friendly in testify hoping it may be your option to meet with us on the occasion of Gen. Thos Stanford

Stanfordville Oct 12-1850 –

Brooklyn, March 10th 1845

Misses Lamys,

I have the happiness to communicate to you, that I have received a long letter, from my Son informing me of his health & happiness We, should be pleased to have you call on us at 106, Harrison, St. — Brooklyn South Ferry. take Atlantic Street to Hicks, which will bring you to Harrison. You will please name our address to Miss Devereux, likewise our remembrances, and an invitation for them to call on us the first opportunity, my regards to your Mother & Mr Gomez Yours Truely

P. Whaley

I have been detained at Newark by sickness

New York March 22nd 1880

My Dear Son

Your letter dated 30th January has at last reached me and affords me more satisfaction than you can imagine, as it is so long since I had heard from you that I suppose I have entirely grown out of your recollection. I have written you several times, without reply and of course concluded that business or important affairs so occupied your time that leaving you had none to communicate with your friends

My Dear Son your resolution to abstain from inebriating draughts is both good & sensible. The indulgence can only lead to undermining the foundation of health and wealth & abstinence leaves the brain clear to act and the muscles strong to bear, and endure. Be assured that by carrying out so admirable a determination will insure you a prospect in life which to follow will lead to future affluence and high social position. My own resolution and action in this respect has fully tested the proof of my above opinion I must therefore congratulate ourselves mutually —

Now to matters of importance I am very glad to hear you have disposed of all the things that is with the exception of the Buff, but I am surprised to hear such a poor discription of the Mining district, I had some "Idea" of going out when I saw John Nicholson but now I have given it up as a poor "job", I am sorry you did not send on the money for I am very much in want of it. By the way I have drawn a "draught" on you for the amount, I placed it in the hands of Mess Havens & Livingston Express men for collection after trying for about two days to sell it, I took the draught to Poine old firm of Poine Ward & Co and they would not have any thing to do with it, because you were connected with Bro Wardle so they "cooled" and they had advice that he had "failed", & dare not be "out about it"

As for news I have none N.Y. is the same as you left it, John Tony T. Wardle just arrived and he knows as much about California as if he had never been there

Shipped, by ~~GEORGE~~ A. P. SUTTON, 88 South Street, in good order and condition, on board the Ship Lila Hagerman whereof is master for the present voyage Whaley now lying in the port of NEW YORK and bound for California

The Box of Remembrances

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like order and condition, at the Port of San Francisco (the dangers of the Seas only excepted,) unto the Subscriber or to — assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Box Chest As Customary with — primage and average accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath subscribed to three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in NEW YORK, the 22nd day of March 1850

(Contents unknown.)

must excuse this letter all round
Paper, Ink + Mrs Fish beg to be remembered
to you also Billy + Chas, Parson is right side
up with care I believe (Mrs Fish I left a pin in it last
night he felt like one of those gentlemen on
head of that take it in there heads to jump
"off" of the Tops of Stages he also begs to be remembered
Now dear Son as it is near bed time + I am
very tired I will bid you Good Night + Remain
Your little pet B.B. Fish Your humble Servant
died last thursday I the Small-Pox A. P. Sutton
at New Rochelle Ring 8 Years 7 months old
Remember to write soon
every Steamer if you feel like answering the correspondence

Received Ans. Mar. Rec. Order
June 17 1866

Chas. Whaley Esq
San Francisco
California

Thomas Whaley Esq

Dear Sir

If you can forward the interest of Mr Parcells who is the bearer of this you will particularly oblige me. Mr Parcells is the son of a friend of mine and I feel no doubt but that you will find him perfectly "au fait" at any business you may be enabled to secure him engagements in ——

I ask this friend Whaley as a favour for myself —

Very truly

New York March 20th 1837

Henry C. Sutton

Recd June 17th 1851
Introducing Mr Cardell

Sacramento City March 28th 1850

Dear Whaley

Here I am with the prospect of staying some time I have found a situation which gives me three hundred dollars a month with board and lodging salary to be increased in the fall so you see dame Fortune has at last married herself with giving her rough poked & has come to the conclusion to turn over a new leaf - I only have to work at night four hours - Would you be kind enough to send up my small black trunk, if possible, for I have not a decent suit of clothes to appear in - The key is with Endicott - There is a friend of mine a Mr Langley coming down to S. Francisco who I shall direct to call on you if you are not able to send it yourself, he will take charge of it - If you should send it please write me word, so that I may know when to go for it -

Hollands started yesterday for the Middle fork, & Old Fleck & Mutter the day previous for the same place - Give my love to Old Tuffer - Tell him not to give himself so much to masquerade balls - I suspect he will get Det - you know who I mean -

Yours truly

George Pettinos

P.S. I can be found at city "Inn" you can direct the trunk there if you have it

SACRAMENTO
MA* 30

PAID

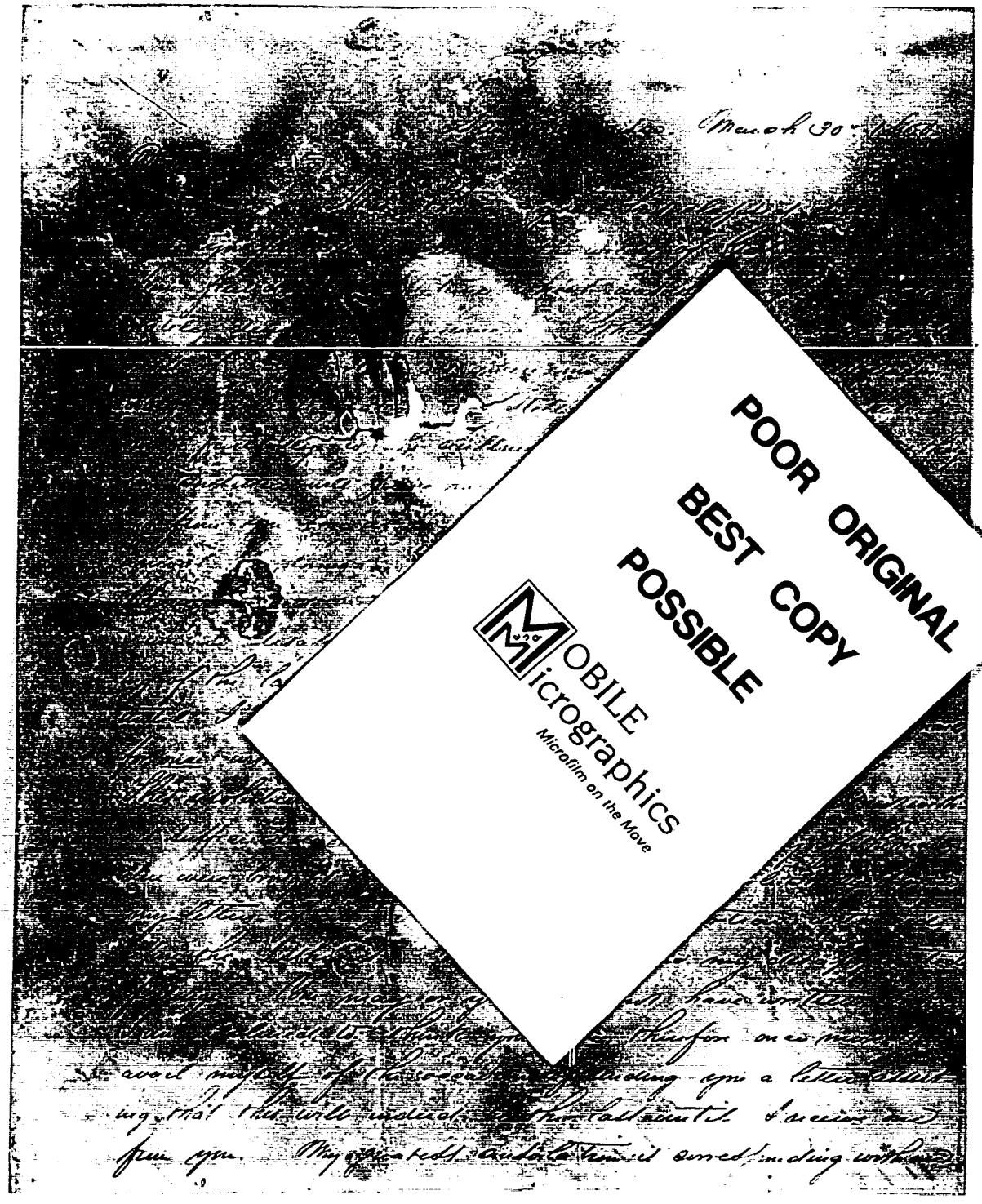
Thomas Pohaley Esq
San Francisco
Cal

Sacramento Mar 1. 1863
Chief Clerk

Incomplete letter

March 30 1850 -

Jh - to Anna E.



San [illegible]cisco. March 30th 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

More than a year has elapsed since I bade you farewell [illegible] [illegible] of California [illegible] from friends [illegible] [illegible] which was dimmed [illegible] made, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] month of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than I [illegible] ably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible], [illegible] should they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) and [illegible] ing from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sought with [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more than a dozen letters I have [illegible] [illegible] bearing date [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] before the sailing of the last steamer I resolved not to write again until I should receive a letter, and, consequently the mail for one without a [illegible] letter [illegible] to my dear Anna.

This resolution I have [illegible] [illegible] to break [illegible] without [illegible] [illegible]. A portion only of the mail due was brought [illegible] to me and [illegible] found my letters, of [illegible] [illegible] in that portion detained upon the Isthmus. How can I [illegible] my disappointed feelings. You may or you may not have written, but I am inclined to think you have, therefore once more I avail myself of the occasion of sending you a letter, alluding [illegible] [illegible] will indeed be the last until I receive one from you. My greatest consolation is [illegible] [illegible] with[illegible]

whom I have been lead to believe loves me one, who will sympathize with me upon all occasions and for me to deny myself the pleasure [illegible] by mail [illegible] the time [illegible] therefore [illegible] my epistles of the [illegible] December and the 14th [illegible] have expended [illegible] irregularity [illegible] fortunately [illegible] I see not [illegible] of being [illegible] to come [illegible] separation will be painful to both of us and in order to alleviate it as much as possible and to compensate [illegible] a degree we should establish an uninterrupted correspondence. Everything as I before intimated is exceedingly dull and has been so for some months past. [illegible] felt its effects and with the greatest difficulty overcame them. So far I have boldly striven and hope to be able to [illegible] my present position or at least to avert impending ruin until a change for the better takes place. All my [illegible] and remittance [illegible] while my expenses [illegible] between seven [&] eight hundred dollars per month. [illegible] for California. [illegible] I am engaged at present in mercantile pursuits. I have a large Store well stocked with goods and as soon as trade becomes any way brisk [illegible] a pretty fair business. I doubt not in the course of a few months to be able to liquidate my debts both here and in New York. Then and not before then shall I think of returning to the States. May the realization of my desires prove as happy in their results as I am encouraged to believe they will in

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will sympathize
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schemes for the future. I have already [illegible] to show how upon
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of [illegible] to the [illegible]. San Francisco [illegible]
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[illegible] found [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
well attended [illegible] halls, [illegible]
and libraries affording [illegible] from [illegible] and the [illegible]
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of literature [illegible] from the full daily emanations [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] years [illegible]
should not be at all surprised if the [illegible] power and [illegible]
[illegible] on and to [illegible] with [illegible] San Francisco is [illegible]
a great city. [illegible] upon the state advantages which
other great cities [illegible] [illegible] days [illegible] quickly, [illegible]
be seen [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] society [illegible] being [illegible]
[illegible] Occasionally [illegible] even could [illegible] and no [illegible]
[illegible] occurrences. [illegible] for the [illegible] United States
of San Francisco enough to [illegible] any one [illegible]
do not [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] time ago a [illegible] pin. [illegible] enclosed one [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] of native gold [illegible] by all to whom I [illegible]
[illegible] it. Accept this [illegible] gift [illegible] as a pledge of my [illegible]

and esteem. I regret exceedingly not to be able to redeem other pledges I have made so readily but you will appreciate the sincerity of my intentions. I know, dear friend, that I will perform all that lies in my power to promote your future happiness.

My mother and sister are fully aware of the embarrassment existing between us and feel the force of having sent the letters addressed to you and as they offered no displeasure am fain to hastily destroy the evidence of your guarantee in order that they may have to address you many good qualities and recommend Sister never has the least care upon having an old many affections in you. But to effect this may be attended with some little difficulty. I am about devising a plan. I shall direct this letter to you and close it, as though by mistake, in an envelope addressed to my sister to whom I shall write a long letter wherein I will state the pleasure it would afford me for her to know you and if she is at all inclined to acquiesce with my wishes she will be glad to have an opportunity to deliver herself the misdirected letter instead of sending it through the Post Office. Now that you see how the plot thickens will you forgive my little trick as it is of an affectionate description. You may rely upon her friendship. My mother is lovely. Should you succeed to ingratiate yourself into her good graces I am certain you would like her and she would think the world and all of you. How happy I should be were you and my sister bodin friends!

New York. March 8th 1860

My dearest Thomas.

This Sunday, and it is also my birthday. I am now Seventeen years of age. D. you not think I ought to be very good when my birthday falls on such a holy day. I think I am better now than I have ever been. Your kind letter of the 12th January has been answered by me and I hope you have received it by this time. For it contained what you wished me to answer, with regard to ourselves. You wish me to write by every Steamer. It is almost impossible, for the Steamers come in all together and leave all at the same time. In fact they do not stay more than a day or two. At least I will send you one by the Steamer that starts last. Which I believe is the Persia City, and which leaves N. Y. on the 1st April. Your friend Mr C. S. Palmer intends to return to Col. by this Steamer. He has not yet called for my letter. But time enough yet. He may possibly call this evening. I regret excess

ingly not to be able to send you the slippers
I began worked for you. Not having the size of
your small foot, it was impossible to send them
But they shall be ready by the time you return
If you will only some way or other let me
know your measure. They are very neat
and pretty, and no doubt you will prize
them as much as if they were very costly.
I hope that Mr Bates will call
for this letter soon, for I should not like to
miss the opportunity of sending it by a friend
of my dear Thomas. I should very much like
to have a talk with him, and to send
you a few verbal messages. But above all to try
and make him persuade you to return to
me soon. But you know best when to return
do you not? You will return when it suits
you. I beg of you do not let it be too long
before you make up your mind to do.
Do you not think you have stayed away
long enough from me. What would I not
give to see you once more. 'Tis true you
appear to me very often in my dreams. But
what sorrow when I awake and find it
is all a dream. I look forward to your arrival
with the greatest impatience imaginable.
Whenever a steamer arrives at this port
the first thing I look at is the list of passengers (who have
arrived. But your dear name has not yet

made it
days I sig
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Mr Warn

made its appearance. It will one of those long days I suppose. How I envy the ladies that are going out with Mr Palmer, I wish I was one of them. But you have said it must not be and I must submit to it.

But they may go, If I go to California with anyone I know it will be with you my dear Thomas.

I think I told you that Dr. Gomez has an office in our house. He intends keeping it until the first of May, after which he will begin his travelling tour all over the world so he says, and at the end land in Cal—. Another doctor is about taking the room. I wish you were here you might have it. But I suppose you would not now live as you did. although you were very comfortable. Your kind letter of the 11th Jan. pleased me more than any of your letters. I can say that I should like to live in California with you. There is a panorama in N.Y. of San Francisco and we are going ~~to see it~~ just to see what kind of a place it is. I have no news for you now. I am going to a ball on the 8th April. Mr Warner is coming after us. My Cousins Mrs Warner & Miss Elise. Send their best respects to you, and hope they may have the pleasure of seeing you soon. Mr Warner asks me so about you. When he con

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with you? You never mention his name. I wonder
of course I do. You need not know where
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Reed May 21 1861 My Cousin Olive
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come home as rich as Croesus. When you
see Mr Kelly remember our family kindly
to him and tell him that his Cousine
wants to hear from him very much.
all accounts he has turned quite
a dandy. He must cut quite a figure
in California. He is so small, and so
over loaded with moustaches. But I must
not say too much about moustaches, for I

APRIL

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New York April 12th 1850

Mr L. Whaley

Dear sir

You have with full cost-sales of merchandise come to hand this day. it does not amount to as much as we expected. still it pays. in regard to charges it appears enormous. $28. cartage $10 storage looks to us like something more than our California prices. and under the circumstances we think you ought to cut down the charges at least 33⅓ per ct. The account as rendered averages due Oct 25th from which date we are entitled to interest. we hear that 10 per ct a month is the common interest. we shall be satisfied with a less rate say 6 or 7. The cards. Gold leaf Vermillion. and Chamois skins were all in the box sent by Mr Alden and we are sorry to hear they are lost. By the next mail we expect to remit some money from you. for in all reason it is about time

Yours respectfully

Morgan Southa & Co

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Mrs. Thomas Whaley

San Francisco,

Cal.

Received May 22. 1861
Answered May 31. 1861

Newark April 12th 1850

Mr Francis Whaley Sir

I have written a great deal to you already, and have received no return of any amount but misrepresentation and abuse, and had concluded not to write any more, but I feel so much grieved, and wronged, that I cannot avoid making some remarks, and will be as brief as possible, with regard to the letter which has been denounced, and said to be unjust, and without any foundation, and signed by your friends, you know that if what you have written to your Mother is true, that it was not without foundation, and if ~~[illegible]~~ what Capt Wardle said is true on the Plaintiff either it was not without foundation and I would sooner take their word, than ~~[illegible]~~ fifty such signatures as signed that circular for they say they know that you never had an offer for the wagon, how can they know that it is a thing impossible for them to know, and beside you wrote to your Mother that you had been offered 700 hundred dollars for it, I wonder if they know that, they are ~~[illegible]~~ more likely to know ~~[illegible]~~ that than the other, and beside it is considered in New Jersey and in New York to be a good foundation for complaint and censure when one man takes the money of another to speculate on, without his consent, or any certainty of his being able to pay it again, I wonder if Mr G Wardle knows what you wrote to Mr Smith about the wonderfull failure and that they owed you 400 Dollars wich you gave as a reason you could not pay him, I wonder if he knows what you wrote to me about it in your last letter, immediately after you got him to signe that Circular, by wich he says he approves of all you have done since you have been in California, you have changed one in your last letter of going to your Consignees and others, and trying my utmost to injure and

Destroy your Character, this I wholy deny and untill you give me your autho and what it is I have said and to whome, beside yourself and your Mother previous to receiving that letter, I shall think that it is your own manufacturing, and that you now prefer Quarling with me rather than paying me honestly what is due me, you say I threatened you not to come to New York without the Dust, now I think you had better read that part of my letter over again, and first recollect that you had written to me before that you was coming home and you supposed your friends would expect some dust and if they did not receive that they would get something in the place of it, which I meant to mean your notes or obligations from the fact that I had learnt that you had spent all your own money and all your friends money also and therefore you could not fetch any with you and I merely requested you not to come without selling my goods for what they would bring, before you did come and not spend the money as you had done before, but bring the dust with you, and now you have magnified it in to a threat, and boastingly say my words do not intimidate you, you need not be at all afraid of me for I promise you I will never hurt a hair of your head, but remember there is a day not far distant, when a righteous retribution will take place, and when it will be manifest who is the injured party, now Capt Wardle told his father in his office in my presence that he saw you sell the barrows for 50 Dollars a piece you wrote me you had sold them all to good advantage and you wrote to your mother that they brought 40 Dollars a piece, and now you have given me credit for 40 $ 35 $ 18 $ and 20 dollars a piece I wonder what Mr G Wardle thinks of that of course he approves of all you have done at least he says so, and beside you have chaned me for bonting the large wagon and

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Recd May 1. 1860

San Francisco. April 19th 1850.

Dear Anna,

The spell is at last broken. Once more I feel happy. Never again will I be bad to mistrust. Your letter received by the last mail, dated the 8th & 12th February are sufficient evidence of your attachment, and convince me of your strong love. Pardon me if what I have previously written has caused you the slightest pain. I would not willingly afflict you with sorrow. I have scolded you, and may perhaps have said many things which seemed harsh. You will forgive me. I know you will. I was so long without hearing from you I could not help thinking and writing in the manner I have. My disappointment was so great; I informed you in my last of my determination never to write again, unless I should hear from you. Since then how often have I wished for a letter to have the pleasure of communicating with you by the present opportunity. These letters were long and anxiously looked for, and when they came my mind was relieved from much anxiety. I had heard, indirectly, that one of the Misses Lawrey was married! This news must have startled me some, as you may well imagine. I could hardly entertain the idea that possibly it might be you, though your long and continued silence might lead me to suppose so. I am now glad the matter is so satisfactorily solved. The mutter upon one of the epistles, "Come back to me" was sufficient without waiting for a parallel. If ever I experienced the sensation of pleasure, I felt and enjoyed it then. My friend, Mr George D. Puffer, who is almost as much in love with you as myself from the numerous accounts I have detailed to him concerning you,

asked me, "Well, Tom, how is it? I see you are pinched." I instantly shewed him the motto, to which he smiled and said, "I knew that girl would never deceive you." I believe you were nice, dear Anna. The marriage then is a mere rumor, I take it, as your letter informs me neither of your receiving nor your sister's. I was in hopes Amelia had at last got a beauty and entitled him in a hard knot from which he could not easily extricate himself. I remember how jealous she used to be of my attentions to you. I shall never forget the evening when she cried as though her heart would break. But say nothing of this to her. — You tell me you have sent seven letters since I came, two of which only I have received. The others, as you surmise, have been miscarried causing me considerable anxiety, and you no small degree of pain. In future be particular in marking your letters. Address them to Thomas Whaley, San Francisco, Cal. — and in one corner put Box No 882 and I have not the least doubt but that they will come direct. I have already read your letters over a dozen times and it appears to me I cannot read them often enough, so much am I pleased to receive them. I hope hereafter I shall get at least one by every mail. What great a consolation they are to me at such a great distance. They tend to alleviate my mind, lighten my cares and render you still more and dearer to me. Oblige me by not deferring to write till the last moment before the Steamer sails but attend to it when you have plenty of leisure time to devote to the composition of a long and beautifully written letter. I refer not so much to the penmanship as to other things of greater importance already referred to — hints I hope you will profit by. I can judge of your general advancement from the proficiency you make in these respects. You would consider me a hard critic and think me very difficult to please, but I am not. I wish however to arouse your ambition, offer you every inducement, and have you become as near to my ideal of what a woman should be as possible. We have only to use your best endeavors and hear you are do[illegible] time I return home [illegible] fault placed upon [illegible] desire. I love to [illegible] Since my arrival [illegible] able to distinguish [illegible] my connaches in [illegible] other things besides [illegible] get every young [illegible] Botany is a study [illegible] knew you are fond of [illegible] Write frequently [illegible] I hope you spend [illegible] learning and write [illegible] your mind and [illegible] is not all. I [illegible] to make puddings [illegible] a ham, broil a [illegible] in relation to the [illegible] this even though [illegible] are not always [illegible] at all these thing [illegible] der. She is not in [illegible] believing you will [illegible] would scold you [illegible] called to de[illegible] dict not ask him [illegible] to answer any

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It is your intention you say to send me a present by Mr. H. How pleased I shall be to receive it even though the token be an Sterling. Anything coming from my dear Anna I shall prize exceedingly highly and keep as long as I live. My January letter appeared to have vexed you much again. How very sorry I am you should write so despondingly. You think because I scold you I do not love you. This is wrong. You should know and feel by this time that all my affections are bestowed upon you and that it would be impossible for me to love an other. Do you imagine if it were otherwise I would endure so much time in writing to you by every Steamer? I look forward to the time when I shall return home to clasp you in my arms, and call you my dear wife. How happy we might live together here. In this small room to which I have lately attached a kitchen I have every thing very comfortable, a great deal more so than when I resided in Trinity Street. But even you then I should soon hope to be able to erect a nice comfortable cottage where we might have more room and be able to entertain our friends. I still continue to keep bachelors hall. I have every thing were arranged so comfortable that many of my friends apply to board with me. At the present time I have seven boarders who pay me from $12 to $16 per week. As I have every thing to attend to my self you may imagine I have a great deal to do. Only think to wash the cups, saucers, plates, knives, forks, spoons tumblers, pots bottles &c for eight persons twice every day! But it does not interfere at all with my business at the present time when every thing is so very dull. I am glad to be able to make money in any way

at the present time in order to be able to meet my heavy expenses. Two couple hundred dollars made in this way a month is indisputable to me at this moment when my expenses average eight hundred dollars per month. My stores and most of my land are still unoccupied. I manage to keep my head above water and hope to be able to outlive business revives again when I shall be doing very well.

I am glad to hear you received my last two remittances and that you have appropriated them in the manner I proposed. You say you have not received the amount sent by Captain Wardle. I believe I shall never be able to sift this gold dust affair to the bottom satisfactorily. The amount is too small to have caused so much talk and excitement. Mr Elkins who was clerk in Mr Wardle's office arrived by the last Steamer. I communicated to him you had never received the small package. He says that he gave it to you himself about six weeks after you or your uncle called the first time. You say you have not received it I believe you but do not upon any account enquire about it again. Capt Wardle is now on his way to California and is expected to arrive soon. When I see him I shall probably learn more concerning it. I sent you by the last Steamer a letter directed to you and enclosed in an envelope to my Sister to whom I wrote a long letter telling her of my attachment and wishing her to make your acquaintance. I enclosed the letter to her that she might have an excuse for calling upon you or requesting you to come to see her and in this way I expected the acquaintance will commence. The letter to you contained a gold breast pin manufactured from California gold the same I presented you

some time ago. Should you not have received the letter you might
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Broadway & the 6th Avenue, this is her residence. She may move
from there the 1st of May, if so he will obtain her address) to en-
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possibly can you may rely upon my sending you some.
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I had reason to believe I should not a single steamer should
have left this port without a remittance to you. This
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may soon be relieved from my responsibilities, then I shall
think of returning home. A few months of the same success
I met with last fall would place me out more upon my
feet. I know dear Anna you will appreciate the sincerity
of my intentions and believe I will perform all that lies in my
power to promote your welfare and happiness. You must
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Believe me yours sincerely,

Thos. Whaley.

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Believe me yours sincerely,

Thos. Shaw.

Miss Anna E. Lanney.
No 395½ Fourth Street.
East ~~West~~ of the Bowery.
New York.
U.S.A.

New York June 27th 1858

Dear Brother Thomas,

You have kindly requested to write your lengthy letters, and detail many incidents. Mother neglects, one reason I have to offer is that I am not very fond of letter writing, then again when I hear Mother read the letters I think she has written very discriptive concerning the past events, but this time I will take advantage of the week's rest. You must remember we have not much opportunity to gain a good budget of news on account of our not having any gentlemen to call upon in the evening with a kind ach proposed for us. We live very retired just like the old maids, & the better times are in store for us, though we have no reason to complain.

As to Thanksgiving day, it passed quite pleasantly, we had about twenty call quite as many as we expected under circumstances, there were several situations away whose we thought would favour us with a call, there were many miracles that calls were quite limited this year, Hold them I suppose we must thank California for it, John and Mr Hoyt made us a visit at that time, which caused the time to pass more agreeably; we the second I was at the Broadway Theatre, saw [illegible] in the Tragedy of Lucia just the hit return from Europe. [illegible] Mr Otis wonder that some of your gentlemen friends inquire after you Mother saw Bushnell & Gorey talk promises to [illegible] C. Harris & Stephen and Dr Thompson has not called since our return. [illegible] Our situation is very pleasant, so much so, we do [illegible] the house we occupy has been sold, which obliges us to move. [illegible] fortunate enough to find one to suit us as well, therefore we are [illegible] goods and board it is an universal difficult time to find house [illegible] especially genteel apartments. Mother says she does not [illegible] care where she can have one of her own. So as to [illegible] Miss Jack could not find a lady to correspond with her views so she has [illegible] Miss Hyatt about the middle of Thursday next, we wish us to take the lowest floor of a house next to her, we have a only. Mother does not like to leave the family. Though you did not mention your return in your last letter we wish you were here to assist us, if you expect back you will remember we never packed up and moved without one of you being at home. We intend to go to Uncle Simeon's to board this summer without

n to do so on account of the Cholera. every one thinks we will be visited by it again, hope it will not reach San Francisco as the ravages would be dreadful indeed. We have not seen Mr Palmer since we called there about the first of April, I presume he has considerable business to attend to and many deals to make with his wife appear very fond of each other's company, it is quite a pity he has to leave her again so soon, she is quite willing when she thinks he will return again to see so very soon. I hope he may; we shall be obliged to send or go again if he does not call, I have been working you a smoking case to send by him, hope it will not be the means to make you smoke so many cigars, as will be injurious to you for the sake of wearing it, if it is not large enough, you must find a purchaser for it I have not much doubt but it will answer your purpose.

You say you are much pleased with Mr Fowler's friend, I should say from his description Mr G has not call upon us since promised to very soon, he appeared like a very agreeable gentleman, his sister I have not seen lately, has not returned my last call, I think she has gone to see Brother. Mrs Stedman has just returned from the Utica Asylum where she has been all winter, Miss Lawrence she is perfectly sane attends to her domestic concerns as formerly, Miss E.D. went home with her, Edward has gained sufficient courage, is to assist in letting the ground. George Thorp called a few evenings ago, enquired if you spoke of receiving a letter from him concerning a waggon he sent by the Transport, he said his Brother R. was well in high expectations of doing well, they have just received a letter from John Van Doren at Panama at Thorp's family are well except Hussey, she does not go an
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to take it apart was married, Capt. Wardle and Mr Beck express me to the jew-
elers, I have not had the likeness taken yet, I will before we leave the City

Last Thursday we called upon Mrs Thisholm. She moves in Sixteenth Street. Antoinette has grown quite about wishes to be remembered to you when we write. Mrs O'Hara the hopes Mrs Atwood has arrived. The amount of her trouble has not been exaggerated. She intends writing to her as soon. Poor Mr O he was well and had some presents to his children. Mr Prime gave us a description of you and your bed upon the passage to San Francisco when you would take it upon the deck saying, he appeared to enjoy the fresh air there was a fine breeze sound it and hoisted up, you thought it overboard. I think he has a very difficult with the ladies he was to take to the Rio, one of them wishes to go in three days she is not married, the other he had not called upon says he did not care to take one unless they all went then he would make them wait upon each other. I think I would be willing to give them up were I the gentleman and think myself fortunate I had discovered their true character. Mr Tuke was here about three weeks ago asked new particulars after you said he would call upon us next Wednesday, only he did not know our place of residence, he said he thought Anson and Henry Sutton were growing vain-deluded, he had an occasion to visit the Lunacy Hole there he saw Henry dressed very shabby in company with others, he crossed Mr P and look very French confused. Anson has not been here since, tried he would call frequently now he knew our residence. I think he has changed very much since I saw him last, grown much stouter which does not add to his appearance. I care answers by return the arrival of the next steamer to bring us some more news, it is expected in few days that will be the last letter we will receive in this. Mrs Parson told Mr the third lot from the corner Tenth Street sold for seven thousand dollars, property very much in value, there is to be many new a quick advantage to one lot. Mr Tuke says around him after next year, says it would not there is nothing but chaplet, and we would not going upon to farm this year, but he goes now for $150 a year. Sewell has asked us when you the French ladies promised that was the season to know how we liked the latter there we have not we could not say. She and her mother called upon your mother and sister, unless she asked them.

We were at the Art Union the other day, there many very fine paintings, one very large one the entrance of Washington would like to have would take a chance if could draw it. They have not the same rooms the same as the [illegible] addressed upon you left [illegible] in a fair

of one of the Churches held in the Chinese Building. They had not a great deal left, it being the last day, were to have an auction in the evening, I would liked to have been there could not as had no one to call upon. Father is now waiting to you, so you must not wonder if you hear something over twice. Aunt Pri-
cella and Johnson Lemon were here last week. Says Mary Christine has improved
She thinks the house much smaller, tell the one in Sixth Street.
How is your Church progressing, you have named it lately
I feel very much obliged to you for the interest you take in my welfare and the friendly advice you have given me, I should not think of changing my situation, unless I could see the opportunity was suitable and comfortable; Mr Hoff was very kind and attentive while we were in Virginia and I was pleased with his manners and gentleman-like behaviour, of course he is not wealthy, you must consider ladies have not the advantage that gentlemen have to ask whome they please or very frequently they would make a very different ~~selection~~ choice. I must say I am very comfortably situated with Mother; but you know should any thing happen to her it would make a great change, if I am to make a choice it is time I began to think about it. I am very certain he is well appreised I would not leave my home unless with a person who is capable to provide comfortably for me, John is intimately acquainted with him and ~~[illegible]~~ daily, appears to esteem him highly, not as I would rely much upon John as he acts so indifferent on all occasions. I know Mother would
tion [illegible] than wealth at the same time she knows there
be th[illegible] depend upon, she would not countenance any
that [illegible] conducive to my peace and comfort,
Thursday Eve. Oct. 8th
The [illegible] did not bring the mail, though we will look for a
we [illegible] many days after the arrival of the Steamer, they are not
as Josiah [illegible] ly, we have not seen Mr Palmer yet, a Lad called
Parrott, [illegible] — would sail in the next Steamer, if so he leaves on
therefore [illegible] it I send our package to him to morrow, I will not
Castle [illegible] be more liable to lose or break you will find a
yellow [illegible] Mrs Jackson called upon us yesterday, thinks they will
Williamsburg [illegible] after they are settled, she is quite lively says when she gi-
ved it will be to a young man, perhaps she will. to day Mrs W. Smith called, she
and her husband has been on a visit to Washington, says she must go again some day
as she could not see all she wished in so short a time, All our friends generally are
enjoying good health, It is ten O'clock, Mother is sleeping before the fire, waiting for me
to finish this letter, though I must leave it to go close with a wish you may be pros-
perous from your affectionate Sister — Harriet

Crawford April 21st 1850

Dear Son

Though your Wife has decided to pen you a long letter I cannot let the opportunity pass without informing you I hope to your satisfaction. As the ladies declined joining their husbands in Cal = how unhappy the gents will be I hope they will endeavour to withstand the disappointment manfully. I cannot write you any important news only that I am greatly troubled because I have to move so I wrote you in my last in answer to yours 2nd time I never packed up and moved ourselves before, I was in hopes ~~that~~ you might have been home with us. For W does not name the circumstances I am certain I would not wish to hurry them unless they were coming home its a long time that has no turn as my Mother was from to say I feel as though I never would go to house keeping until I had a permanent residence, I, almost envy those who have a Body does not go on his farm this year, as the man he sold it to ~~[illegible]~~ he refuses to pay him cash according to agreement. We must hope our lots when he leaves he said he could have let the place for $15 an that we have better yet but more and take the compromise I feel this would move it to all. Thinks when I saw Mr Montgomery last he informed me that Birds note for $50 was protested and the concern broken up. Old Mr B said his son had gone to Europe upon business and that he could not pay the note and the Dalton [illegible] was in the same manner. Mr Montgomery talks to go I asked him if he he intended upon old Mr B. on for the effects of young Mrs Birds he but he could not see his lawyer to see to it. Mr Mr Cochran expections you on Easter time if he was returned from Canada he did not know but said that Mr Taylor intended of sending the notes for you to pay therefore you need not be [illegible] as I think if you are looking for the payments of the Motors as to Anna he is nobody. and as you will find [illegible] any more of them on to Leigh to if Edwards are there only [illegible] the cradle I have not heard how their property is settled

you may have such the particulars. There is Mr Hoyt [illegible] seems, to be
appears to say the prospects are bright. I hope they are so, he is a deserved
very young man, remember us to him when you write. Little regards
we believe from home. I hope you will be prepared to return home at the
expiration of your lease as Mr Prichards doing so well, I could be easier
untill his lease was up but his health is much improved by his travel
When will you come I must have patience untill you can arrange
your fragments in order, as your health is good I always feel depressed as I
hear that your health is good. Mrs Clark expects Bruce home in the fall
they did not say what he was doing. Mr Thompson is his loved to
health, etc well, I was sorry to hear that he has been so very poorly, his
friends were much concerned for his situation. Now his mother speaks of him
with great pride, I assure, quite regardless the pleasant information I have got
ined from time to time by their friendly calls. she always speaks of you
give my kind regards to her son for his kindness shown to you and
gone by friendly chats I always feel so very well when you gave
me that unpleasant information your Mr Thornwell tell he was
very cool the evening she was in company with him at Mrs Smith's
and said he did not expect to see her she went to Washington, but
this is all forgot away, and he is in San Francisco, winning each
Crown into fortune, with my best wishes for his prosperity and happiness
Little news to tell, I do hope to congratulate
him in less than a year. Oh my to morrow I must resume. Moving
as is always the case I have more than I need for that comfort but I
take rest when I can my Pam she moved and just away, I have not
seen any of our Newark people or we from home this I write to you
it appears little what is to be after the Prince came attended to me
and asked him what he had been saying about you, replied nothing
in your behalf, I suppose he begins to think he has let his tongue
run rather fast. I said he knows what he wrote to Mr. T, as he Thom
said it was a very insulting letter I said I hope Mr. has appointed a person
to sell the rest of the goods they answered yes, he had sent by a man
going out from Mr Harden I was glad to hear it, I am going home

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[illegible] letter from Brother Henry informing me that he [illegible] born on the 21st and intends [illegible] it after himself he pay [illegible] excellent health for which I feel very thankful. He wishes me to pay [illegible] may I would tell to him very much but I know [illegible] wife does not like any letter than Father's wife does and that is but little as I would be pleased to spend a [illegible] time with him. He says every third to us when we [illegible] he says his wife is very weak and would like to come to see them for a while [illegible] wife was so weak [illegible]

on daughter in laws and then be ill treated I have decided to
board with Simeon this summer, we feel quite lonesome at
housekeeping so high up in the City, and then I was taxed $ 60 on
my rent which I was unwilling to pay for us two, and then if
the Cholera should visit us. We have not seen Mr Palmer
since we called upon him, I presume he is situated as we are
much to do as you may think we have, I have a bad head
ache to day from fatigue I hope your Cousin sister has made
for you quite fit, as she has taken great pains to make it very
nice, poor Child she has had much to attend to of late to
prepare for moving she regrets exceedingly that we have not
a nice little Cottage of our own I tell her we will have built one
when you return only think you have been away 16 months
how often I count the time ago and say my poor boy will
be home I pray one of these days. Harvey writes that you must
write to him and is happy that you are doing so well and wishes
he was with you but his wife will not listen to his going with out
he takes her, he hopes you will return, and pay the visit
you have promised us, I hope it will be this summer, in your
hottest weather, then you may escape, scurvy, that is if you can
leave your business in good hands, the Ohio Steamer came in
on 24 inst did not bring any Mails, I hope soon to have a
letter from you, as others are to arrive soon, Not a letter
from John yet, I hope and pray that you receive my
letters regular as they may give some scarce of comfort
to you, where I have taken the pains to write regularly
Mrs Thompson said she must write to Mrs [illegible] we all thought
how to do so, O! said, I could not think of such a thing
unless I wrote, likewise to a company to see to write just
Children I must to see Mrs [illegible] I care for Cholera
expect Cholera has written you see the news [illegible]
it again I know you will think [illegible]
the best of care of your health and May the [illegible]
keep my Child from all harm is the prayer of your [illegible]
young lady and I said that gold might be for board [illegible]
contradict it to your aunt [illegible]

eight hours [illegible]
Aunt [illegible]
[illegible]

New York. April 23d. 1860

My dear Thomas.

You cannot now surely complain of my not writing to you by every opportunity I have done so I think for the last nine months. I received a pamphlet from you on the 13th inst. Your kind friend Mr E. S. Palmer called on me a few days ago in as to allow me time to write you a long letter. I cannot possibly write you a very long one, for I have no news to tell you. Mr P. intends to start on the 27th without flattery I think your friend is a very worthy young man and very handsome. I have taken quite a fancy to him. But I fancy another more yet. I would willingly open my heart to him. But you know how it is. When any one comes to see me all the family are sure to be present. You will no doubt be satisfied with my writing here although it is very little and not very interesting.

I have not heard from you for so long a time that I have little or nothing to say. Some thing tells me that you are ill. You would surely let me know if it were the case. And if it should ever reach

me can think you have fallen with Nothing, something, could
keep me here in this loneome place. I am so tired
of New York that I would give anything to leave it
for a while. But it seems that I am doomed to
die here and away from you if you do not return
soon. I really cannot stand it much longer. My
heart is ready to break with sadness. I cannot make
myself agreable any longer. If you cannot imagine
how long it appears to me, that you have been
absent. It seems little ten years of thought for sure you
would be here before now. But it seems not. If you
would rather remain in California than return to
your native city. If you must certainly be homesick
by this time. Do you not long to see your Mother,
and another almost as dear to you as your Mother?
Oh Mattie, I hope there are happier days to come
yet. And I long for the day of our meeting. If you
return home you will not leave the country, will you
dear Thomas. I hope you will be here by three steamers
in this week. I hope you are on board of one.
I have read the list of passengers names on board of
the Ohio, and have not seen your name. I intend to make
it pleasant and cheerful. After this I will try
and make myself more agreeable. I really can.
It is true I am sometimes cross. But it is all forgotten
then. I want to see you soon. And that too very
soon. Do try and return before the summer is past.
Tell you dearest? Oh now I may thing to tell you I tried
I cannot now write. And the truth is I now feel as

to you letter
to call for my
of Stamps for
hand.
Mr doubt
if they
your letter
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family, and

nothing, could
you tell them write it. I expect this every day
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to call for my letters, and I will take charge of the letters
to leave it
letters for you, I have received with my
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kind hands. As to dress they are not very elegant
not return
but as dresses you will prefer them just as much
ed. My
as if they were more beautiful. I had to go
must make
yesterday to shop like the devil. I fear they look
imagine
poor, you will be good enough to give them to one of your friends, and I will have another
on own
ready for you when you return. I wish you
for sure you
could tell me, so that
Mob. If you
you will write me any information in New York or the
return to
Mary have brought the boots forward to. Hop
Mother,
will be a little better for Mrs. A. by Late
Mother?
Mr. Hanes such unreasonable weather in
to come
Montrose again for years. I hope there is a death
of this
kind. I feel really good health, nearly
every
(everything is dear) and there is a dreadful
thing. If you
demand in this city. I am delighted to hear that you
aim, look out
are good health, and that everything agrees with
three steamers
you in California. I hope for fear that the climate
of one:
may be as unhealthy as Mr. Farmer, but perhaps
the board of
you remember that I told you I think you were
made I much
introduced to him once in my house. I regretted
will lay
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here. There is than here. I
is all from
one let there, I am sorry to hear of
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is sick. I
you told
family, and that he had prospects of making a
can let it

second fortune he would start off immediately.
Nothing in the least. New York
is so lonesome that nobody
can stay in it much longer. My cousins, Hague
are to start on Thursday. I keep away from them
as much as possible. Cousin Ellie Bradshaw always says
when she sees me "Well Laura dear will be Mrs
Hyatt some of these days sooner or later?" I see very
little of her now. But I intend to call on
her and tell her that you send her your
compliments before she goes in the country.
She still boards in the same place in Broadway
and when you return we will call on her.
Aunt Harriet. She has been very sick.
The doctor expects her to live. She is not very
well now. It is the dampness of the weather
that affects her. Mr Thompson joined
the church yesterday. I should like to see him very much
I wonder if he will be like old times again. Does
he make out as well as he expected and
are all his golden dreams realized? I hope
he will be a worthy young man and deserve
success. Death of an infant. Now the point your
time most agreeably in the evening playing chess
I should think it would get rather of it.
So you remember we used to play with

April 16 1857

San Francisco, April 30 · 1850.

Dear Sister,

The first letter of the 11 March was received the 27 April, & I have read it carefully & have given it a careful consideration. I am satisfied, from your letter, that you have been unfortunate in your dealings with the Indians. I have thus far been unable to find out the cause of your trouble. The letter states that you were happy when it was written. That of April 5 states plainly the time you were in great distress. Under this uncertainty, I might be wrong in my conclusions, but I think I believe it is a combination of feeling and circumstances which have led to the unhappiness of your mind. I believe with you that the conduct of Strong & Hall might be cause of unhappiness to you, & to make you both feel troubled. I believe with you that Hall has been to blame in the matter, & feel hurt, over persuaded, & deceived in a manner. I am fully convinced of your double dealing and duplicity. Under the letters you mention having received, I have received the numbers, but have received none from the commencement of the publication of the full and second volume after my arrival. The first dated Aug 1 & the last Sept 11, sent by Capt Fremont, & the two enclosed in your letter of the unfortunate affairs concerning the child, to which you refer, I have not received. I am very much pleased with your conduct in entering to these letters to your family. Capt Fremont must indeed be very fond of interfering with the pecuniary affairs. This is for plain by his obstinacy & his obstinacy in adhering to direct letters direct packages to you. Lord

can, but I was too shrewd to heed it. I consider myself competent to attend to my own affairs. I am pleased with the reception you gave Mr H. I. Nip and hope the information he obtained will prove infinitely valuable to him. I still continue to receive by every steamer the finest goods and indifferent letters which I forward to you. A gentleman engaged in steamer before last has taken the trouble to collect this money belonging to my uncle. Instead of performing a gentleman he is so much pleased with the prospects of my affairs he declines having anything to do with the matter hearing that Mr. Nip will eventually be paid. His daughter remains by now boarding with her uncle at expense of my mother's particular friends. I have not yet come to settle since this month's expenses having been incurred, I hoped upon receiving the gas and for only running a reduction in my rent of one hundred and fifty dollars which I was to make amounted to some of my friends, but not enough shall go to my uncle. I have already sent him an amount more than equal to the value of all the goods shipped to me and paid before I received them. I think I shall be able to put more ever greatly than you and yet continue to pay off a very considerable sum every month. Things still continue very dull. My tenants are yet unseen paid but I am satisfied as long as I am able to pay my expenses. Things will soon be better. The letter I shall intend to my friend Mr Samuel Hornby who returns home to take possession of a large fortune left him by his father lately deceased, more than equal

to what he could expect to gain in California this year. He is inti-
mately acquainted with the place and can [illegible] you many ques-
tions. He intends returning with his companion family and
has made me liberal business offers which if accepted will
prove highly beneficial to me. He thinks of purchasing a
[illegible] freighting [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] with a [illegible]
future I am [illegible] to go [illegible] my [illegible]
securing the best arrangements. [illegible] had a [illegible] share of [illegible]
[illegible] may [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible]
immediately [illegible] be [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
interpose[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] though [illegible]
[illegible] would be for me to go after you [illegible]
[illegible] things [illegible] and attended with
much [illegible] expense. [illegible]
and [illegible] you [illegible]
immediately upon your arrival. [illegible]
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[illegible] to [illegible]
be [illegible]
[illegible]
to [illegible] your [illegible] write for you [illegible]
than [illegible] years. The [illegible]
is to take place and if I am unable to [illegible]

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why then you must come to me then you can [illegible] I will make
you comfortable and happy. I hope for the means [illegible] [illegible]
they are. Rest assured dear Anna when I send for you
to come I shall have everything ready for you as I think
contribute to your comfort and happiness. [illegible] [illegible]
get the time which yet remains and qualify yourself
in those things most necessary for a wife to know which will
render you beyond value to your husband [illegible] [illegible]
and think I should [illegible] be able to make you an other
present [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trifling amount indeed for
a Californian to give [illegible] it may be of use to you to
[illegible] in the way you think will most contribute to your
comfort or improvement. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] time [illegible] the occasion
I hope to send you more. Whatever amount I send you I wish
you to employ exclusively to yourself and in the manner you may
desire. I am not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you all I think [illegible]
[illegible] I should be very sorry to have you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I hope you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enough
to keep [illegible] and not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
hereafter. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] differently situated [illegible]
not married but as long as there is doubt I must keep the fact of my
sending you money, secret as to prevent my help of them [illegible]
together, which I should be most sorry to do. [illegible] the letter

MAY

1850

San Francisco, May 1st 1860

Miss Anna E. Sannan,

Allow me to introduce to you my particular friend Mr Samuel Hanney who returned to the States upon a visit. He is intimately acquainted with me, therefore, I take pleasure in requesting him to call upon you, knowing gratification it will afford you to see him on account of his knowledge of me. He will deliver to you a letter containing a small amount of dust and a package containing a few pressed flowers, tokens I know you are fond of. Ask him as many questions you chose concerning me, and he will be pleased to answer to the best of his information. He is aware of the warm attachment I feel for you, therefore you need take no particular pains in concealing it.

Yours Respectfully
Thos Hockaday.

Miss Anna E Sannan
No 395 1/2 Fourth Street.
East of the Bowery
New York

Miss Anna E. Lawrence
No 395 & 3 Eighth Street
East of the Bowery
New York.

Introducing
Mr James J. Hamby.

Miss Lannay

My Mother has received a day or two since a package of letters from my Brother Thomas, which contains one addressed to you, my fearing you have moved induces me to inquire, as we have left the City for the Summer, I did not feel willing to risk the letter directed to you until I made the enquiry as it contains a breast-pin: if you will write an answer to this I will inform you where you may call personally and receive your letter, as I feel responsible to my Brother for its safe delivery. Mother wishes you to inform us if the Gold you received last was all correct according to the letter that came with it as you remember there was a mistake about the Gold that came to us by Capt Wardle

Respectfully.
R. H. Whaley

Aquackanonk May 25th 1850.

P. S. Direct Miss R. H. Whaley Aquackanonk. N. J.

May 14, 1850

Thomas to Anna:
Speaks of past moments
with Anna - asks to have
her picture taken + sent
to him
Speaks of the fire of May 4th
his store protected with
wet blankets on roof etc

San Francisco, May 14th. 1850.

My Dearest Emma

Busy times remain for me to say what I wish to my love; and, were it not for this opportunity, I would defer writing until the departure of the next steamer. I must be brief. This call bears date the 11th March. I expected to have received, by the last mail, advices up to the 28th. Your kind letters afford me so much pleasure and give such a relief to my depressed state of mind that they were more frequent. Will you have pen, at least, twice every month? I will write you as frequently. In your journal, continue in your style, the same as though we were sitting conversing together. Tell me all your joys and griefs; in a word open your heart freely to me. There needs no secrets between us. Whatever interests you will most certainly interest me. Frequently I recall to old times—times when you and I, alone, were together. They were the pleasantest of my life. I wonder if ever again we shall be gathered around the family hearth with your mother reading, Amelia sewing, Helen making sandwiches, you committing to memory some piece for recitation, and myself perhaps stretched out upon half a dozen chairs with my feet towards the fire, and my head resting upon your lap watching the gentle expression of your countenance and pinching myself for playing with your curls while at the same time I indulged in a reverie! Pardon me if I have gone too far in portraying

and should unconsciously cause you to think, but there were indeed happy times to which I love to refer, and still happier will we be if ever permitted to renew them. Let a little while and I will be with you. I sent by the Steamer of the first inst enclosed to the care of Mr Samuel Hornby London & also gave a letter of introduction, a long letter written at your particular request, enclosing two ounces California gold dust which I should be pleased to hear you have received. In case you have not you might send to enquire first at the residence of Mr A No 243 West Nineteenth Street, but I have not the least doubt you will receive it before this weekly you unless you have moved and he has been unable to find you. By this date write him a note stating I have informed you he had a letter for you which you suppose he is unable to deliver on account of not knowing your address. We will be down to call upon you immediately. Mr Hornby is an intimate friend and can give you all the information you desire to know concerning me. It is probable he will return to California with his wife and should I be unable before then to make arrangements for your coming with him I wish you to send me another daguerreotype. Mind, let it be well taken. I care for nothing extravagant but a first rate likeness. The one I have you know I consider very poor. I never look at it with that degree of pleasure I should were it a perfect resemblance. If I had a correct miniature I believe I would kiss it every morning when I wake up the truth I have never yet pressed the one you gave me to my lips. Take this neither as cool nor as kind. I have many times untied and been almost tempted to embrace it but then called to mind when I receive it to be only a faint trifle of the original. When you have your [illegible] to him [illegible] then be darkened (it needs not mention the bad advantage) simple, but take you the choice of delicate [illegible]. If with you to go to a good artist and the expense devolves upon a smaller sum. With the balance you can [illegible] of which I would be pleased of the most approved style of fur [illegible] have but unfortunately it has which little prevent the possibility to return it to you full of dust. By this mail you will hear of an [illegible] to continue this city in the [illegible] nigh dreadful in its effects [illegible] three times the number of [illegible] of property. It took place about [illegible] and before eight o'clock [illegible] were destroyed. My buildings [illegible] had given up all hopes of [illegible] the roofs were covered [illegible] of the fire was arrested in [illegible] by the intervention of a [illegible] next to me otherwise a much [illegible] must have been destroyed. [illegible] intimate friends were at [illegible] Sixteen. It supplied [illegible] the inexhaustible quantity of [illegible] succeeded in saving the [illegible] destroyed would not taper [illegible] probably have succeeded [illegible]

but these were indeed
and little happiness were
. Yet a little white and
the stream of the field
must Hamby location
long letter written at
to owned California gold
hear you have receiving
to enquire first at
Minister. Should
receive it before this weekly
been unable to find you
have informed you he
he is unable to deliver on
We will be down to call
by it an intimate friend
time you desire to know
to return to California
before then to make ar-
with you to send me an-
all taken. I am for noth-
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it with that degree of
blamen. If I had a
every morning when
let prudence the one you
as ever nor an kind.
would tempt me to embrace
to be an by a faint type
likeness to him. Column

attire be dark-coloured (it needs not necessarily be black to shew to the best advantage) simple but tasteful in its arrangement. I leave to you the choice of a suitable No. I prefer to most being commodious. I wish you to go to a good artist and to the purpose of displaying the exquisite Crochet you a small amount of dust more than amply sufficient. With the balance you can purchase Silk hoods &c. a few of which I would be pleased to receive from you in the form of the most approved style of fancy. The pen you so prudently sent I still have but unfortunately it has been injured by nitric acid which will prevent the possibility of my ever being able to return it to you full of dust as I intended.

By this mail you will hear of another distortion fire which threatened to consume this city on the morning of the 4th inst. It was more dreadful in its effects than the previous one having destroyed three times the number of houses and probably five times the amount of property. It took place about half past four in the morning and before eight o'clock more than two hundred buildings were destroyed. My buildings were in imminent danger, indeed I had given up all hopes of being able to save them though the roofs were covered with wet blankets. The progress of the fire was arrested in its fiery course towards my premises by the intervention of a brick building upon the block next to you otherwise a much larger amount of property must have been destroyed. More than twenty of my intimate friends were at hand to lend me every assistance. I supplied them all with buckets and with the very handsome quantity of water from my well but succeeded in saving the brick building which had it been destroyed would no longer have left me the least hope. I should probably have succeeded in saving my goods &c. with them

May 25th 1850

N. Wk. — to 2d. Wk.

Cape Charlotte May 25 1860

My dear Sister

The 3rd of March has been duly received but
owing to the unfortunate circumstance of your not having
written for several weeks before the steamers
leaving on the 1st of May I was to be absent and did not
receive your letter until after I had made my arrangements
for the way intended to take my passage on
the Sixty Hundred and a good deal. The lady husband name is Mr Stevens
I was anxious to hear from you on the 1st of March I received a letter from Mr
Hendrix expressing surprise that there was no letter for me in Kingsville
but that there was a letter for me in Toronto which he did not
think worth while to send for it to get there which he did and sent
it to me. I was much relieved at hearing that my letters had
been received but I feel certain that you would not neglect me. I read your
letter to Mr Smith in communication with the great sensation as you may suppose I was
very sorry that your liabilities were so great and think you had better
[illegible] the greatest trouble it gives me
to hear you are so very ill. Thought of on account all your correspondence
was a total accidentally in great hopes that you would have sent
a portion to Toronto when I was at the West on the 1st of May
[illegible] that day I wished to pay him the interest on your note
[illegible] called to ask him if he had a letter from you he said no than I walked
to Mr Smiths, I did not see him as he was no in the City I [illegible]
[illegible] the stage to see if there was any one from [illegible] at my former residence
[illegible] with me better success that same day [illegible] Carrie he told
me with the tears ran down his cheeks [illegible] had sent to Mrs
Hendrix since I left. All the [illegible] I concluded to wait the
[illegible] that until I was quite well with your Grandfather. I wish it was
[illegible] any instruction that would be of service
[illegible] I frequently think
[illegible] I hope it may be so with you
I intend the next steamer will bring letters from you.
It seems we have heard that you have been so extensively. I hope
you will be able to withstand the alarm. [illegible] your Carolina plate
[illegible] I shall feel concerning your [illegible] to write me in
[illegible] success in renting your rooms. Yes I have
[illegible] Mr Hadsworth
has gone to the mines. I am pleased to hear that it was of good
interest to you and [illegible] for you to tell his good [illegible] the fun
you sent to Sister is quite a curiosity John or Henry will be
very happy to receive it. I do not see why you are so deep in debt in

San Francisco I hope you will soon pay off and to do so I hope you will
be very economical so that you will be able to come home soon. I fear
that some of your creditors might get out of patience with you, well
you say that you have a store well stocked; I do not think you will
do best to take a partner; I would advise you to draw your business to a more
compact plan, so that if any thing happen you will have something to help your
self with; I am pleased to hear that you will be able to liquidate your debts and
visit the States, and execute your plans for the future. I was pleased to hear
that Thompson is with G & M. and in good health; I saw his brother Charles in the
Streets Commissioner office I have had to pay forty three dollars assessment on the 27 St, Cor
Charles came up and spoke to me I told him I had no letter from you at present
I was in hopes to get some, he spoke of Mary I gave him my address in case I might be
called upon in any account. I now inform you again that I have concluded to board
with S. in this summer least Cholera would come and I would be alone in the city
then houses was so difficult to be found. I hope what I have done is for the best
I certainly put it upon a action with that intention San Francisco must be rapidly
progressing giving parties and supper, the ladies are very good people and
pleased to look at it we saw the bale you made to ship your bales of business
I am pleased to hear that you sell my locks, I wish they were all sold and I had the
cash for them I will tell Rife as you desire I understand that he not
the least alarmed concerning his goods he has left M. Hope, but says it will be all right
I hope you wrote to Rife I did not hear you died I cannot tell what I might think
if it had not Rife It was not his cards or that he was for it, you say he
got hold of some dust you sent to Miss L. I was very much surprised that you
send it for him to get hold of, or know the least word concerning it, you write that
She has not written to you since in my opinion she would not say much in
your favour to them, your Aunt Anna told me he gave her the gold and she
Anna wrote the receipt likewise she was jesting her about you the Mother said
you was not as rich as she wishes her daughter to marry, this he told Chas de
as I do not speak to him, had you have written as you have I've we left the city
we might have in the country lady, but you make it out a great secret that
many in of the as I was frequently interrogated on the subject I cannot give
any other information than I presume also I would ask Rife many questions
and he would answer as he pleased. Now at all events so that they keep
the gold and let Rife say what he would you was entitled to an hearing
as a young gent paying attention to her daughter I hope her love for you is as
great as yours for her, they soon sent to me when they thought I had there gold
but I must say you have not acted wise to send gold to a young lady unless you
was very certain to make her your wife and then to let your consignees know of it

* though of the circular

was foolish indeed as they had heard of gold being so much more than ever
I am sincerely sorry that you have done so, unless your debts were all paid
in City, I no doubt. Julia made great trouble concerning it at Mrs L's as it was
giving it away and leaving home unsaid. all this she had to say — not that I know what
he said further than I have written, but I would endeavour to know had I not
left the boy. but you need make the inquiry for yourself. I must say this strange
I has not written informing you that the gold has been received or say it was
you sent it with a view to help me so far it appears to have been a disadvantage
to you. In the affairs matters we may hear something concerning it as your sister
has written to Mrs L as we think she has moved. I have not the least objection
for your Sister to send for him to call for the letter if we were in City, but as it is
impossible as we not be in City for some months to come. If you wish any com
Read July 6th
munication sent through us, let us know, as I Webster and Wm both live in City so
we have frequent opportunities to see. I do not think they have used you well
if they have not written to you. Mr Bruce is in the land of Gal gut and Wife
also. I am glad Fillmore is doing well. I am all excitement for you. I know can I
be other wise. So I hope holds on to the I can. I think he may do well
have not see any thing of them of late and shall see less than ever, as I am on
the contry, all our friends were well when I left city. Thomas you did not
say if you had received any of my last letters to let me something when you
write as I do you. I wrote to Brother H yesterday given him all the information
tion you wished to him. will write to Father soon] I was at
he is ill with rheumatism the last our Case has been de
but could not tell me the particulars] I commence to feel tired of contention and
noise. Thomas you appear to be very serious that I [illegible] acquainted with
Miss L I do not imagine that it is of any consequence what I shall say as no doubt
you have made up your mind and I do not wish to intrude, as you may not like
what I might say, only I hope and trust that you will get a lady who knows
how to treat her husband as he ought to be treated. then I will feel satisfied with her
but you ought to be able to discern in this matter however I must
leave the result to chance and time. [illegible] Love as they pleased
not that I would make light of more consideration:
who is fitted for the station she is to fill, right or wrong. I know I would
stand indignant and earnest from any one hear what they say or from whence
they may. Mrs Thompson often speaks of Miss L & she says she is glad
did not leave any young gentleman behind who he thought much of I am sure I knew of none]
I believe they wrote for him to come home but I have not heard much of it lately
May 27th Sunday It has stormed the livelong day I came on the 1st instant not a fine
day since Your Uncle laughed and says the rainy season has set in in California

Cincinnati Oct 26 1856

Thomas I am happy to see by the papers of the 20th of April that business is growing pretty brisk a circ I hope will be and your father likewise Real Estate has fallen very much I wonder you did not calculate upon such a change ——— Sister and I wrote by Mr Palmer I met Mr Pinther Stout in the middle of May I take her to be a pleasant lady I will call upon her do give our best remembrances to Mr Palmer a tell him I hope he had quite as pleasant a passage as thing he had taken out his friends wives he may have to detail the circumstance I hope you will take the best of care of your health and make all ends meet so as to come home with Mr Palmer you did not name if Mr Lozier friend is still with you what will he be doing this spring I hope those who board with you passewell do inform us if the Atwoods has arrived at Palmyra from Europe I hope you will not purchase any more land until you have paid all you owe Mr Smith has decided to lay a nother year before going to farming I received $95 for the grain they took to wisdin Broadway they allowed $125 offered me $150 it was too bad indeed but I had no one to run around but I have learnt a little, I intend to ask Mr Thompson to inform me of any assessment my being absent from the City I wish you had named the date of the last to you from me. Henry wishes me to pay him a visit but I do not think it would meet his wifes approbation unless she has changed her mind or I would be pleased to do so, I desire to see him and the little ones very much as H has a son little H H. his name how heard that I must recall at the idea of visiting my child on account of his wife and he must be deprived wise all this is very affecting to me I hope if Sister should ever in choose of a husband it will be one in whom I can live with or I shall give up as you will be in Cal and I would not be willing to live with J or H could but I like them very well but you know I have but four children and if they are situated comfortably it would be a great comfort to me to visit all occasionally as I require not any assistance from them but on the other hand I am willing to help when suffering when I paid Henry your bill I over paid him $11 I wrote him in my last to buy half a doz ten pin and get them marked with my initials and deduct it from the $11 I think I like H as well as John but just as they please, if they dont care for me I must drive on from my own, I must say H was very kind to us during our stay at his house you know I have never given H any piece of household as I have John he has always had cash tell them you owe me considerable but I am willing to wait untill the other creditors are paid then I can come in I would like to have the pay for the sliding door as I have lost $160 on the Mott House this year and Whiting told me last time I saw him he should want some cash and I wish to keep him in time

Honolulu May 25th 1850

Thomas Healy Esqr
N. York

Being confined with pain Bill worked since I saw him I suppose in consequence of not getting the news and as no letters to come usually occupy the little span time I have yet within I have been detained but to pass time here is nothing worth writing the town is dull and business slack.

I have come to the determination of making use of my funds in the first advantageous that offers, and then if a prospect of investment, I shall send an order for what I have by the next mail and you will be kind enough to pay to Bill the cash you have in your hands.—

I have made nothing since I saw you having only paid my expenses, and that serious, making up for lost time or loss by the undertaking. I think I might have done something long ago if I had had the means It is a poor plan to remain here and not advance for every moment lost is not to be recalled and a good chance once passed by is gone forever. I do not want to remain here and spend the most useful part of my life and at last be no better off than when I came.—

I suppose you are making your fortune in good speculations and since Bill told me of your fortunate operation in buying property and building I have always looked at you as a middle man, he tells me you think of coming home from sheer and attention. Give my respects to all the folks when you see them, remember me to your mother & sister, and give my love to all the girls.—

Wishing you much success I remain Yours truly

Richard A Throp

Recd July 6. 1850
from D A Shurtz

Rec'd Sept. 6th 1850

Ogmachanock May 26th 1850

Dear Brother Thomas

We received your packet of letters dated March 28th a few days since, this day received your warehouse, as we were in the town, some letters for us some weeks since. The brought City arrived yesterday, I presume we shall have another letter, I believe will note upon the Wardle to morrow on her return to the City as she sailed William was in the Bay since yesterday, one letter carrier is to take all letters directed to us to Sylvester, he starts than we usually, as the cars leave New York five times a day which makes very convenient for us. So hear from the City Thursday we shall spend quite a pleasant evening. Mother thinks the thirteenth of June he will come home very night. Mary we shall see the Daily News we have a gentleman boarding here, a friend to Mrs Fauchie in Lima on the place in order to have a female housekeeper a few days, he was called from the Creek I presume he will become quite a permanent boarder. Mr. Fauchie has a good crop which will be the cause of running more or more light carriages during the summer. Mr. Hates & Mr. Parsons are coming, the Sea has been very stormy during the last week we have been in hopes of only one day without seeing the beautiful sea, it has been much admired by all concerned. I must quote it highly, which Mr. William offered me two shillings for it, just twice that, as the value of the gold which I am sorry you did not receive, we have from home in the last steamer I think you write as all other generally write, before you have this one in your possession, your letters have the pleasure to welcome Mr Palmer back to California should he have a prosperous journey, no doubt your letter is copied to meet him once more. He has seemed though not so frequently as he might, it was accidentally we heard of his having on the 28th of April, now this appointment we should have been had he sailed, we thought the letters and the cap, which I presume in a great hurry to be sealed down it by time he might have added a note to us informing us of his departure, we met his uncle in the street a few days since, furious, he was leaving New York he appeared in good spirits, thought he regretted the loss of his husband with each upon his wife, on go to the City, which I note he I cannot say as we may expect, fabricated before we left, it will take some time for us to work it. I have bought the Beads with me, we thought it best being risky to move in the other goods we have for sundries dollars, indeed we have they are in the fourth story, the persons who live in the house, we think there is no danger of fire, we need, how your cap suits you, I hope the beads will suit, I have the smelling bottle to give Palmer the coming previous to his departure, I sent a [illegible] to Lancaster certain if he would

Dear the next day, she was quite surprised at his question said if that was the case she would go and see him, take the cash likewise I was going he troubled him with it as I gave him money to ride up and down with likewise I wished it to be left at Mr B's house as the time was so limited something might prevent Mrs S— from going I called upon Mrs S. She said it was all right.

You desire me to call upon Miss Launay or write her a note requesting her to call for her letter, were I in New York and it being your ardent wish I would do so to gratify you, but as I could not go very soon not wishing to keep her letter from her any longer I wrote her a note on Saturday requesting her to inform me if the lady moved, as the last time I passed the street I thought the house looked different and a sign up for boarding. Rec'd July 6th. 1855 When she answered the note I will enclose your letter and send it to Lyttleton where she can call for it. he write think it is from me to some young lady of my acquaintance, if she does not answer the note I will keep the letter and go there myself, in the note I requested her to send me word if the gold she received from Mr Keep was all correct according to the letter that came with it, I think it very strange she has not acknowledge the receipt of it even if she did return it to him she should send you word. Uncle Henry enquired there until the boy came up with your letter and returned back again to his house he had quite a long conversation with them all. You say I must not speak of this subject to any one it is not any secret in New York several persons spoke to us concerning it of course we could not say you did not know such a fortune, that would have answered the purpose from your description she must be a very nice girl my not knowing her I cannot say anything to the contrary if you have made up your mind to have her you are the best one to judge of her you lived in the house with her some time, I could not ascertain much of her disposition and manners and character since I have left the South as I may not go there twice this summer, though had I received your letter before I left I would certainly have called (which I might to do there not been a word to be spoken respecting them) I suppose we must pacify ourselves we received them safe at last. Uncle Lemon wishes to be kindly remembered to you, he appears to enjoy himself in the country. We have not received a letter from John since his return home, he might have taken the Telegraph office at Harpers-ferry had he been so disposed, he thought he was not competent. I wish he had tried for a short time, Mr Keep thought he should for a short time, he has been giving him lessons for the last year and more. Mr K. has gone to Pittsburg chief operator he has two others in the same office besides himself John would have had a much easier business had he taken H. F. office than he now attends to I think home very politely, he might have change in the course of a year

for a better situation

May 27th the sun is shining again this morning, though the weather is quite cool. William and Sylvester left this a. W— is to have a better situation in the bank which makes him feel quite important. Uncle Simeon has given me a piece of ground for a flower garden which I intend to cultivate as soon as the weather will permit, I will send you some specimens of my flowers cultivated at Aquackanonk. I am sorry to inform you my last bird died on the second of May, which I regret very much especially when I see the little birds fly from bough to bough and hear their merry notes early in the morning, I do not think I will have one more as I have been very unsuccessful, though the last bird nearly five years. I had the promise of a pair of mocking birds, I declined lest they should die.

Mr Dow the gentleman boarding here is going to form a singing class Emily and myself are to join it, he says he will teach an hour twice a week for two months gratuitously.

Much for us Aquackanonk. All letters come very correct at this place. We have not received any letter from you yet by the last steamer I shall look out when the 6 O'clock train comes, I was in hopes we should receive it before we mailed this which must be before 4 O'clock now it is most time. Mother is taking a review at the garden I have just called to invite you in some flowers, we are going to erect a summer house and cover it with different kinds of vines.

We called upon Mrs Terrence, she enquired very particular after you, wished to be remembered to you, we did receive your papers you sent by the last steamer I presume they have miscarried. You are called upon to be Uncle and an Aunt to Henry's son, he is willing to part with his daughter, but as we have not any place to keep her, we have declined the offer.

Did you get the flower seeds I sent you in a letter so as you could try the California soil. I hope your coke and pudding will be valuable. I think if they are you will not have much left when you receive this letter. I am sorry you cannot find time with this mail as far as Mother and myself is concerned, Mr Palmer takes four pages from Mother and four from me. Mother has brought you some dry goods Mrs Jones is quite pretty. We sent a letter to Henry last week, when he writes answer it I cannot say, he and John appear to dislike writing I wonder they have not written to you. I do not write as often as I might, but Mother is so very communicative, I think it is needless, but as I am pinched the mail will close I must quit writing. Emily says she sends her best remembrances. You must meet when the next ship arrives at San Francisco. Receive this from your

Affectionate Sister Harriet Whitney

June

1850

June 1850
R.W. to Zh

Aquaskanonk June 1850

My Dear Child

It appears to be your ardent wish that your sister should become intimate with Anna Lanny, as all you write is pleasing if you may — compelant judge, Sister would have informed her as you desired invitation to our house, but, as we had left the City she wrote — note wishing, her to call on Sylvester, for the package she an — e note saying she would send her brother for it which she did — s — gave him the letter her note was thus

Miss Wheaty, have just received your note of the 25th in which you inform me that a — ong two packages from your brother Thomas you have a letter addressed to me, containing a breastpin, if you will be so kind as to inform me where it may be obtained, I shall send my Brother for it which will be as safe as though I called myself. Respectfully A. E. Lanny.

N.Y. May 28th 1850. P.S. Direct, 395½ fourth St. this is a true copy

I must say I did expect a more polite note as she is a French lady not even to thank your sister for her kind politeness I cannot say I think she manifests any desire to become acquainted with your Sister, as Harriette wrote that we had left the City for summer and was anxious to have her brothers desire complyed with in respect to the safe delivery of the letter, as it contained a breastpin and wrote with interest, She was disappointed with her formal cold note tis true I do not know the girl but the knowledge of her Mother being a teacher rather surprise me not that I wish to pass sentance on the lady, only as I might expect I am certain when I received a note from Mr Wardle that he has letters for me in his care, I feel very grateful and express my thanks on return of Mail. — Thomas do not say I am unkind. If you thought so much of her why did you forbid me more of your former letters to ask you any questions concerning her, now after many persons have asked me about it, you have held a correspondence with her made handsome presents, you wish her to become acquainted with us, your request is very proper, but why you wish to keep it such a great secret, while I was hearing of all transactions I wish you to please yourself in your choice for life. No I do not wish to annul the ordination of Heaven by the least obstacle. I do not consider that I have had any thing to do with it or do wish to be reflected upon in any whatever *

were we in city I would like to see L for your sake as you wish it, that is if she entertained a proper regard for you, and sister was pleased with her I think from your representation she might be when you first mentioned her to I had just returned from Johns it was evident to me he had an arduous task with his wife from relations, and her Mother to maintain and she evinced little or no gratitude, and working for all I felt very unpleasant to see son made a slave of, as you observe about Sister. I love my boys as my girl, but if they suffer themselves to be trespassed " as Harriet says who's fault is it? I cannot like such wives however they may, or shall the have proper opportunities to insult you from appears quite changed I should be sorry he was to know I am so free about him to him alone that would induce me to keep up her acquaintance (if he was gone) I would like to see his little child very much I have heard it resembles me I believe it to be possible then you know I would be very fond of it. — You ask me if I know any lady who would be willing to share their fate with. no doubt but many would. but you say you know of one. I hope your affections are not ill placed as you appear to rely so fully on the lady who I hope will reciprocate on her part in return for your kind interest shown to her, as it must be pure regard, on your part, as she is void of the least expectation, you do not say the young lady has made the least hint to become acquainted with you Mother and Sister write my child, I have written you a long letter as Sister has a pain in her head and face which has induced me to write you more than I would otherwise have done. Do let me tell you Mrs Pethrie has been ill a long time at length it is proved that her disease is an inward cancer its an unhappy affair only think of her four little offsprings its really a trying circumstance I say the Lord have mercy upon her. Thomas, if you recollect you was rather dubious concerning the gold as you had not received an acknowledgement of it Sister wrote in the note to Mrs F— saying it was her Mother request to know if the gold favoured by Mr Flintoff was correct with the letter as there had been a mistake she never named it. I presume she must have thought it was not over concern or she would have wrote it in the note. The papers speak more favourably of business San Francisco remember us to all inquiring friends and receive this from your affectionate Mother and Sister and may the Lord protect my child, R. W. & R. H. Whaley

P.S. uncle Simeon and family join in their regards to you

Aquachenonk June 1860

Dear Son

Your dated March 31st came safe to hand which mean
your sister and myself by the Ohio Steamer likewise one dated April 17th
which answer will require this sheet. It gave me infinite satisfaction to read
that you received ours of the 21st Jan and 12th of Feb. I think we do write you long
letters I am certain I intend to do so in compensation to you as it gives me
great happiness to receive and read your long letters. I am pleased to see you appreciate
sister little gift to you. we thought you would be happy to behold the flowers you
was sent to give them. You speak of moving and intend to inform you where
the street I presume you have gained all accounts by this as we wrote you long since
since Friend Palmer and placed them in your beautiful mother's box
unless sister been prevented by Miss Fanny. Sister was pleased with the present
for the may lend it to a friend now and then if they are very clean. the one
you sent to A was for a lady by the appearance of the size as we judge
Sylvester delivered the package to J Crocker who she saw proper to send
thought your sister wished A to call herself so that she might be
certain that all was correct as you know we have left City or Tribe
would have complied with your request in sending for her to
call for it. Thomas you write that you still
feared with the times I feel all trouble and
as the papers informs us of all things having
real Estate rent in fact every thing what
what I much fear as I have written I think
your affairs into as small a compass as
there will be heavy failures I hope you will
the times as when you would get rich and die. Mr
had made suffice to return home again in
a spot to live upon for life. you might be
unfortunate I think for you not have launched out
I hope you will manage to keep
would feel better satisfied and live in good
enough to do a medium good business. there
such enormous profits. I hope you will
health as that I consider your main dependence
rise it to much it has been a great comfort
you have been blessed with health and strength
from sickness when we hear that you have

I hope they will be good fare as it must be quite a task for you to prepare
meals for seven persons I should like to see you performe all helped to your
Your letter I am all anxiety to hear from you again I did think your brother
must interfere with your business I was glad to get a letter of ten pages account of
all your care and toil as I know you write be industerous only be moderate and
consider consequences I hope you will learn by your lies for not to be to fast I like
to be on the sure side I shall be happy indeed when you get out of debt then you
and I will rejoice together personally I hope we begin to wish to see you very much
but I must wait untill all is paid off which I hope will be soon as I have some
must feel the loneliness of your situation away from all. Yes I sympathize
may go to Cal — but as you write it is improbable at present. Do you never tell
me whence you had your likeness taken I am sorry you cannot tell as I wish to
yours is so truely good each one knows it immediately I often look at it
I hope you will be so prosperous as to put your intentions in execution with regard
to coming home in the fall and spend the winter with us I do not dare to produce
myself the that happiness but shall hope on. You may well wonder that
does not interest himself about matters relating to our suit, I cannot inform you
any more of it at present I was at Whitings on May 18th Reid told me Mr
with inflamitory rheumatism I will get Mr or Sylvester to call and
in will tell you all the particulars as I shall till Mr. I wish to inform
St John or A did not go to Cal as they might not have
ven me more trouble as I should not like them to depend
says he would wait a while longer untill he saw
risk a letter in some fashion. Yes you and Cousin
e it did you any good, or do I believe he would listen to your
Miss Nicholson told me there property was sold did not have
satisfied & otherwise much to the contrary I could not say
ise you had deviated from your engagement and then
things as you may suppose I said all I could in your favour but
in our power to build with if you was to send on some small
promised to do so for a long time I have not seen
with you and Mr Montgomery he looks to your
a range no doubt you must get along with him as
such would be most satisfactory of course do not
e sell and pay off if possible and have your mind
Wardle help to compose the family you must feel quite
this pleasant for you of an evening I will let Mrs Christopher
of the Wiwoods she feels very anxious concerning them. The boy
the Sarah Sands I sent to the Green Point I hope the things will be good

and all in order I hope you will feel satisfied with our likenesses we might have had
them taken again and you have told us where you had yours or even the one first
you could remember I look to two places Lawrence and Brady in B. way thinking they
might know it by a certain guilt mark on the case they did not recognise it but
they will make out while you can come home. No one of Eyers friends has come
the mines not to dig as they were represented to us as wealthy waiting for pleasure
I really wonder that Gomer Brother has not called ~~[illegible]~~ I trust you saw
H. Weeks and he is Alcalde of the town of Fremont and Griswold has returned
from China you must keep open to welcome them your friends and school mates
you bought lumber from Nicholson I hope he will favour you and enable you to
send on payment to Mr. I will write Mrs Porter your kind salutation as they
will be pleased to hear from you. I hope you realise your desire that Sister
will have a Conservatory one of these days by some person procuring to protect her
plants. Henry informs me that he might be tolerable well with ~~[illegible]~~ his nearly
furnished rooms but his wife has been confined and it is very difficult to get good ser-
vants he wished me to come and see them had I only been fond of his wife I would with
pleasure. She may have learned better by this time I really wish to see his children I can
hardly realize Henry having two children I well know he wishes me to pay him
a visit I was fearful he had gone to live with his father-in-law and a Step Mother as
Tom said they contemplated. I hope to learn it is not the case for you
be very fond of your wife I presume you would be like the rest
his wife is wrong but he might live with her knowledge
You wish me to leave Mr. in case Cholera prevails that has be
gone up house keeping and board with your Uncle so far
we have the back room second story, they have a lady and a gent boar
here likewise I me and Sister pays $5 per week I may not go to house keeping
perhaps to do so for many reasons last season soon as I had my house in
the [illegible] was quite expected at times it prevailed but little little near to us
the row, mine was the middle one between Broadway and Fifth Avenue
you can hardly imagine how much the property around Madison
will Mr Wonder book keeper go in business with George M. I hope he will
you must plant the seeds and water them you have a well You
would be better off than to get married to some men Peter Thompson
[illegible] happens has I to settle you will feel the loss his company
testeem so highly so very highly you know I have thought very
still if he is so kind to you some day you say I may
may have thought as much of Mr. I as any young that
you are aware of it and I do think some one had more
[illegible] his mother he was a favorite of mine that I

as ever you will continue your friendship for each other I wrote a note to his Mother
informing her his health and your regards what difference does it make how
looks sell here or city you did not sell the sliding door I am quite disappointed
if you could not get $100 take something off I can send you more to dispose of all
you can I have not disposed of any the hope Mr Bruce will do better elsewhere
I think Rane did well to get in with Sherwood I think Pulman is doing well
I think Mrs Louisa told me they expected Mr Hornby home soon they may have
sent remittances to Hugh if he has written to them since his fathers death
I heard that he had written to his friends Thomas you speak of Mr Hill's worth I
take him to be a man of good sense and yet respectful in his behaviour
most dandy but disposed to literature he has lived near Yorkshire for near 2 years
and boarded with him some months I would say if was not an upright man he would
Paris June 22, 1850
inform us not that I would rely on him on their return home Mr H remains al
day and night at Phil's at Mr Hill's fathers and would you believe Phil would not
give me the least information of their situation I even wrote to him to do so
as no doubt the young man wished him to do so I expect they are plain people I saw
his father at the cars in Phil a quite a respectable looking person Mr H is had us to
call on his parents but we declined so I conclude that they are like myself neither
rich nor poor I do not mind his riches if he has good feelings and will as you say keep
your sister in as good state and standing as she has been accustomed too or I should
Winny Oct 8 1850
not know his present income is $600 per annum, I am glad you will
25 old he just taken a new situation at Pittsburg he came to
see us ere he left H. I all grand fathers family appeared to be
in. I see your sister comfortably settled is my most earnest
ire with her, unless I should like any of my daughters to be
wisport in my last, but do not mind a request as it is a subject
have but one daughter, Mr Hill's knows I am very particular and
is fears and says I would never wish to take her unless
we to make her comfortable, it was his kind attention that encouraged
is not bold in his manner he say he can talk with gents
ladies he is sometimes at a stand I hope you will pay his a
in will take place as I am not aware of its being at present
not leave me, and I would not like to go so far away he
is quite a favourite with the president of the line I have
all the information I can in compensation for the
in your sisters welfare, as the affair calls for it
Phil in Cal. I guess you could think Mrs Dickinson cap was
Mr Miller is a lawyer tell Sister he knew you he did not
Mr Miss Louisa Haley is living I will inform Miss Sherwood
of their friends here

Sac City 6 June 1850

My dear Tom Whaley (the man who routs a fellow out early in the morning to wash dishes) how are you now? I have been to Yeazie drawn my 26 lots some good some bad but expect they will turn out well. I can now offer you a good lot for $1000.00 Cash.

On my return to this place I found a letter from Friend Brown, was disappointed in not finding him here to accompany me to the diggings but would not have him lose a good chance for an uncertainty. I am off for the diggings tomorrow morning.

If you receive letters for me please direct them to the care of J. P. Gilliam opposite the "Gold Mine" landing, front St Sac City, send by private hand if convenient. Another favor I wish you would look out for the arrival of the Ship Edgar due in July and inform me of the same by letter directed as above, my bills of lading are in my trunk and if I should not make my appearance in time to prevent the goods being sold by the vessel to pay freight you will much oblige by storing them until I am heard from. The lumber of course you will not advance freight on, the other freight bills are small, please write the price of lumber when you send anything for me.

I was obliged to give my note for bal of pay at at Yeazie at 3 instead of 4 mos & I wish Thompson would let me draw for what amt he has of mine

in august D.

Yours in haste

Wm E Goffard

Recd Nov 6 1850

Mr Thos W Haley
Montgomery between
Jackson & Pacific sts
San Francisco

New York June 17th 1850

Mr. Thos Wholey

Sir,

Your favor of the 1st of May I duly recieved by the hands of Mr Hornby. your Mother being out of the City, Mr Hornby gave me a package of Gold dust, which I disposed of, as directed in your letter, for which I enclose you three receipts, one from Morgan Walker & Smith for $200= & one from Joseph West for fifty Dollars.

The secret I sold to Messrs Rebee & Sudlow, at $17 65/100 pr Oz. you will observe by their Bill of Sale that it fell short of the amt. named in your letter to me. The paper was broken at one corner, which caused some to escape. But the greatest loss was in extracting the sand from it.

The whole amt. of Sale was 16. 3. 12 @ 17 65/100 Oz. Dwt. Gr. amounting to the sum of $285.48

Paid Morgan Walker & Smith $200.
" Joseph West 50
To your Mother 35.48

Your Mother & Sister are staying

at your Uncles at Quackruck (Excuse the Spelling) and as soon as I effected a sale of the dust, in company with Mrs S. J. Ford ~~your Mother~~ them a visit & took the letters ~~sent~~ through by Mr H. together with ballance of the funds on hand. Your Mother & sister are quite well and was much pleased to here from you, and I feel myself much gratified in being the bearer of so pleasing a dispatch, together with the delightful drive I had in going there.

I told your Mother I intended to write you, and she desired to be kindly remembered to you.

Mr Hornby desires to be also kindly remembered to you. He often speaks of the many acts of kindness you have shown him and expresses great acknowledgment for the same. His health since his return has been very good. He has been attacked with a return of the Fever & Ague, but I think in a short time he will be relieved from that.

At this present writing the weather is very warm, but the city remains unusually healthy. There is not at present any indications of a return of the Cholera this season at least. Business is quite dull as usual at this season. But there has been quite a good Spring business although a very short one.

I have a good Many

complaints in California Speculations & the Knowing ones have quite a dislike to meddle in the business.

The prospects for the admission of California into the Union is upon the whole a little more flattering, than it was a few weeks since. The California Bill brought forward by Henry Clay I think will pass the Senate in the course of this week, or next at forthest. The old patriot stands to the work like a perfect Ajax - Nor will he relax any effort untill the Bill is carried through the Senate. I wish I could feel as confident in the passage of the Bill in the House. There is about as many different minds upon the subject there as there are Members, & it is quite difficult to tell what will be its fate when it reaches them - However I am of the opinion that the Senate Bill, will pass the House with some slight amendments. But at any rate, California, will gain hands with her loving sisters before the adjournment of this Congress! Mark that.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time, and any thing that I can do for you here, I will endeavor to do with cheerfulness & pleasure.

With my best wishes for your prosperity & success &c

Yr. " Smith

Rec'd Aug 8 1855

Thomas Wholey Esq

San Francisco

California

New York June 8th 1850

My own dear Thomas!

I have received your letters of the 30th March, 19th April, & 30th April all of which pleased me very much. The one you entrusted to your sister I received without any trouble whatever. It contained a handsome breast-pin. It is indeed beautiful and has been very much admired. I hardly know how to express my thanks for your generosity. But I hope that time will come when I can make you feel my gratitude. Your sister sent me a very cool note from New Jersey (where they have removed for the summer) saying that she wrote to me fearing I had removed, and wishing me to let her know if it was so, and to send my address, and she would inform me where I might obtain my letter by calling personally. I answered, sent her my address, and told your sister that I would not call myself, but send my brother which would answer the same purpose. She sent me the direction, which was Mr Sylvester Pye No 11 Broadway. Peter received it. But Mr Pye seemed disappointed because I did not call, and scolded Peter to tell him which was the reason of it. Peter told him it was not convenient, after which W. thanked him and left. I could not help laughing right out when I read your letter of the 19th in which you informed me that you kept boarders. But not

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[illegible] courts.
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[illegible] once more. I begin to feel more lonely than ever. I long to see you Mr. I would willingly make any sacrifice to see you once more. If you cannot conveniently come home do not know but I would be willing rather than do a whole year's exams without seeing one I love so tenderly. I do beg dear B. I would be better for you to come but if it would hurt you back many days I would not urge you to do so. Nothing would gladden your loving letters in which you speak of my coming to California with Mr. G. She does not seem to like the idea much but she changed when I gave good reasons. I told mother she see you in one way or the other. I told mother that I did not want to give you more trouble than necessary and that if I could in any way contribute to your happiness I would do so. Hence your course of action with regard to mother I think you should take you write to mother to tell her your good do not regard her advice upon the subject. I am so tired of keeping that as it is all I can do to keep up. I would willingly leave off not one more of the plan I asked but what do you think of my plan. My thoughts are around with you. I feel as if I would die sometimes when I do not feel very well. Oh! My sweet Thomas I hope and pray that you will not prolong our absence for another year. I feel as if I would not stand it. Years now three years. The one dream we parted. But I hope for the best. What a wonderful sunset you send me. I am [illegible] as it is represented to be and [illegible] it much indeed delightful. It is [illegible] and

picture as I design to look upon. I am going to
have it framed & found out where
the varnish looks best. We are often and warmly
dwell upon home & friends. Why is it that some persons
think California such a dreary place? I have heard
people say they would not go to live
for the world. Seems to me I should like it
[illegible] the beauties of nature in the pictures and
those that give it so beautiful an appearance.
We enjoy good health for it is a
place, the climate is not very healthy. All the
[illegible] that have been from Salt Lake since
we left. Almost every day we have heard
miserable accounts from a time. It rains
almost every day. We have had very little
[redacted]
[illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] all have
a very decided number of [illegible] more [illegible]
[illegible] number to one which I shall always
remember on account of having so much of the
Cholera. I enjoy good health [illegible]
[illegible] and are ready [illegible]
all [illegible] days appear to me
and promised of future happiness [illegible]
[illegible] I try, as far as [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] I do not [illegible]
[illegible] dancing. The [illegible]
everybody is preparing for the country. I practice
at home. You must not expect [illegible]
a perfected Musician. That is impossible now

Received July 20th 1851

Colonial Inn 10th 1850

Dear Tom

Please send
us those Newspapers I left
under my pillow. the other
Thing I wish you would
keep for me for Thursday
Jonpson will be down in a
day or two

Yours Truly &c
Charles H Moulton

Noël Juan 25 1880
Jean McCulloch

Ross Bar, Yuba river
June 24th 1850

Dear Sir.

I arrived at the above place on Saturday afternoon.

I find the river very high and mining is not what I thought I should find, but still I can make money here, my object in writing is to ask you to detain the order which you hold upon my father, I will send you the amount in a few days. my reasons for so doing is, that I would rather pay double the amount than have it sent. you will greatly oblige me by so doing.

You must excuse my penmanship as my hands are very sore, and I find it almost impossible to write, I would be very happy to hear from you. Please address me at Sacramento City

Yours &c.

Edw W Powells

Yreka City 26 June 1850

Friend Jone

I have been stopping at this place a few days, have not got to digging yet, I expected to have received a line from Suffer but have heard nothing from them so my hope of joining them is dished. Capt Eastabrooks the bearer one of the proprietors of this place will take what letters you may have for me, if you have a space moment just drop a line telling me what is transpiring in the city of Fires. I should like to hear from Thompson about California, ask him to write if there is any chance with him for this hombre. I will make it all right for the trouble I have & may give you, just give me time.

I presume you are in better spirit now your stock is let, hope you will soon be flush & cool for that gall. Tell friend Brown if he was here we would go to the mines on feather river.

Remember me to the boys

Yours &c

Geo. W. Stafford

Recd July 6. 1880
Jam S Stafford.

Manchester June 15th 1861.

[illegible] heard the tidings of an [illegible] which [illegible] in its [illegible] than [illegible] property to the amount of between [illegible] and [illegible] dollars having been destroyed. [illegible] and a boat. [illegible] and before three hours [illegible] tidings and most valuable portion [illegible] laid in admiration but for the most [illegible] human efforts most of the shipping would have shared the same fate. [illegible] to give a description of this [illegible] scene it being beyond description. [illegible] among the fortunate and who have escaped [illegible] safety will [illegible] depend [illegible] of these days [illegible] and [illegible] it shall save no regrets when [illegible] though it will prove very [illegible] [illegible] can be [illegible] nothing [illegible] [illegible] I have no longer confidence [illegible] which are contained in a moment [illegible] powder. Ordinances are about [illegible] prohibiting the erection of wooden houses [illegible] majority are constructed either of wood [illegible] respect recovered of similar disastrous [illegible] fired of the past six months [illegible]

those equal to the destruction of the whole town. The loss is so heavy, and will deter many from entering again into business. But no matter about the fire you will receive full details of it through the public journals.

I had forgotten all about the steamer going to day, and have very near not writing to you this time. I should not do so only on account of the fire. When you hear the worst you will be anxious to know if I have sustained any loss. Therefore I write to quiet your fears. I hardly know what else to say. The Steamer is expected to morrow or next day. I hope to receive a long letter from you with cheering news. I feel sad and lonely now. All intimate friends having left for the north and those who are here are too closely confined to business to have much leisure time to spend with me. Mr Hampton has gone to Calais for a few days when Mr [illegible] will probably establish him in business. Mr [illegible] is to go into business as soon as I and the Lord [illegible] occupy [illegible] Hall when I hope to have [illegible] and appreciate more extensively. I have been so closely confined that I intend as soon as I can arrange matters so as to leave town a few days to take a letter mountain. I desire very much to visit a few of the upper towns and the quiet [illegible] since my arrival here which is nearly a year I have not been three miles distant in any one direction. Some little good fortune has attended this month and I hope to have more of it the most continue to make money and our fast liquidating our [illegible] When all are paid and I have made some little [illegible]

think I shall [illegible]
find you very [illegible]
siderably since
and know you. but
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to whom? I have
I think you would
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useful it had been
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me that my uncle
old fellow thinks
induced [illegible]
a [illegible]
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have sent
[illegible]
and [illegible]
Continues to [illegible]

think I shall return home in a week. I hope my dear girl to-
find you very much improved. No doubt you have altered con-
siderably since I saw you last so much so that I should not
know you. But with an other acquaintance I should hope
to be able to recognize you. Tell me if Amelia married?
to whom? I have understood to Mr Wharton. If it were so
I think you would have said something about it. You will re-
member some time ago I wrote you that I wished you to become
acquainted with my mother and Sister and told you of the
plan I had laid for that purpose. I know not if it would have
useful if it had been but I have some reason to believe that I
shall succeed in bringing about an acquaintance. My mother inform-
me that my uncle was very much pleased with you indeed the
old fellow himself wrote me to that effect. He says he was
induced [illegible] from a curiosity to see you than anything else
a reason [illegible] thing to deliver the package I sent you [illegible]
[illegible] himself! But I don't believe that [illegible]
[illegible] some other object in view. Well I have at last sold
the wagon which has been the subject of my [illegible] long for
$175.00. Although he will have to look through a microscope
to magnify that to the sum which he was under the impression
I had sold it for. In my letter to my Sister I have written
as though she had actually formed your acquaintance and that
he no doubt she would find you an amiable and pleasant com-
panion and wished me to tell you exactly her opinion of
you. Did I not think she would love [illegible] I never
would have wished you to become acquainted. [illegible] and
dear Lina writing you to remember my compliments family
and to accept for yourself my kindest regards. Your [illegible]
Continue to direct to Box No 882. P.O.

Miss Anna E Lannan
No. 395½ South Street
East of the Bowery
New York

New York June 2d 1850.

Mr Thomas Dealey
San Francisco
Dear Sir

I am requested by my Son to forward all letters to your care during their absence on the Mines, and as I quite well have commenced a journey with them I feel no hesitancy in saying that I assume the responsibility of forwarding these letters in the same way of going safe, which I know is the case with Newspapers in Transmission so since Williams life, and my Son's wife, not that they should receive any, I have never paid the postage of letters, and so far all have arrived safe. Please enquire at Post Office for any letters or Papers addressed to Geo S or Mrs Puffer San Francisco, as we have been so careful of my mail, they may be lying there uncalled for I heard of my Son's arrival at Sacramento for the Mines by letters dated 30 April and not Received any, immediately wrote to Mr Gallison, was Pilot to the late Charge of some accounts for Adams & Co upon the coast, also of letters for Mr I de Coughlin & Mrs Gibbs, if you know their place of abode & live I do not wish to interfere with my Son's arrangements but such persons as others have entrusted to take charge and follow their directions. I should be glad to hear from you on receipt of this. Believe me Dear Sir with respects Geo S Puffer

NEW-YORK
JUN 23
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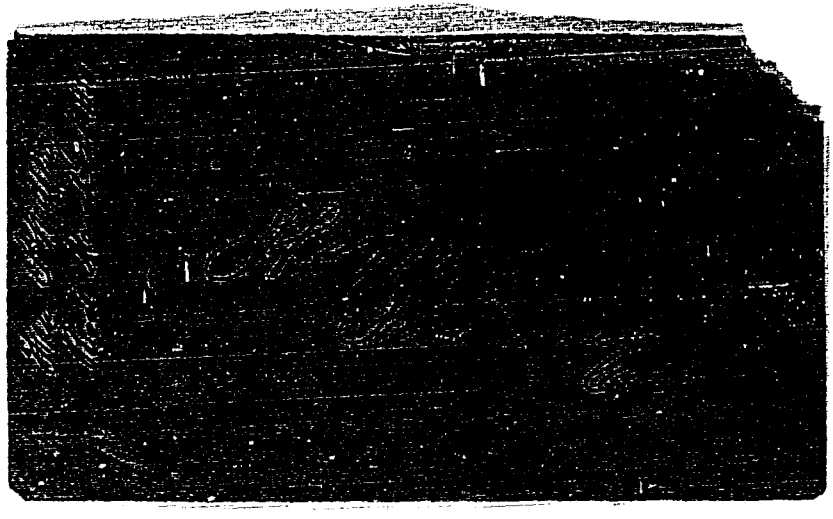
Thomas F. Riley Esq
Box No. 882 Post Office
San Francisco
Upper California
U.S.

Rec'd Aug. 8 1850

Via Panama Ohio



New York Jan 28th 1850

Mr Thos Whaley

Dear Sir

Your favour came to hand safe. I was glad to hear of your arrival amongst the Gold Diggers friend I hope you will do well. I was somewhat disappointed to hear that the goods you had of mine did not meet with a ready sale, as I have since sent some lots to a firm who did very well with them. In regard to the bill you had the furniture one foot in the box which was the regular Wholesale price as they sell for here and they are charged by me on my book enclosed I send you a copy of it. The bill you chose of was the retail price as you requested when you took the goods it was on a joint speculation of us both. To do as well as you can with them business has been prostrate in New York for the last few months I am said at the Valentine last now, a few months after you left. Mond Grant left me to go in business for himself, he did not make over well about two months ago he came back to work for me and he is now with me he wishes to be remembered to you, all my family are quite well and

Send them respects wishing you all success
and hoping soon to hear from you again
I remain

Yours truly

W. M. Strong

Dear Son:

Acquashanonk June 28th 1850.

I have received all your letters up to May 15th April 30th by the hands of Mr. Crosby with the gold, has been attended to by Mr. Smith as he knew I was situated at your Uncles, so he attends to the disposal of it giving me the balance, In yours of the 30th April you speak of the hard times and, its effects on the most influential houses of the place, still you say business prospects are brightening which gave me great pleasure, and then your omitting would as ~~say me your business~~ confidence in you which was ~~[illegible]~~ known for ~~[illegible]~~ did ~~[illegible]~~ in my letter I see that you ~~[illegible]~~ in the proceeds of the wagon you disposed of, I was ~~[illegible]~~ to hear that your tenements were not tented, hope they are by this time though you have lost nearly all your boarders. I have followed your directions with respect to answering people: Yes I do want something cheering to read from you, though business has taken such a sudden fall, if you can only pay off why, then I do not fear your well doing. Its I lost considerably last year, and having payments to make would be very pretty tight, but if you only succeed and retain your health all will be well as I firmly believe you have exerted yourself to the utmost of your power. My idea sweet yours with respect to boarding this year on account of Cholera, so far it has not visited Cf to any extent it is said to be in New Orleans slight as yet. I shall hold on to the 2 Sth lot, I do not think I should like to have any thing to do with business unless you was home, but we will see. You wish me to inform you respecting our law suit I did so all could, writing was sick he may be better by this time, I know I have to direct for me. You say well say the days are dull times, I do not conceive what they mean but so they are ~~If there are any thing to divide the world~~ look better I think its well you have such pleasant rooms and a first rate cooking stove as your family is less, I hope you can do with them. The patent right to all Home away with, as it has been proven that Horse Rock in to bread a space, Cody, Rains, Houses, and many others who you had as your side partners from the papers. I hope the Green Point or Sarah Sandy have arrived by this time, I wonder you did not ask for our directions on you left I went there as soon as I thought of ~~[illegible]~~ so I did not ~~[illegible]~~ for yours and a good one it is, sorry that you did not remember where you put it taken. Yes, and chief I will remember the sent bottle and I know not why I gave it you unless I thought it might act as a talisman to your safe return home.

I frequently think of our parting at H. I, for I never
did I feel so reluctant at your departure, but you was going so great a distance from
your home which no doubt occasioned greater feelings of regret, but when, my dear, shall
return that last token to me our hearts shall be of joy. I am waiting I have not yet
to Mrs Chisholm as the intelligence you have communicated and hope that we shall for
arrive safe at Cal[illegible], I am pleased to hear that you will not desert your birth
place and am happy to hear that you will use your utmost endeavours to keep up
a visit in the fole, I hope the clouds are breaking away as you wrote never to return
I am happy to hear that Mr Smith has sent Mr Alden to take on your
Mr Pipe what thinks of see [redacted]
that I mind, now that he says it was not in your favour when he wrote that
the Madison was not safe, and he had refuse that it was, and that you had
returned the money. I have not seen Mr Smith in some time but if he knows
you are sending them Cash he will not call often, so he will know Mr Smith had
a first rate opinion of you, I hope you have informed Mr that you would not take them
their funds to use, you had strong reason to believe that you would soon be able to pay
them, I hope the person has called for the goods remaining in hand belonging to Mr
I have not the least doubt but he had his views for calling on Miss L. I hope he
you the particulars what he said. I dare have heard not from the Circulars
on any word people could say in your favour. I know not why I
was very brief in my remarks concerning your choice, I suppose it is old age
my very little acquaintance with the young lady. Therefore I could not
displease as you appear to have made up your mind. The reason I wished
be introduced to Mr Lipard is I thought it might be of service to your
we would have answered Mr Thompson's note if we knew he wished it as you
he is quite a favorite of mine of the here our best wishes. Charly promised to come
for us, hope he will for Wm sake. I presume you are pleased with Mr Thompson
how is Dick. making out when does Thompson start for Sandwich Island
Now to answer yours of the 14th of May, I saw by the papers that your City
Nicholas by a some previous to my receiving your letter, I was sorely afflicted
was hard for me to procure, for days after I had retired to rest all so forcibly came
into my mind. No relief came until I got my wishes for letters, which I did on the
26 of June. Sister broke there hastily open to see that you had escaped my
gone from fellow's experience, I am so thankful, that would if you have done I made
your letter and Mr B's note with a letter from me and Sister copied of your plan of
your building we think it first rate arrangement, for take it how I
when after shall have paid of your responsibilities and you and I will
you may be certain I often sit and think of you, it was quite pleased to hear
plan I said it was just like you and in your Sanctum Sanctorum

fine rate we could not refrain from laughing, your Well must be first the
in fact the whole of the plan was good, if your plans had only gained the in
come you anticipated, you must have been a Rich Man, the summit of your
wishes, you must certainly have been in great commotion on the day of the
fire, your friend was very kind to aid you, but who would not assist
a friend at such a critical time, you must have been nearly frantic with
fear, how fortunate to have the brick building so near, the saving of
property, you must have felt the the excitement for some days
I shall feel more anxiety for your welfare than ever, when
[illegible] I was like you
[illegible] out and work for an income at a certain salary, but you are
best you can, how would you like [illegible] with Wardles I do not like
you to be alone, and then to take a partner unless you have a full
knowledge of them would be a risk indeed. Fortunes in Cal. must be the result
ing indeed. No doubt you would have felt the loss of your friends at
home, that is the reason. I am so exceedingly troubled for your prosperity
you write that your prospects are brightening from day to day and
that you will remit by each Steamer I beg of you to do so. Sister observed
at the mess of the fine she got for you would let your Stores, to good advantage
we conclude that the Californian are a speculating kind of people. the burnt
district must be all built ere this, tis a good has happen gone to the
mines. You will be lonesome indeed, do write you continue to like Mr
John Loiques from Mr L. I hope George Wardle will do well in
business, you say you wish to come home to get married of course you
have a full assurance from the lady that she will consent to go with
you, I am happy to learn that your home is comfortable home
to dwell in. I am fearful that you will feel disappointed
that we have not made the acquaintance of Miss L it to totally
out of our power to gain it and then we do not know that
she does it, at least I or sister did not draw that conclusion from
her note, for that reason I wrote you a true copy, had she made
another evasive answer which would have answered it
a cause through politeness but for you the purchase forbade it
I am willing to grant your request if I was in M, or even
as you desire it so earnestly but how could I do so, no doubt she
is kind and pleasing in her manner or you would not be
so taken with her possibly Mrs L would not be willing to agree
to her going so far away from home, but no doubt you understand

what to do. I really am sorry to hear you say I must not be disappointed old lady, no I will not; the eldest daughter is married to a gent by the Thompson was acquainted with you dear know my reason for not wishing you to marry into a family and you to be called on private it may be in this instance I have a full specimen of that already with John I should not think you ought to take my counsel unkind as of course I wish you to make your own choice you are my last son to get married and I would like very much to see the object of your affection on how can I feel the mind parent should do why did you not think of this months ago and an opportunity to put your [illegible] as I or Sister [illegible] [illegible] to read Johns friend and letter with my own came to hand, at last I hope you read the contents of Filler letter to me [illegible] received your [illegible] flower [illegible] thanks. Thomas I wish it was possible for us to behold your home if there if you was married I suppose you would not care much for us but if your wife should prove unruly how then? but we will hope for the best I think you will retain your position as a man more than all the [illegible] have seen hoping all will be as you desire. Thomas you can direct to Sylvesters 116 Broad way if you send my private hands or by Mail direct to this place do which you think best you know Sylvesters is in a noted place for any one to call and the boys come up often as you may suppose they speak of you and your kind wife in [illegible] homes attentively I hope I have written all you desire to know we are [illegible] situated as we could be [illegible] feet to be we want to out take a sail plenty of fruit John has not [illegible] I received a letter from home today informing me that father was [illegible] had something of chill and fever I shall hear from them to morrow again if he should be worse I hope you will be kind here again but father is an old man he went to City to stay a while with Emily and returned home not well it was wrong for him to go such warm weather. I shall go home if he is any worse the next mail, I did intend to send this by the [illegible] but am disappointed the Crescent City sails on Monday I expect Mr Palmer has arrived safely in all his glory with your smoking [illegible] Sister says you will be quite grand if it only fits be a little careful of it. The weather is quite warm with us though we have refreshing showers which you do with rain I hope you will be exceedingly careful your health only think should you be taken sick I cannot think of that unless I shudder I should [illegible] You have been highly favored and wish you to feel great thanks to the most High I have not spun any of your pounds in City science we left. I received an answer from Miss Devereux send great love and kindness to you Mrs Stodard is become [illegible]

Recd August 24th 1850

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Bucknors Bar June 30th 1850

Mr Thomas Whaley

My Dear Friend

I have at last found an opportunity of writing, or rather sending you a letter. You will see by the heading of the letter that we are now camped on Bucknors Bar, having removed from Kelley's Bar last Friday, while we have been digging we have made about one Hundred dolls. that is Bill, Echalay & myself, Count being on his own hook. Bucknors Bar is opposite to Murderers Bar and proved itself very rich last year, how it will be this year the writer knows not. If you or any of our friends would like to visit the mines we would be happy to see them at our ranche, which they will find by crossing the ferry at Murderers Bar and enquiring at the first tent after they land, I should say the first store, for there are two or three little tents scattered around. We have enjoyed the best of health since we have been here and have full confidence of making our pile this fall, at present we can do very little in the way of digging as the river is very high, but we shall get underway in about three weeks. Echalay & Count were thrown from a mule that we bought at Sacramento City, but escaped uninjured, poor Count he felt very bad about it for he had been telling us that it was impossible to throw him. If you were here I could tell you of several little laughable events that happened on our journey up, but one I must mention for it is too good to be lost; first as we were starting from Sacramento, the team stuck in a mud hole, Bill got a long whip and

was laying it on to the ocu, when all of a sudden they started
throwing the mud in all directions, Poor Bill was spotted from
head to foot with it, and was the laughing stock of the vast
crowd that had collected there.

I send this letter by a man who starts tomorrow for Sacramento
who will send it to you at San Francisco, on receipt of it you
will please put all our letters (Bill, Echaley, & myself) in one
package and direct to the care of Watson Ball & Co. J. Street
and send up by return of steamer, as the person will only be at
Sacramento city for a few days. If you could send them by private
hands to Sacramento City it would be the best way, but do as you
think best, in case this man leaves Sacramento City before
the letter arrives, I shall take a trip to Sacramento myself
for them, as it is only two days journey to that place, but I am
in hopes that he will bring them up.

If you make up your mind to visit us you must take
what is call the new road to Murderers Bar and if you
have a good mule you can reach our ranche by the
middle of the second day. You must not forget to bring
your knife & fork with you as we are short of that article
Remember the name of the Ranch Puffer Echaley & Puffer
Wholesale Diggers. Tell Buster (alias G.S.N.) that I shall
write to him as soon as I can give a good account of myself.
also Elam, Eason, & Safford; Thompson I expect to see
up here as soon as he shall have read this letter. In case
of this letter I should leave for Bill or Me, to finish as
they would find out in their [illegible]

P.S. Detach the package to me if
you please

Your Friend
George

Dear Tom

Elephant. [illegible]
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Bread, [illegible]
great [illegible]
I would ha[illegible]
But had
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to reach [illegible]
he be in [illegible]

Should y[illegible]
please [illegible]
Geo. S. P[illegible]
you forgo[illegible]
Endorsed,
as a fav[illegible]
"Miserable
Bruting"
add la[illegible]
& Beans.

Yr Thos.

Bucks, Bar Middle Fork
American River June 30. 1850

Dear Tom

Well I have seen a small portion of the Elephant, & have not found it so bad as I had anticipated. Occasionally I wish for a little of that French Bread, Liver & Beef Steak, but it is only once in a great while, when I am most positively hungry. I would have willingly suffered as I had promised, but had no opportunity of sending for some time & when one did offer, I concluded it was too late to reach him in ~~San Francisco~~ Sacramento. Should he be in San F. please mention the fact to him.

Should you be so fortunate as to dispose of my goods please send the dust thro. Adams & Co's express to Geo. S. Puffer Esq New York City. I hope you forgot not to send the draft on Mess J. & H. Winter, endorsed, to "Mr E S Potter." Do find time to write us a few lines & tell us all the news. Hm is that "Miserable Contraption" & his crew. "Thompson Whale & Bunting" & Echaling sends love to all & says some add a few lines, but is too busy cooking Pork & Beans.

Yours &c Wm Nichol Puffer

To Thos. Whaley Esq
San Francisco. Cal.

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Geo

Since writing the above we have thought the best plan will be for you to send our letters by Post Office to Sacramento and then we can send for them there. Please put them all in one package and direct to Wells Fargo & Co Sacramento City. You will please do so with all letters until you see or hear from us.

George

Mr Thomas Phalen
Montgomery Street between Jackson
and Pacific Streets
San Francisco
Cal.

Mailed July 5th 1852

Lyon

Since writing the above we have thought the best plan will be for you to send our letters by Post Office to Sacramento and then we can send for them there. Please put them all in one package and direct to Geo. D. Ruffee Sacramento City. You will please do so with all letters until you see or hear from us.

George

If you

Mr Thomas Whalen
Montgomery Street between Sutter
and Pacific Streets
San Francisco
Cal.

Allowed Dec 9th 1852

July

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San Francisco. July 1st 1850.

My Dear Anna.

The mail closes in a few minutes I have only time to inform you I still continue in good health and meet with success in my undertakings. I received no letter from you by the last mail which should have brought me advices up to the 13th May. By private hand I received your letter forwarded by Mr Potand who is detained upon the Isthmus not being able to procure a passage in the Steamer for want of a ticket. I am sorry for this as I was in hopes to have seen him long before now. I give up business this day. I have sold my Store and turn my attention to something else. I have a good speculation in view I think I can turn my Rincon Point property to good account. I should send you a duplicate conveyance by this Steamer if I only knew when you have moved to. I expect to hear of your address in your next. I hope you have found my brothers and sisters comfortable. I have not time my dear to write you as fully as I wish but I write in my next. I am sorry to hear you are so depressed in spirits but be of good cheer Yours in haste

Thos Hoagan

Miss Anna E Lannay
No 39 & 42 Fourth St
East of the Bowery
New York.

New York. July 5th 1850.

My Dear Chas Thomas.

You no doubt have received by this time the letter and parcel which I sent you through your friend Mr E. V. Palmer. The reason of my mentioning it is that in yours of the 6th June you did not acknowledge the receipt of either. Your friend must surely have arrived at this time. I have received the one you sent by Mr Storey and the one dated March 18th in which you enclosed a small amount of gold. I have followed your directions. I have had another likeness taken which I know will please you. And I can assure you that it is considered to be a very striking one. The frame is about half finished and that too will be very handsome and rich. But how do you expect me to send you these things, Mr Hembey will not return immediately on account of a law suit which is to take place soon as he told me. Therefore he will probably be detained here much longer than he anticipated. I am really sorry for it. I should like to see my real likeness

I found Mr Forney to be a very pleasant
and courteous gentleman. We laughed and talked
together as if we had known each other for
years. I did not feel shy in his presence
as with Mr Palmer. He invited me to call
on his wife and said he would be pleased
for me to make her acquaintance I care
very little about making acquaintances with
all I want to do is to see you. To make your
acquaintanceship over again. When, My dearest
Thomas, do you really think of returning. Surely you
you are not going to leave me for another
whole year knowing you. I must see you
soon. Mr Forney told me that the letters you
left me of mine, does not in the least resemble
you. He says you have entirely changed.
Had a mind almost to leave it the same way
that you leave mine. But I could not do so
cruel, and I would not treat it with so much
coldness, although it does not resemble the
original now. You know what it says in
the Bible. (return good for evil.) Write your dear
name every day and press it to your heart
and call it My own dear Thomas. And just
think you have not passed me even with one
kind kiss. By that I shall remember it. The
one I will keep for you I know you highly
prize. And further, you with this it was and
then. I cannot write you a long letter, but

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pleasant. I will continue until my sheets of newspaper
and talked. Why have you not written to Mother. She does
not think it is right of you to neglect her so.
Do write to her my dear Thomas it will be
only one or two lines and I can assure you it
will please her and I will only be happier for
it too. I would much rather that you would
come for me yourself, so as to avoid any kind
of trouble or loss. I must not forget to tell
you that my cousin Miss Elizabeth Bradenhouse
is going to be married to a gentleman now
in California. His name is Mr Inglis. and
my cousin of course will join him in California
How happy she and I were starting off
together. I should like nothing better than to
be in her company. She would be almost
like a sister to me. I am afraid I shall
not have that pleasure at present, my
Dear. I am will please me very much by
inquiring after her, as if you should chance
to meet her & let me know how she takes
his new station in life. Now, have been her
before therefore you are not a stranger. Mrs Williams
longs almost as much as I do to see you
once again. She always thinks a great deal
of you. She says that when you do return
she will have a regular spree. You cannot
form an idea how they will plague me about
you my dearest Thomas. Yes I am getting tired

ito it and [illegible] makes me
[illegible] clear friend, [illegible] love [illegible]
thanks that I [illegible] write [illegible] to
me about your [illegible] [illegible] how you
get along, and what you are [illegible]
at. I You seem to have an idea that
does not please me but you are mistaken
for nothing pleases me more than to hear
that you are doing well and that you
are reaping the rewards of your labor
In [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] your remarks [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] me
as you said in your last. [illegible] me
know everything. [illegible] do not be [illegible]
I could not be [illegible]. I am doing pretty
well considering all things [illegible] my
health is quite better. I have received
little [illegible] you sent me. [illegible] you [illegible]
not I am [illegible] be [illegible]
I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
say [illegible] this for him [illegible]
for I am confident that you will [illegible]

Your Mother

San Francisco July 15th 1850
California.

My dear Anna.

Though the mails are closed and the Steamship sails within an hour an opportunity presents itself of sending you a few line which I should ever think myself right to lose. But I must be very brief. My mother as I presume you are aware has given up housekeeping and is now living at Aquakanonk N.J. with my uncle. She writes me that had she remained in the city she would have been pleased to have had my sister from your acquaintance. This is indeed more than I expected from her. I have written to my sister if she has not already introduced herself to you to go to New York and do so especially. Moreover I have requested her if agreeable to invite you to come and spend a few days with her in the country and that you may do so without inconvenience or expense I have taken the liberty of enclosing you a check accordingly. Should you be disappointed in going

to Aquackanonk I wish you to go somewhere else
to remain quietly this Summer. Amelia might ac-
company you. — Though so far away from you I
wish to furnish you all the amusement in my pow-
er. Your may means larger you would find me more
liberal. but I know you will appreciate my good
intentions. My friend Stanley has not yet arrived
and as I have nothing from him by the last
Steamer I presume he is on the way in a sailing
vessel. I long to see him to make enquiries
concerning you and to receive the presents you
have been kind enough to send me. The let-
ter you enclosed to him was forwarded from
Panama. I have received no later dates but
hope to by the next Steamer. — You must
not allow your mind to be troubled on account of
my absence. It is a cruel fate which separates
us so long. I am perfectly sensible of it and
at times feel gloomy enough. But why murmur
the time will come sooner or later when I shall
clasp you to my bosom and make you my
own. Adverse fortune has been the sole cause

of the delay. but things begin to brighten and my prospects are better. I am fast liquidating my debts during the past month I have paid off over one hundred dollars and by this Steamer I send five hundred to Newburyport. In a few months I shall have paid every thing — then for realizing a fortune. As soon as it lies in my power I shall either send or go after you. So keep your spirits up, my dear girl and insure all you can in every thing that concerns me. Several of my friends have taken tickets with them, and they appear delighted. Do not think you will find yourself without company. You will soon have many lady acquaintances. More anon. The Green Point has but just arrived. I have not yet had an opportunity of conversing with Capt Wardle. Mr Emery's letter is still with me. Mr Humphrey occupies my rooms so that I see him frequently. He desired to be remembered to you and to all mutual friends. Yours Affectionately

Thos Hopkins

Miss Anna E. Lawrence
No 895½ Hamilton St
East of 10th Bergen
Newark N.J.

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New York July 16th 1850

Mr. Thos. Whaley,

Dear Sir

I received your letter dated May 31st too late to answer by the last steamer therefore I embrace this opportunity, being the first, by Mr. Keys of your City, I arrived here on the 5th of June, found my family all well, I call upon Miss — and found her well and was much pleased with her, your Mother I have not seen being in the Country, my Father's estate is not so large as I expected and not in a proper condition to settle up immediately, my Mother is very low, with these obstacles and Mrs H's orders application will prevent me from coming on, I am making arrangements with a Mr C H Northrup to go into the whole sale grocery business in course of next month, when you shall hear from me, the Aiken's and folks are well your friends in the city complain of your cool treat towards them lately, and think you

~~you~~ have act^d very unwisely. They will not hear or listen to any thing that you can state to them in the way of justifying the step you have taken, — — —

Our City has grown very much since my absence many fine and stately mansions have been erected in the upper part, 5th Avenue 4th Ave and around the different squares, the lower part of Brooklyn has many fine stores been built, and it does one heart good to see many of the fine sights building, — —

Dr. Webster has been found guilty, and is condemned to be hung on 30th of August, in spite of the many efforts made on the part of his friends for his pardon — — —

We have experienced a great fire in Brooklyn and also one in Phila^a which proved to be very destructive, over 200 houses and many lives where lost, — —

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a severe gale, such as not been experienced for over 30 years at this time of year. many houses were blown down, the shipping suffered much, all over the country.

Last Saturday week, was a gloomy day in our City, it wore the mantle of mourning for the loss that our nation has sustained in the death of our President.

The Steamer Atlantic arrived to day from Liverpool making the shortest trip on record from dock to dock in 10 days & 15 hours.

I must now close you will excuse me to all inquiring friends & hoping this will find you well & full of business and possessing with my best wishes I remain

Yours Truly

James H Crowley

Recd Sept 16 1850

Thos. C. Mosby Esq.
Capt. Francisco
Col. —
Montgomery Ala. near Broadway
Box No. 882 P.O.
Through the Confederacy
Wm. H. Hays —

Aquackanonk Sept 23rd 1850

Dear Brother Thomas

We are anxiously waiting to receive a letter from you by the last Steamer which arrived on the 23rd. Yesterday two newspapers came safe to hand, William is to call upon Mr Smith to day to enquire for a letter as we are sure there is one somewhere for us. I think you have sent it by private hands and they have neglected to mail it. we were quite uneasy for your safety when we heard the last from the great conflagration in California we sent for a paper and read the names of the many sufferers and to our great satisfaction found that yours was not numbered among the unfortunate beings, and think you have had another very successful escape and no doubt you return it such. Grandfather has been quite ill with the chills and fever, week before last we made him a visit he appears quite feeble and looks very thin I think with care he will be restored to his usual health at the day Mary Perkins was married. Thomas McKnight prevailed upon him to return with him to New York the weather was very warm he remained a week left for home with a promise to return on the next Monday; to remain with Emily while Thomas and Mr Swan visited Washington, but they say owing to the warmth of the weather they did not take the journey instead of grandfather returning home directly he ran about so much that he became fatigued and in consequence to his back many days. he says he thinks he has visited New York for the last time. We have lost our President again, his death is much regretted by all, it was solemnized by a procession in N.Y. four hours passing a point that even eight cars filled went from Paterson in the morning and at night returning then, it caused great excitement in every city, we did not go as we had been there so recently, we were at Mrs Smiths two nights she gave us an invitation to come and see the procession and remain with her, at present she is quite lonesome as Washington is at School and Elizabeth visiting her friends at Boston, Mr Smith desires to be remembered to you when you write, Mother was anxious to see Cousin Hanby, Mr S. had not an opportunity to ask him. Mr Stanhope called upon us while at Newark he gave us a description of his travels in California and its mines.

Uncle William at Gardner in May that we were prohibited to buy in our market but could not tell the reason why, we saw Aunt Betsey on the Steamboat we asked her concerning it, she said it was the same we have heard for John Lyons, we went thru and remained a week last unfortunately he did not come home we were disappointed to have the city without seeing any more of Aunt B. and she must now

mention it to Aunt Sally — poor. She look very well, though she has not been able to walk since her fall, Alston wrote a note to John requesting him to give her a particular account of the vault. Mr Smith says if we see obliged to make any change we had better purchase a lot at Greenwood. he and each of his brother boys ~~and~~ bought a lot there at $100 a piece all together forms quite a large plot of ground. While at Newark John Perkins and Louisa called with the brougham and carriage to take us to see the ground that he and Grandfather has for a burying place, the Cemetery has improved very much since I saw it last, John is preparing to build on his place on the Elizabethtown road, he says it is to be after Mary's plan, very different from anything around that part of the country. Louisa looks quite domestic with her four children around her. She says she feels the loss of Mary very much.

My Pear and a letter from John in Havana yet. they act very strange for want of a friendly. Mother received a letter from Miss Brewster last week she has been quite sick, her sisters spent their 4th of July at Miss Logan's, ours was about so usual, Sylvester brought a young with him from N. Y. a Miss Dean quite pleasant. There is a young lady visiting at this place, last evening she called upon us, she lives in 6th Avenue near 31st Street. She informed us that Mr Stephens daughter (his only child) ran away and was married to Mr Conway the dancing master son he keeps a retail hardware on the corner of Broadway & 20 Street. her parents were almost distracted with disappointment, tho' Mother was taken sick to her bed when the news of it. she was the last person I would have suspected doing such an act. she was very returning in her manners, he took her to his fathers house, Mr Stephens will not allow him admittance within his door, she has not completed her education, was not allowed to keep company with many gentlemen. It is very pleasant in the country. I quite wished to remain not having convenience to remain any longer which was his says. Uncle Benson takes [illegible] occasionally I think the river around this part is beautiful, the boat sprang a leak which has deprived us of many sails, Uncle and Sandford were repairing it yesterday I am making some currant preserves, which will be very agreeable to you on your return. by this time you must have your box of trinkets, and smoking cap, we did not have an opportunity to call upon Mrs Palmer, as the weather was very [illegible] I have been reproached dis-
-ideal cases of Phlox at N. Y. hope it will not prove to any extent. at Concordville it has been quite hot. I will be able to send you a few specimens of flowers from my garden this year, many of my seeds did not grow, owing to the rains. Mother engaged a French teacher at Peterson I think a lesson once a week. I think you will look prime when you put your gown shoes and cap on with all your other household commissions, John Reif's young lady has been making a pair of shoes for him. silver braid on the fine velvet, Hiffler's work with worsted looks best for a gentleman in my opinion, I have commenced a pair for Mathew a very pretty pattern, Aunt Angelina says she thinks John will be married in the fall her name is Martha Mickle, if you should be so fortunate to come and get married there will be quite weddings in the family. We have not seen John's choice

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but according to Aunt Angelina's account of her she must be quite a nice young lady; Richard is trying hard to be a Doctor, he affects quite a refined that is unbecoming in a gentleman, he walks off every morning with books under his arm of course he must be dressed accordingly, a great change in his Fathers views, he used to say he did not believe in keeping one child a gentleman, see Jamie wile be quite distinguished when we have a Minister and Doctor, especially if you come home a rich merchant.

26th William sent a young man to Mr Weedles and Smiths they had not any letters from you for us; Mr S— said that you would send a package by the first of August, there would be one for us in it; we will send our letters. This morning as the Steamer Rhode sails to morrow afternoon. We have seen every one of our friends since we left the City Mr & Mrs Smith are the only ones that has been to see us; Mr Perkins is to come down and leave his daughter to spend a few days with us; Frances came a few Sundays ago, he had Grandfathers likeness taken while he was in the City, brought it to show us when we were at Newark. Both Mother and myself we are alike — Browns we had not the pleasure of seeing yet. Mr Hasselt is much better than ours, his eyes is not so starving, Mr Hasselt said that made him look natural as they are very bright. There has been a great fire and explosion in Philadelphia a great many houses destroyed, the inhabitants have subscribed $100,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

Charlotte Cooper called at our house after we had moved, she appears to be more domestic since Eliza was married, I think she will be left to take care of her Mother.

Mother has written her sheet of paper full and wishes to borrow a piece of cinnamon, the breakfast bell has just rung William leaves in the first car, so we have but a short time before closing this letter; I remain your affectionate Sister — Harriet.

Why dear Cousin — I am about to close our letter I should wish and hope for you to make your health your first consideration your every wish to know what I intend doing this fall I cannot say but will inform you in as soon as I decide I may stay here but Sister thinks it will be too foggy. I would wish to please her as she is really good girl and good girls are not common now a days you know my days are all fair and only you write or cares not little for poor me well I may be some more comfort one of these days not but I have great reason to be thankful indeed compared with some people here that suffering of pain. My friends I cannot a note to Mrs — in person but have not an answer as yet and to Mrs Chickering I must cease to — It is as great a pleasure as it is to me therefore I commend your very dear son to the protection of the Lord who will guide you aright think of us often and believe this from your affectionate Mother & Sister — your Uncle and friends in general sent their remembrances to you — R. Whatley in. R. H. Hasselt

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My Dear Son:

I must again render thanks to the giver of all good for your merciful preservation from fire though your long letter has not come to hand; I feel confident, you would not defer writing at such a crisis knowing my anxiety for your welfare and then when I am told there has been another fire in San Francisco a desponding terror runs through my whole frame, at times I wish you to sell out and pay off least fire may come and sweep away your frail buildings and then what would you do. Your all gone! poor child! hard indeed as you have striven to accumulate it O my! how pained I feel for your situation and humbly hope you will soon become a good and wealthy man as you say you have left off all your bad habits but speculating, that will do in lieu for recreation. I was thankful indeed for a continuance of your health. I hope you view all these many benefits with a greateful heart. The weather with us is very warm and what must it be with you. It gives me great pleasure to see your plan and think how comfortable you was and not obliged to go to the mines

Rec'd Sept. 6th 1850

Mr Clintoff gave us a full description of the hard labour and perhaps death the miners are exposed to. Never go there to dig as my most earnest request. We were pleased to learn from yours Mailed May 31st that you had received some letter from us they must have been acceptable coming from home as I hope the box by the Green Point has been by this time I presume you want to see as much as I did of the one you sent us while you were in Europe no doubt you will be quite as well pleased with its contents. Stoke has been making some currant wine and cherry preserves in case you come home or we may want it as Harriette tells their people that it is for the wedding. I commence to be quite reconciled to my new abode. You know I am fond of the country but I have many affairs to go on are uneasiness. It appears that we may have great difficulty with [illegible] Other [illegible] Mr Deroe in a few days if not I will write Sylvester to call on him I am indeed very sorry I happened to send all of you away I will write to John concerning it but he has only written the letter you sent on from Cal. since I saw him so I do not know if he will take any notice of any thing I write I have wrote [illegible] a long letter otherwise since I was here not an answer [illegible] would [illegible] happily indeed I hear how [illegible] little son and daughter is thriving but me I cannot, I do not wish to blame any one I hope wrong fully but why does he not write in his last he wanted us to come and spend some time with him I wrote him that I would be very happy to do so if I thought it would be agreeable to

New York. July 28th 1850.

My dear Thomas.

I have just received a thousand lines from you and a letter also the date of which I cannot give you as Mother has had it from me to plague me. Mira will course the rule this time. Will you not question. I am glad to hear that you enjoy yourself and are getting along so well. You ought much to take some little excursion from business, for you must certainly need it. This time I think I can will hear of a little more. Who do you think called to see me the other day? One whose visit was quite unexpected. I will tell you. Mr Spiller Rev. Mr. J. M. N. Hazen. He came to inform me that he had received a letter from Mr Thompson and he (Mr T.) wished to know what we had to say. ~~[illegible]~~ I could indeed strange to us as he could not make out what he really wanted. He would not tell us the contents of the letter he received. We did not take his visit as a friendly one. From the various questions he asked. I can assure you that he thinks have been sent by some person who is very

anxious to find out what is passing between you
and S. He also inquired very particularly if we
had received any more Gold, (as he expressed
himself). To sum up the whole. He would most
certainly desire to find out if we had received
anything from you. Mother gave it to him.
Gave it to him. As she deems so far, as to
oblige her to order him out in a polite way.
I do not think that Mr Thompson wrote
to him at all. And if he did it, it strange
that he should not inquire about it through
you. There is most assuredly something wrong
going on in some quarter. And you will oblige
one My dear Thomas by putting a stop to it
if you possibly can. It damages us very
much. Think of this. You have trouble
enough on your mind without my giving
you more. We all enjoy very good health. This
Summer has been so decidedly cool that almost
bears one out. How pleased I am to hear that
received no injury or loss by the late fire. What
can it be that harrasses the City of San
Francisco so. It must be the work of incendiaries.
How many must have suffered by it. It is indeed
heart-rending to think of it. I hope you will
escape it dear Thomas. I cannot send you my
daguerreotype by this steamer. But I shall try
and send it by Adams & Co. Express as soon
as I possibly can. The parts is not quite

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I feel so warm just not that I can hardly contain myself. This is the warmest summer that we have ever had in New York. Now my own dear sweet Thomas do come soon for I am really sick, for the want of seeing you. My love for you grows the more and stronger, and no doubt you feel the same towards me. I must now close my dear by wishing all the good luck in the world and all the happiness you desire.

One more adieu my dear Thomas and do not forget one who loves you tenderly.

N.B. Write as usual.

A. E. Fanny.

Thomas Whaley Esq.
San Francisco.
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San Francisco August 1st 1850.

My Dear Anna.

I have received and read with pleasure your long letter of the 8th June. I have deferred writing till almost the very last moment. Consequently I have time only to pen these few lines sufficient to assure you of a continuance of my love and attachment. To my mother and sister I have written a long letter and if you are on terms of intimacy with them as I trust you are, you will be able to acquire all the information concerning me at Sheffield I had sent you a long epistle. Mr Palmer had not yet arrived. Palmer was cleared the Sinking of this is owing to no unwillingness on my part. By the Steamer of the 15th July I sent you by the care of Hugh Tourtenel Esq of Stockwell a letter containing two ounces of dust. In your intercourse with my sister and mother act perfectly free. Do nothing you may do or say can you compromise me in any way. I place implicit confidence in them and confide any secrets as safe

with them as I hear they would be calculated to
injure. I perceive that my brother feels an interest
in you already and wishes to see you on my ac-
count. The same wish applies with my sisters.
I must now bid you adieu dear Anna

Believe me your sincerely

Jno Hinsley

Newark Aug th 1850

Mr J. Whaley Dear Sir

I had made up my mind not to trouble you with any more letters from me, finding that you put a wrong construction on what I did write, but by the advise of your friends in New York who has shown me all the letters they have received from you, and of course since you charged me in that wonderfull letter you sent me, of going to your consigners and others and doing my utmost to ruin your character I was obligged to go to them to investigate the matter and lay all things fully before them to justify myself in sending you the letter wich caused the circular to be sent here; wich letter I never would have sent to you, if I had had the least idea of your showing it, on your own act, no person here even saw it or knew any thing about it untill you published it, I also gave a correct statement to your mother at the same time, wich she must have misconstrued very much to write to you in such a way as to cause you to send me such a letter as you did; for I know she has heard nothing from any other source for I have investigated the matter closely, and I here positively deny saying any thing unkind about you to any other person except yourself untill I was obligde to do it in Selfdefence and then not one word more than any one of your consigners has said and will say at any time, and wich you now begin to

acknowledge, I think myself that you are entirely to blame with me under all the circumstance, wich you will see when you come to learn the fact that I have been grossly Belied, and beside it looks bad in the estimation of your Best friends to see such letters as you send me, not giving me any information or encouragement as you do the rest, now look at it Thomas you sent y West 45$ more on account of his small Claim leaving but a small balance due him and giving him every satisfaction about the Balance, you do not send me one dollar for goods you sold before you did his, and no apology you are intirely independant as far as I am concerned, and you send the small sum of 75 Dollars to Plantoff & Co on account of 530 Dollars and interest wich you promised over and over to him and me positively to send by the 1st of January Steamer or before and on that promise requested me to become security to them ~~[illegible]~~ now [illegible] 8 months after you send 75 Dollars and no explination no apology, these are facts wich Mr Smith nor Mr West do not look upon any more favourable than I do, I certainly think I have an equal Claim with the rest and all think so that know any thing about it, I received 145 Dollars from Mr Smith wich according to his letter was the proceeds of the large wagon but you did not give me the satisfaction of knowing any thing about it, I should

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him rather severe, compare it with the one
I sent you, that caused you to be so much
offended at me, and see wether you have
resented them both alike according to their
merrit, I have only to add Thomas that
I wish you Well and hope you will
alter your mind respecting me, and conclude to
Deal with me as well as you do with others, yours &c

Henry S Ripp
No 31 Broad St Newark
N J

one of those Borrows Belonged to Richard B
Ripp wich he made by Candle light and needs
the returning for it very much, and you must
set up very late nights to make those Shirts
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Dear Son,

I am filled with apprehension at day preceding the Chinese and George Thomas from San Francisco reaches you today and at last from you was dated May 31st. It is a great comfort to me in receiving the news papers from you containing an account of the fire. I have waited with great patience for a letter from you, then I come to the conclusion I must expect a package. Aug 1st I received your letter with very glad tidings from you that all thus far. I was much relieved to read from the papers that you had again escaped without injury or so I was willing to conclude, as your name was among the sufferers. I do know what I shall do if I do not receive it to any as I told N— to go or send to Smiths and Waddle otherwise. I hope and pray you are still blessed with health. I truly thankful each time I hear that your health and then comes your prosperity. I read in the papers that there has been many deaths at Sacramento City. I was sorry indeed as it must certain cause many hearts. We have been most mercifully preserved from the great dis troyer Cholera in our uncle's vicinity. Thomas, I received yesterday afternoon by your favors June 16th from Mr Smith. It is something queer that it should be so long coming and by Express. Mr paid Smith himself 50c. It is fifty four days since you wrote it as it came to me on the 5 inst. I think you had better write by Mail or private hand. I think possibly Mr Smith may not like to be troubled with letters as he has enough to write just on paper directing it to the care of Morgan Wheaton & Smith with express charges on the outside. As your letter came in a pay day, I have much to be thankful why it should have been thus delayed. I have the papers and a sovereign now you will know how I procure such times. Thomas, we are your

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Son

You was a good

deserved praise

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white letter, read the account in the California

Herald. Oh! I must say, you deserve all you write may consider the

great obstacles you under go. Little troubles some most certain. I

injure business very much, but come what little upset you sometimes.

I prevailed on Mr to call at Gregory & Ford's time to ask what they

Mr Ryan is dead and not to go and as soon as it came they old him the was a package

of gold to come and they do since is for that reason. Had something Mr told them

that he thought that was not the way to do as the letter was much wanted

was in city I would tell them not I believe I told them not to do so again

as he does not understand such affairs. You may well say what signs high times

I am pleased to read that you will not build any more at present in that [illegible] Jamaica city
I humbly hope that you expectations of time in the position of the town you lived in will

Realize. I say late until ye have paid your debts but I am pleased to hear by
of your intention to sell off your buildings and pay all your debts and come out right
side up. How delighted I feel that you are reducing your responsibilities so that you
can soon pay in a twinkling. I hope you have tested your own time as you say that dis-
-uade you to visit I should say every thing would be tested so that have has been
so many fires. I wish you to be extremely careful about the title to the land you purchased
at Princes Point, as the papers say much about your Titles. I hope you have had the mortgage
of your buildings made do consider well what steps you [illegible] next on you will not get there
I am glad that you can turn yourself in case you haven't rent. I have not the least
doubt but you intend honest and always said and told each one the same. Tell
every one feel what I say, to all the people, I love them, they can depend believing these just
lies, but of course, you have experience disappointments with persons calling, your dinner
they will ask how you are doing, my dear is very well. if they say you have not written
I reply, I cannot say what is the cause and I have not in any one but Mr W. Smith and
did not name the circumstance. Your boarders pay well. Your well pays letter Why
cannot you pay are attention to it, as the sale of the whole is so good. I think you good
getting along first rate in the way of payments, I commence to feel as though I should
like you once more, do deny yourself strictly without a murmur if you can only feel
through I will expiation "Well done thou good and faithful" I do hope and trust
my poor boy, he has a hard time of it, but keep up your spirits and well your fame
there the honor that — time more out of debt you will act upon your experience
patience and you will succeed if you pay the attention you have done I will be
very secret about your affairs. — Also, you have sold the great wagon at last. as you
you say he would not have been satisfied had it been for double $175 the cases, he loved
he has the gold to [illegible] the same, his son Richard [illegible] as he yesterday, he did not [illegible]
ask after [illegible]
as little as possible [illegible] part of the money sent by the [illegible] Mr. F. is wishful to have the
remainder on the carts, or part as soon as you can, to be told me personally. Whole he has the
accounts, as little as he thinks of it. Will you write why Mr Clam did not take
his K. goods as K. told your most Angelina he intended he would give Mr Clam ordinarily
receive them. I am surprised that you have any more to do with them after that I have
this once be the last time. Your Aunt informed when I was home in July that
Mr Kipp just full confidence in Mr Hardie for the rest of the year must of his good gone
to bal. I be as little as I did not know to the contrary. Grandfather is more in little
So Mr Frampton has left you you must be careful and be patient as long as your
health is good. That business will [illegible] start off, in hope twice as I respect him very
much give him our kind regards and tell Hope you and he once return in company as then one

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[illegible] Mother are to deliberate and [illegible] not we may be [illegible]
realize my [illegible] hopes. I wrote a note to you a month ago, and having any answer
I am quite at a loss know how you received it [illegible] Had you not have my [illegible]
[illegible] to go a-sailing until I sent my business [illegible] fire may take place dur[illegible]
[illegible] your absence, and then the extra expences as you well know, Thomas, I feel very
anxious for you to get out of debt, but never think of going to the Mines to dig for
[illegible] I could not endure the idea of your being thus exposed. I hope Mr Dexter given up
your office I fear it to again locked 3. I hope Mr [illegible] is progressing at Stands as we
never hear of him now. [illegible] is my fervent wish that you enjoy the climate
[illegible] strongly trust not any more sickness will occur, as that would be sad indeed
[illegible] you are so far we live upon intended you must have received our letters ask
[illegible] gain the knowledge of our place of residence which will forbid Sister Cultivation
[illegible] acquaintance with [illegible] would she is all [illegible]
[illegible] wish to be in [illegible] Thomas, if you do not wish to that effect
[illegible] not blame you for wishing that she was near you as you are so lonesome and
[illegible] since [illegible] long since you saw any of your friends. I may with safety
congratulate you on the receipt of the ring before long [illegible] I hope you will
[illegible] in your service, as [illegible] the likeness of your [illegible] Sister
[illegible] presume Anna Christian is beautiful, and Sister would be much pleased to have
one here if as much as you can make it convenient. I am sorry you did not make
your ardent wish for Sister to become acquainted with Miss [illegible] we left
the City as you wish it so ardently at this time, Sister May take one for a
companion if it will only for your sake, and I have no the least [illegible] that
how can it come to pass, at present if you can [illegible] a place for them as they may
enjoy such dear company very often. [illegible] but [illegible]
feeling very well and I am anxious to have this [illegible] for Mr [illegible] you
[illegible] that time expires [illegible] I think [illegible] in the air [illegible]

[redacted] we were much [illegible] the things you did [illegible]
[illegible] presume [illegible] by the [illegible]
[illegible] the Cape she made for you to drop in any [illegible] not to be [illegible]
[illegible] put it on it but have the [illegible] Thomas, let me inform you I am fearful
I am afraid that we shall have some difficulty with our Bank they are [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible] in the Boat I [illegible] of our [illegible] that [illegible]
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[illegible] 3 in the afternoon Mr [illegible] not come I could [illegible]
is not [illegible] it would fret me when I returned. [illegible] I wrote a note to Mr Dexter desiring
him to give me all the information concerning the fault [illegible] upon
boys [illegible] I much at a loss to know how to act as what was going on if he got the
note he had not answered it [illegible] [illegible] best [illegible]

Dear and ever dear Mother I received your very kind letter of June 16th
that I am in great fear concerning it O my! how bad I feel, I will write you soon as I receive, as I must
eventually hear some thing of it I read in the old papers that the Cholera is at Pittsburgh I very
believe that your brother has not written a word I did not hear at Huntington yesterday Wind
for Elgin I mailed a letter to Marie about the Vaale and your coming Hope as might inter
est him with your kind love in the gainst I hope he will write soon but he may have left
Henry as the papers state many are leaving and but few at work in the Morning I have
been dreaming of some great trouble for some time past that made me suspect that I could
not get your letter as soon as it came. I really do not think there is a person in Cal. who
believes longer letters from their Mother and Sister than you do. The last time I was at Newark your
Aunt Angelina said Mr Tripp thought I advise you not to come home. I said I knew an upright
man and a mean man or he would not have called me as I 2 years ago had I have had a
protector he would not have dared to have done so all without any cause he would not dare
to tell any man such a word, and further more I said he need not trouble himself to
any questions as I could not tell the truth any better now than then; he was that mad
that you shewed his letter I told Angelina you did quite right and that I was glad
you did so in your own protection. I have not spoken to him since I moved from
this house still I wish him to be paid as well as the rest in as much as he favoured
you not but he has tried to say all he could against you but he will be mad that
for its who is he that he wants to lord over all I do not look at him if we meet all
he won't speak I am certain he dare not get his pay if his waggon sale does not please him
why did he permit you to do any more trading for him after you told him so I send a further
person to get his goods out of your possession I would give all up rather I gave after he
he has written and taunted to you as he has tried you hold on to pay all I mean by
another remittance as he must wait a while but I will not try to moderate
the affair any more all I can say is we he has commenced to pay and I was certain he would
and who will say to the contrary we have been here since May 14 I am quite old a lady to say how long
I may remain I do not think Mother would like it all winter for we may leave this fall I have
the affairs in train winter is not
the country
cold in the fall by the you come home perhaps
Could assist us more fine that would be but we will decide upon it on future. I will
you in my last that Whiting said to Sylvester who called at my request that we had a
the case but they talked out of taking it into a higher court as soon as the weather is better
and I will go to Cal. he says he wants some money he has my address and Sylvester also so that
can find me at any time I am certain you will feel bad about the Vaale. Now my dear
child as I am permitted to write you once more do take good care of your health and
think how happy we shall be when we all meet if we are permitted to do so May the Lord
guide and direct is the prayer of your affectionate Mother & Sister Isabel Whiting
Sister sends you a few flowers as Uncle has given her
a portion of ground to cultivate his good pastime she has a music teacher from Patterson as she
needed to improve

Reed Sept 28. 1850

[illegible] Aug. 15th 1850

My Own Dear Anna

[illegible] have in [illegible] quarter of an hour I have not more than time to say a few words and post this in the ship. My will expands for Anna for the shortness of this epistle & have nothing interesting to communicate further than have been struggling amidst my difficulties from which I trust soon to be able to extricate myself. If you were only here I could bear to suffer under any thing but I always find consolation in your presence. I may and may not be able to return home this year, all depends upon the will of a Court. If my friends succeed this arrangement satisfactorily you will see me. I hope to make arrangements for your return to California. I am tired of being alone and long for your society. Tell me in your next letter if I retain your love & leaving to you the choice of a friend who will [illegible] Should have a decided answer May or May. I know you will not ob-

ject though perhaps your mother may object to your coming so far. but I must have a decided answer that I may make arrangements for your coming in the event of my being unable to go home. We have loved long with a separation of nearly two whole years. My sentiments are the same as they have ever been. I believe you are the only being who can make me happy and until I possess you I shall feel miserable. What is the cause with her? Marriage why should it be postponed longer than two years? I shall most certainly return home this year if I can do so conveniently but in the event of my not being able to write you be willing to come to me provided I furnish you with ample means. This is the third time I put the question. What do you say my dear Emma yes or nay? We have already lost so much time you would come but I wish to know positively and have what I depend upon. I await your final answer. And I know it will be but confirm your mother. I would not wish you to act contrary to her wishes though a negative answer would render me unhappy if I should be obliged to it. I am and I would wait even though it should be ten years but it would be wrong for you mother to make them if you are willing to come at any time I send you. The reason

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why I do not candidly the answer you have already given me final is because you not this wishes do not appear to have [illegible] considered. I have not time to say a word more.

Yours affectionately
Geo Wharton

P.S. Address Box No 882 P.O. Remember name to one only at all.

Quackanock Sunday August 26th 1850

Dear brother Thomas

Last evening Sylvester brought us another letter from you given to him by Mr West with an account of the gold you sent him to dispose of, you will no doubt will be glad to hear it has arrived promptly, we wrote word immediately to S— when we received yours through the mail. To day is very stormy I think it is our August storm, if so it will last several days, which will make it appear very gloomy I did intend going to church this morning, we have been very little this summer as the weather has been very warm and the Presbyterian church has been closed for some weeks undergoing some repairs, last Sunday morning we attended worship, afterwards Emily & I rode up home with the miss Ackerman's about two miles, in the afternoon Sylvester and a friend of his made their appearance spent the afternoon and took tea, in the evening [illegible] the young gent took us home in his light wagon we had quite a pleasant time. perhaps you may know the young ladies. Yesterday Sylvester & William went crabbing with some of their associates likewise we had the company of two young ladies Miss [illegible] & [illegible] you are acquainted with them William is not [illegible] to acknowledge they [illegible]. Adele Pishine has been spending a few days with, she plays very good upon the piano appears to be a very nice child; she did not wish to return when Louisa [illegible] her father came for her. [illegible] Thursday Mr P— rode Emily and me to Paterson to view the [illegible] Colts garden [illegible] has a great collection of [illegible], the grapes [illegible] [illegible] might be ripe and very tempting I gathered a few seeds from the garden, which I will keep very careful until next year to plant in my own garden, [illegible] the grounds, the [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] like they did many years ago [illegible] evening [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible] and [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] in the afternoon Mr P— has commenced building the house on the Elizabeth town road, I presume it will have a very beautiful location from his description, it is a pity [illegible] could not have time to enjoy it as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] nursed the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] remembered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Louisa [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the children [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] very much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Louisa and Adele wished to be remembered kindly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a week ago he has not [illegible] [illegible] yet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] going to [illegible] again.

Wednesday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] occasionally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] of Miss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] most of the inhabitants [illegible]

retired for the night. Louisa and grandfather are going but father she brought the daguerreotype Francis had taken of grandfather with them it is much larger than ours but as for it being a better likeness than ours, I would not give it the preference Mother says she is perfectly satisfied with the one she has, and Angelina thought ours much the best We are going to the City about the first of [illegible] then I will have Mother's taken and put in the Casket I have deferred having yours taken thinking you would be home and then I could have it taken from the original, I think now I shall have it taken from the likeness. I presume by this time you have found out the reason why Mr Palmer did not send our letters to you from the Isthmus. I think you will have to compliment me again when you received them, so that one was more lengthy than the one you received from this place. You appear to be very desirous that I should see Anna and what I think of her for a wife for you, I presume things have proceeded so far now it would not make any difference let me think what I will, had she given me an invitation to call on her when I come to the city at the time she answered the note I wrote informing her where to call for the letter you sent it might have produced a tendency that way, I considered her note very formal, but you can draw your own conclusions as Mother sent you a correct copy. I think the one she wrote to Lydia was more polite, as I am [illegible] in my manners perhaps she is likewise, you know best, it may be a great pleasure for you to introduce her for the first time as your [illegible] this fall, which will be here very soon. I thank you for your complimentary remarks respecting my becoming a great florist, the Fuchsia you sent is a beautiful flower. I have been very unfortunate to loose my two birds both of my own raising, the last one grieved me badly as it was all I had I missed it very much for some time, I had the promise of a pair of mocking birds, but I refused them as I had been so unfortunate, I will not have any until we have done moving, I hope that time will come before long, no doubt the breast-pin will be very beautiful besides a great curiosity, for which I will be very much obliged to you Uncle [illegible] is very much obliged to you for your kind remembrance he and all the family wished to be remembered to you in return Uncle wished to know when you were coming, we told him perhaps this fall, but not to remain until you had made your pile, the peaches are very poor this year, I have eaten blackberries every day this summer some of the finest I ever saw, now we have plenty of sweet corn it is very good I expect you do not get any of this. I hope you have received your box and found the preserves [illegible] going round the horn I have just been taking some quince jelly made at the same time yours was it is very good. My [illegible] is growing quite lengthy [illegible] the effort is not very great [illegible] give you any satisfaction I am compensated. Father can not [illegible] I have neglected to write no doubt Mother [illegible] many times, and have [illegible] that is why [illegible] more [illegible] I must [illegible] a close as I smell the [illegible] you [illegible] your affectionate Sister

R. E. Whaley

Angelina Brown has lost her child a boy about a year old named Thomas Pye Brown, she lost a son about the same time last year but she has grown thin & [illegible] the color of her hair is a great disadvantage to her appearance

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Yours in a month Aug 25th 1850

I hope she receives her letter and gold. I would have written to her but for this reason. Dr Harriet wrote concerning your letter in May. I told Mr to say that her Mother wished to know if the gold has delivered safely. He The Fife when she received Mrs note. She did not mention it so, of course I concluded it was not in. Business to ask questions any more, notwithstanding I should be pleased that she has written to you. Your wife now be operated. Do you know the young man her sister has married? I hope Mr Thompson in the enjoyment of your health you did not name him in your last as he in business. He Mr Turner [illegible] with service not [illegible] get one has wife of [illegible] in the Fifth Steamer [illegible] She is of pleasant manner. George lady has sent him [illegible] for [illegible] Recd Oct 7 1850

[illegible] in [illegible] quite a curiosity. I hope Fife [illegible] lines she must so she has a leading [illegible] at this time. I only hope you are feeling [illegible] you say you [illegible] to be [illegible] a day I hope you will not be so [illegible] when you get this safe letter [illegible] I am pleased to hear that the Californians are such a [illegible] people — you did write me a long letter indeed this time [illegible] to pay me a visit and I am fully aware that you cannot do [illegible] I have always told people I would [illegible] that you in trade [illegible] or you should have [illegible] I have not any more to do with the Fife as I call him [illegible] I wish to know why Mr & Mrs did not take [illegible] aunt Angelina told me Mr Fife intended to give him [illegible] he will say you have [illegible] the wrong one but do not [illegible] of what he says you know that you are one honest, for the sake of the trifling sum of a few hundreds for you to disgrace yourself, as I said I knew you never could I wonder if he can believe that he has [illegible] $250 in such a short time no doubt [illegible] the promise of more in a short time I have not spoken to him since you left as he has treated you so unkindly, I still think I wish here to be pleased and not [illegible] others who are even more silent. I hope you have been [illegible] full amount of the [illegible] and [illegible] undergone the same difficulty per a good [illegible] I hope you will get [illegible] expectment [illegible] you [illegible] any one [illegible] so long since that [illegible] I [illegible] away from home comfort [illegible] the best [illegible] a little [illegible] but [illegible] it is to late [illegible]

[illegible] may not so well as happening so with me if [illegible] consent any more
in very small quantities bathe your bowels with brandy and salt in case of pain
and a warm indian meal poltice made with Vinegar put between to cloths mixed to
put on and a flannel on the removal likewise use with camphorated oil
If I am so affraid you may be taken sick do live regular I think the
climate agrees with you — its my first consideration on opening your
letters to gain that you are in health I often look at your likenesses and hope ours
will prove a great comfort to you keeping that they are not defaced by traveling
I will have them taken again if so. I hope all I send will prove interesting
to you to read when you are at leisure write if the preserves are take
was good we ate some quince jelly to day made at the same time it was most
excellent, keep your awhile likewise the cranberry preserves which is good
put the Cake in a earthen jar and wooden it up You would have been
[illegible] if you had only stept up We can soon learn from Lace
now a days which is a great comfort I will call and see Mrs Palmer
when we are in N.Y. write when he will come for N.Y. I presume
he has done well, does Thompson talk of coming for home this fall
I suppose you have a copy of the Memorandum of books you took out from me
I have given mine to Uncle Simeon and he has put the price to each kind
so you can apply it to yours you shall take them all as there will be large
buildings erected, in your City, It will be a great place no doubt not a word
from John or Henry, I feel very vexed with them if they were to write that they
were in any trouble, and I did not pay attention how vexed they would
be, we will wait a while. they may think I side for you and Sister
I do not know that I do. ——— Mr West has sent me all the drafts but
Pappend and Kepp those he will send soon. I have sent him my receipt
for $80-45. — the amount Uncle I receive from him, I sell the gold dish not being
as you expected I hope you will be satisfied with the prices —
to board as we have this summer has been big trouble and especially for me
and not an profitable to Simeon, I must go up the Ohio to morrow
I am happy to read that you are pleased with your sisters letter she has
quite a garden of flowers. I hope we may live in a cottage within a conservatory
as she is fond of them are, can. It is the greatest consolation I have to write
to you and read your letters and in return to your good fortune give my
best wishes to Capt Hardie and tell him I am happy to hear of his safe
arrival. I'll I should be in San Francisco do see him. I must close
and wish you all the success in the world though I am at a great
distance my heart is not estranged and I can be happy
to the wish and prayer of your affectionate sister Rachel Whaley
I wish you the best and the sweetest boon of happiness

Mrs Palmer is the daughter of Mr Lacey the Lace Merchant in the Bowery

Aquackanonk Augt 22 1850

Dear Son.

I have the pleasure to communicate that yours of July the first came safe to hand August 17th owing to some mistake in Mails it gave us great pleasure to read of your health, yesterday the Philidelphia arrived did not bring the Mails but this is hourly expected. I was pleased to read that you had got a store keeping, and hope it is, rented to a good interest long ere this. By your information you will soon be rather from debt. We think you will do well to sell to advantage, as it may burn down and you may lose all, the risk is very great. You write of going to the Mines, I am fearfull the journey will be very fatiguing I hope you will not get sick. Thomas, you speak of improving your lot at Rincon Point, I hope your title is good, I am anxious to hear how you have made with the Barque. I hope it will prove an advantageous investment. So you are compelled to build, to keep possession of your lot. I would say it might bring a low rent, I will not name the affair to any one. I hope Mr Gomez is a gentleman. I must say some one ought to know something about your business, as you say in case of accidents. I am really sorry that any unpleasant circumstances has transpired between you and G. I should say you and he ought to be able to make a permanent agreement, having known each other so long. How can he desire you to take up with such a small compensation, it shews the use of people having a writing, friend or foe, I hope Mr Thompson will act a friendly part towards you, if G. wishes you to lose money for him as he must know what it was worth to you, of course you must be paid or what will you do, if he writes to his father, and you know it you must write likewise, perhaps G. is in great favour with them. I hope it is all settled amicably by this time for name that you have not any letters from us since the 7th ult. we have written many and hope they have come to hand and your cap by Colonel Palmer we thought he had arrived some time since and began to speak of his returning home possibly with you, let me write this

2 poor Mr Palmer obliged to remain on Staten Island for indefinite time but we do
this well Mr Barnet your Annas letter. How long the Green Point is arriving I sent
to Mr Wardles a week since to inquire about her, and Thomas Wardle, but no
news, from either. How surprised, I was, to read of the death of Mr Atwoods
wife niece and nephew at Rio, in your letter. I wrote the melancholy intelligence
to Mrs Chisholm, as I do not think she has heard of it, she will regret
her going with him, though she advocated it, speedingly at the time
From all accounts, Anson or Major, is no great things as, people speak very in
differently of them; but I, presume you know more than I can tell you, as I,
have good reason to think, they are far from being good members of society. I hope
you have improved your claim enough to say so. I have received the draft on
Mr Edward Parsells for his son, Edward W Parsells. I have written to Baily
to ascertain his exact place of abode, as you know B, lives on the corner of 6th
and Bloomingdale road. I hope Mr Parsells will pay it, as I may get Mr.
W Smith, to call or I may go myself as we shall go to N.Y. for some few days in
a week or so. — We have not decided on our place of abode for the winter will
write to you when we do so. perhaps you will come home. I wish you to consider well
before you enter into any new contracts people appear but little to be depend-
ed upon — I heartily wish you had taken your store so that you might
have sent Pork to your consignees, I have reason to think that Smith has the
Gold for Rife but not quite certain I sent expressly to know why my letter of June 10
was not forwarded as it ought to be, they said it was detained on account of some gold
that was to come, then Mr Smith told them Mr W, had directed it to care Mr Rye, why did
any one envelope it again and direct it to care Morgan Walter & Smith for Mr Rye
they said Mr Gregory had done it and they could not answer for him, and offered
to send a letter or parcel on without cost. I was vexed, I wrote to this effect by
Ohio. I have not heard a word how Mr Rife likes his sale perhaps he will
depositor ~~defaulter~~ Mr Edson, to take possession of the remainder portion of the good
I have not the least doubt but you have sent on a remittance by this steam
on mile by the Ohio which is expected in tomorrow how happy I feel
each time your send a pay to your creditors, people says I cannot see what you write about

I reply it would be
Thomas let see letter you
your letters from Mr
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suppose I was all
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be safely delivered to
some part of your
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have laboured so the
that you would
on your account, I
went down, but

I reply it would be a sad affair if I did not answer my dear Thomas let me tell you how the boys have treated me, as soon as I came here and received your letters from Mr Wardle. I wrote to them of my place of residence, with all the news from you likewise I wrote to John with yours and Mr Beccles note and once since then the papers announced that the Cholera was raging at H. J. as you may suppose I was all excitement no letter came, I, then, two weeks ago wrote to Henry, informing him of my uneasiness concerning his brother, and the prevailing Epidemic but a week of information has come to hand, what will you say my feelings have been much wrought upon by such conduct, and from now, if they have received my letter, and if John has not the well known I would feel great solicitude for him! The saying verified "My son is my son untill he gets a wife my daughter my daughter the days of my life". I will have all this as cheerfull as possible, as I hope they will be protected from all harm. I expect John had left the Ferry for the same day. That need not deter him writing Thomas, I have quite a fine peach which I am about to eat, I wish you had it do you get any fruit? I will try to make some thing good, when you visit us untill which time I will expect you to the day by Capt W. J. Thomas I have just recieved by this morning's Mail any of the 13th yours of July 17th in which you inform of having send a package containing gold and letters to the care of Joseph West, entrusted to the care of Mr F. Townsend I feel anxious to know that they are safely delivered, will train down for Sylvester to call on Mr West I am happy that you have sent on some dust I hope you will establish yourself here with your consignors, I hope all will be safely delivered to the different persons, as you direct, or my Child, what will you do some part of your letter gives me great trouble but, in as much as you intend honest and just, I hope you will certainly prosper, sorry indeed am I that you have laboured so hard, and have such a dark prospect. I little anticipated that you would get in any difficulty, you may be certain I feel very unhappy on your account, you might better have sold your buildings as soon as texts went down, but do act with probity and uprightness even if you come out the loser. I shall want to hear from you soon

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4 how you make out but keep up your spirits whatever you do, you may
enter into a better business only do not go to the mines to dig, take an
office or be some ones clerk. you must be led to believe that times must to
last as they commence. you see the change, very soon, I never was satisfied
still I thought you would be one out conqueror, after such a long struggle
but, alas! for human comprehension. As you say, and I have written
you long ere this, your good name but what have you done only
in calculation thousands might and have done worse. little I feel
sad, indeed, and will speak all I can in your justification, a bearer of
hope darts across my mind, that you may keep up, pay of your
liabilities. You speak of friends, Grant that they may aid you, if you
survive or die in it, I never, I only care not — for your health and
peace of mind. Thomas, believe me disappointment like a Man
manifesting courage, and stability, and say, it is all right, you
will recover your injured circumstances, and I hope come home
to see us all, which is our most fervent wish, I hope and pray George
S W— and you will settle amicably, had I been in city I might
have heard something of the concern, but as it is, I have only heard what you have
written. I am quite, at a loss to decide who has entered suits against you
you letter a short time ago informed me that you was past liquidating your debts
and most of them paid. You write that Mr Heads notes, endorsed by Anson
and George, has been paid by you, just as I expected, you would have to do.
I will send to Mr Montgomery concerning the third note, I had a long
talk with Mr M— at the time and wrote you word, what he said, but
you did not write in answer to it] I have not seen Mr Hamilton since I
have been at your Uncles will try to see him first of Sept. you wish to know
what gold you have sent on to me, I will inform you. You sent by Captain
Gold dust to the amount of Thirty Six dolls 16 = including the lump you
gave Sister to make a locket which was fourteen dollars] Chang me with
the remainder, likewise two ten dollar gold pieces you named one for Sister
She say you can charge me with it if you wish the ballance of gold sent
on by Bonney, receive from the hand of Mr W. Smith thirty seven
dollars forty two cents, which I have given you credit for, and will do the
same on Mr Parsells draft, when I receive the cash] like wise the ballance
of gold in Mr Wists care, when it comes to hand from Mr Smith. If
my if it was only one you was indebted to, we might soon compliment
again we rejoice as Sylvester has brought your long and welcome letter of July 15th
informing us of your continued health likewise the safe delivery of your gold and letters
to Mr West I was transported with joy and would be happy to thank Mr Freddie
Townsend personally, for all your business has been attended to punctually how happy
you will feel] I hope Anna will prove her economy and make good use of the money
you send to her, as she cannot require it for pecuniary use surely

Wrangelsted [illegible] Aug 26th 1866.

My dearest Thomas.

Your kind letters, dated 1st & 10th came to hand on the 24th. They were quite cheering, as I had not heard from you for so long a time. I am glad to know that you enjoy good health and that you are getting along well in all your undertakings. The letter you intrusted to Mr Townsend containing gold dust, was safely delivered. My dear Thomas must not think that I mistrust his intentions towards me. For anything that he does, I know it is for my own good. But I would not have you depriving yourself of anything on my account. I appropriate the money not you desired me to. Now dear by the date of my letter that I am in the country already spending a few days. But as I am here now I shall stay a few weeks, and in case your sister sends for me I shall attend to her invitation, provided she does not say it is to please her brother Thomas -

that she does it. I was sorry I acted as I did in that way in the note she sent me concerning the letter and breast-pin. I have grown rather sensitive since then, and she much invite me in a friendly and sisterly way as she will not ~~[illegible]~~ me. You would feel the same if you were placed in my situation. I shall love your sister dearly if she can make up her mind to come forward fairly. It is her place to do it, and not mine. I shall not woo her for your sake alone, for if she is at all like you in disposition, I know we will be the best of friends. I must say that I do not like Pemberton much, for it is so very dreary and cold. The summer season here is almost too cool. In fact we have been so ~~[illegible]~~ that we have been obliged to use a flannel blanket and comforter at night, which is finish it. I caught a very heavy cold, and do nothing but cough from morning till night. But I hope to get over it soon and expect to spend a very pleasant time for about two or three weeks. I happened to be home on the day that your letters were delivered, and I can assure you that I was delighted. Yes, I like

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not love her
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will be the
s. I do wish
very dreary
here it almost
to avoid that
flannel trading
to finish it
I do nothing
nights. When
expect to pass
to two or three
on the day
and I can
Yes I like

[illegible] on the 9th to have heard from one
[illegible] to leave. Such an heavy heart. Would you do
not speak of returning from Wales. I hope
[illegible] to come the place quite odd.
as you said before you started. I wonder
if you are last evening. I see they are I am to
see you. I hastily trouble you. Such stuff
I am confident that you are fine cheerly
under that remove all cares which would
not give any dear friend to have you
by me. Little I am in the country perhaps
then the country would appear as dreary as
cold. Don't need pity dear Thomas for
to wear and cheerily. And a night
passed my dearest. but I pray to God to
spare my life if it is his sacred will to see each
other once (more) and to live forever of our and
keep you free from danger. So good Mr. Thomas
Thomas was pray for me. It seems to me
many years since I have seen you. Time passes
so slowly and yet at my time I endeavor
to be cheerful assume gaiety and wear a cheerful
countenance but it is all forced. All my friends
think I am so very cheerful. I wish I could
close my letter Thomas. It is a lady, hoping

Rec'd Oct. 19 — 1850
Ans'd " 19

Thomas Whaley Esq.
San Francisco.
California.

Hon. Mr Sibb.

Mr Upwo

[illegible]

No 30

[illegible]

And in your daguerreotype immediately do not delay it
on any account. Direct it to the [illegible] Express and [illegible]
[illegible] have been paid [illegible] extend [illegible]
[illegible] to make [illegible]
be glad enough to see [illegible]
a package [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Pacific [illegible]
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them of it in a postscript to this letter. I know you would
be pleased to see Mr. Timby and that [illegible]

[illegible] but two
Company [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] continuance

[illegible]

to in the presence of your ~~mother~~ I wonder what this will

may been? If you had any thing of the kind to [illegible]

I should have thought you might have found an opportunity

to of doing so [illegible] through your mother [illegible]

[illegible] had an opportunity of such [illegible]

unfavorable circumstances [illegible]

amiable and [illegible] that you [illegible]

to [illegible] expressed [illegible] be [illegible]

Every thing great and [illegible] combined in your [illegible]

[illegible] in order to complete the work [illegible]

had begun [illegible] the influence of

[illegible] had [illegible] and

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] be at [illegible]

[illegible] opportunity for proficiency [illegible]

to be afforded you. All I have [illegible]

object I trust you will [illegible]

[illegible] of your [illegible]

[illegible] ornament to society and dis-

[illegible] the lady [illegible]

dear Anna knows what I would have her to be and though

she may never be perfection itself and the nearer she app-

and never [illegible]

mother, but because I really might not always have the time to answer. You speak of the marriage of your cousin Miss Bradenhurst, whom I remember perfectly well, to an Mr Inglis of California and that she intends joining him. I should be much pleased to see your amiable cousin and if you will tell me his christian name, respectively I promise to look them up in case they are unable to find me. It would indeed be a fine idea if you could accompany your cousin and take me by surprise! Tell Mrs Warner I intend going upon a visit myself when I return home and if she is still inclined to celebrate the event with a "Spa" I propose we both go out to Calcutta and keep it up a whole week. You would have no objections I suppose to accompany us? But then she must not plague you any more. I am pleased to hear you enjoy health and that you think I will find you changed for the better. I presume you mean improved. Your qualifications, those you naturally possess, are certainly good enough and as for your being small in stature, I consider of little consequence. Those articles you know always are done up in small packages.

Miss Thompson writes her brother that she sometimes sees Mr. Whaley's little punch girl going to church and that she looks very well. I am glad to hear this, but excuse Mrs D's letter for calling you my little punch girl for she is herself a little girl and says so without the least disrespect to you. I hope you remember me in your prayers for I need to be prayed for I go to church to listen. This is owing to the church to which I have been accustomed to go, being situated upon one of the high hills. Still confess this is indeed a very poor excuse but my other excuse for not going to church. ~~Church~~ that I go sometimes and it generally costs something. The last time I was there I gave five dollars. Though I seldom go to church I believe I pass my Sabbaths tolerably. I close my store and attend to business of no kind whatever. The mornings I pass arranging a few dollars to encend and the afternoons in rambling about town watching the rapid improvements going on from week to week. It is indeed surprising. This city I believe is destined in a few years to surpass New York. Would you like to know something of my general character? Well I will tell you. I have not the least objection

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though I am not strictly a moral man yet I am not given to those vices which lead and tempt so many young men in this d——able place, except the fascination of the gaming tables, but it does induce me to pass any place I was ever in not even excepting Paris. The king gambling and the vices to which men lead are carried to an inconceivable extent. The one who has never seen them can form an idea of the spacious and richly decorated saloons to which the unwary are lured by means of the most delightful music stealing from beneath the spacious porches of some of the most fashionable gambling houses upon the Plaza. Sometimes visit those places, but I go as a looker on in Venice indeed if I wish to see a friend and cannot wait when to find him. I am sure to meet with him there. It is to San Francisco what Venice is to New York. I left New York with the determination of resisting vice of all kind and if possible to return home a better man. So far I have possessed sufficient resolution and I am a thousand times more worthy of you than when you thought you knew me so well but I encounter many of

my faults from you. [illegible] I have made you a full confession of every thing and made you acquainted with my present state. I know you [illegible] in [illegible] doing. [illegible] the day [illegible] having the lock of hair [illegible] left [illegible] placed in a locket. If you have not, get had the same. I wish you to keep it until you [illegible] which [illegible] by the [illegible] having my [illegible] taken and placed in a golden locket in which they [illegible] be [illegible] the [illegible]. I think you [illegible] appropriate [illegible] present the [illegible] [illegible] me. [illegible] you my grateful thanks for the favour and [illegible] you have shown in sending me a pair of slippers. though they are not quite [illegible] handsome [illegible] I prize them none the less [illegible]. I also received by Mr Palmer a smoking cap [illegible] my [illegible]. I have a [illegible] I am now enjoying my [illegible] in unoccupied moments [illegible] my pipe. [illegible] on account of the scarcity of segars and [illegible] to live economically I am compelled to smoke a pipe. I have no idea of giving fifty cents for three segars when I can enjoy a pipe so much cheaper.

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have been more so.
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the daughter would
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desired to see us but I must
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days. You know my mom all I do
report. I asked Sister Mary
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did even put her against the one you
all other qualifications. You me
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you was disappointed
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you have proposed that
than many others and hope
the remainder of his goods
you you know Mr Hope will
unable to say I know he did like you do
I thought you was correct in doing
friends to you and knew you
Thompson and hum our last respects and with
will he return to all his dear

read your Cal. papers with great pleasure. How did
glad to see by the papers that you was on
establish laws of different kinds how does
this house. Horatio promised to call on
we do well. I do not John Wiley is
Thomas I hope you will
I was nathan you should do as
them take the buildings but you
prospects you must look out on you
or if you was to get sick almost
Flintoff thought you and Thompson
I am in hopes to get my letter to
papers sent it in package to Mrs Larr
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believed I did not wish you to
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madness he wants some money to
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of a letter sent to me I told him
and if you had written any thing he
friends and they
did not see it I told him Mr
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has wine
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there I hope you

Sept

1850

September 1st 1850

Dear Anna

[illegible]

[illegible]

San Francisco September 17th 1850

My dear Anna

I was too late to send by express the day before yesterday. The Isthmus however leaves to-day affording me an opportunity to communicate to you that this city was again visited by a destructive fire early this morning. I have almost miraculously escaped another time, the greater portion of the block upon which I am situated having been destroyed. I indeed feel thankful and you will join with me in my fortunate escape. This fire is not so large as many previous to it. There may have been destroyed from 100 to 150 buildings including every description. Exclusive of the fire an island I write dined upon one if possible. My dear Anna I must now bid you farewell hoping the anxiety you will feel for me until you receive this will soon [illegible] I am again safe &c.

Yours affectionately

Thos Mitchell

New York Sept 17th 1858

Dear Sir

My brother Anson requests me to write you relative to a draft he forwarded to you for acceptance, but which has been returned. Anson is at present engineering on the Chic & Rock Island and as he is seldom in town any letters you may have to address to him relative to the above business please address to the care of Thos Bassett St Louis Mo.

I hope friend Whalley that your success in business meets your most sanguine expectations. I have not received any reply to my letter to you ~~while~~ written some few months ago but I supposed you may been too engaged in your business. That you cannot spare time to reply to my friendly communications —

Let me hear from you by return of steamer relative to A. B. & P's offering. We will probably be in town in October. In haste

Yours

J. E. Sutton

Geo Whalley Esq

Recd Oct 14 1850
Ansd " 16th

NEW-YORK
SEP 11
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Thomas Whitney
San Francisco
California

New York Sept 13, 1850

My Dear Friends

I am glad to hear from you again, and feel at a loss to know why you have not received a letter from me, yet I have wrote you two since my return home, I think when I returned home I found things so different from what I anticipated and Father as not left anything like what I expected he owe me There is some difficulty regarding the estate, that it can not be settled up until April next, it has been out of my power to procure any employment whatever with you I am engaged in the Whole Sale grocery business, with a Mr C Mortimer, the firm is Hornby & Mortimer, No 24 Washington St I can assure you I find it hard enough to get money to carry on our business as my partner has no money, I am doing well considering, it seems

a difficult business to build it
up, I am well aware of all the
disadvantages there is in California
with a person having money of
as we are without it we must
the best we can, I am doing a
to hear that you are out of
business, I hope you will be exciting
et with something that you
can make fortune at in a
short time, your friends Alle
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you ~~[illegible]~~ many other heroes that has
en a set the population so burning
le All small people, and I can say
ll for portish, her first concert co
ll also come off on Wednesday it was
some good appear at Castle Garden
verbert over 7000 persons present, the
st are first ticket sold at auction
accon for $225 - sold to Barnum to $5
ency for one person, Barnum made
lic in make a large fortune out of
This for who have half the profits
called with you back for one month at
ccon San Francisco, you make a fortune,
e City. Your further money be deposit
le also papers -

That Remember me to all friends,
[illegible] hope this will find you as it leaves
me in Yours Truly Charles Stanislaus

Rec'd Oct 19. 1880
Ans'd Nov 1. 1880

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Mr Thos. Whaley

San Francisco

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had we been in the City all would have been well. I did not know one word of the affair. No doubt you will find Anna the girl you left here had I have known my interfering was officious I would not have made it, to be unpleasant the road and bear, but she is young could she not ask her Mother the thing a lady of [illegible]

You speak of H. wedding I do not know of any such thing being at hand Mr Huff is a fine young man I think Lizzie thinks much of him If a consumation was at hand I should inform you of it, I do not know of any time. he may be in Cliff Eve long, Chita thinks you may consider him unequal but I think him of good principle time bring forth, he is a person of good education and good manners that is a great recommendation, as, I consider ignorance more detrimental than Not being rich. he is of good family, Tom has been here, as I hope you read what he wrote concerning his letter to me brought on by Mrs Buckelle. You say you would like it to due who cares it may have gone I hope it may. Give my love to your [illegible] and if any happiness fall to your lot, Elowing is my most ardent desire and feel in great expectation that your highest hopes may be realized. Without misfortunes may befall us, yet, yet Elowing pleasure [illegible] Rec. Mar. 1850

[illegible] we are spending the day at Mr Perkins with Louisa Sheets [illegible] 4 fine children Mr P is building on the Elizabeth town road it will be a fine mansion indeed. Adelle sends you a kiss and if you do not accept it she will give it to you when you come. Louisa thank you for the papers you sent, and thinks your likeness looks much like you. I have not heard much about our Vault only that it has not disturb since at present.

I have not heard from Henry in some time. Tom says that he will be home in the summer. I quite want to hear of Rex (little son) he has had a fine growing summer. I have passed my time as pleasantly as possible since you left home as much as we did. I hope Mr Tom will come for my little package or I must send it by express as I want it very much.

in the enjoyment of your Land at San Francisco I hope you will
by this time. you see as I always said sick people has great trouble —
I think Mr Tipp did not give selling his waggon for $175 but I can tell
you he is doing a great business Miss Devereux is to come up
since us when we return to your Uncle. Joins me in love to
you and hopes you will come on this fall and impart all your
knowledge to us I hope I have written all I can think off —
may the blessing of heaven rest down upon you my dear child is
the prayer of your affectionate Mother

R. Haley

Mr Victor Haverette

Thomas it is my intention to send these letters and likewise by Mr Melvill Doe
who was first officer on board the Oregon Steamer that plies between San Francisco
and Panama he leaves in a few days to take the same situation on the
Genesee on one of the steamers plying from San Francisco if he calls on you
give them to him but if he calls any thing pertaining his foreign or else send
them to me I wrote you to be mine to the steamer you have made
yourself known to him as a [illegible] Tyerne is very much travelled
a great deal on the Pacific I gave him a quiz he saw me one Sister at your
Uncles we were at Rockaway the last time he was here promises to call again
so Emily says this is what I do has often thought to say you some information
much wished for as him he gave us an interesting detail when you lived
Your affec Mother R. Haley

and send it by Mr Mitchell. I saw a nephew of your Uncle Simeon, who has returned to CA and was first officer on board the Oregon Steamer that plys between San and Panama; he is to return in a short time to take charge of a mother, he will call on you he saw us at Simeons and is a fine gent. I will send this and my likeness with hers if possible. We thank you and your friends for their congratulations on our accession. Tell your mama being sent has been received. I will call on Mr Wade and Mr Smith. I have seen Mr West and he sent all the information you wish. I hope you will realize something from your R. Point land. What can be the reason that you do not let your hope stone; what a great help it is to you take life. Your mail yesterday only two weeks days the girl from Washington Know then you will feel lonesome indeed when Comer and I are gone I hope I will do well I do not wonder you do not like for the things as you are placed. "I think of the song Bro Tiff" Mr Mitchell in Mineys name has become of Brian Farmer his poor wife I will see them when I am in CA. We hope you have your leg in this. I hope all matters that need application return Anna and Sister will be attended to when you return you know Sister manner I do not think he intended to Q was cool as she attended to your request and she might have asked Sylvia to have taken it to Q. but, we are obliged to trouble them considerable at times that is the season and she is kept very busy, she will place them in the care in future. I send a copy of Q, made least you might think me a rake. no, I will not decide upon the young lady until I see her, but this I will say had she manifested the wish to become acquainted with Sister it would have had a very different effect on H. Sister left Anna to do as she pleased at the same time I do not see the least impropriety in Annas calling for it as it contained Cornelia's pic

Recd Dec 17th 1860

Newark Sept. 16th 1860

Dear Tom.

I received yours of Aug.t the 1st which gave me infinite pleasure You did not mention the young gents name who was with Mr Bruce on your letter. We were glad indeed to hear that you was well and happy. The reason I write from Newark I was called suddenly home as father was taken very ill indeed and was not expected to live with pain in his bowels is in a degree relieved but very feeble I am fearful we may never see him again though you may. I do Mr B will return home in a few days I expect his relations will be happy indeed to see him safely returned, I am glad you receive my letters as they may serve to comfort you as yours do me I am sorry that your fortune has taken wings, as we anxiously wait your return home. Let me tell you the Cholera has prevailed at H. F. John has been in the country but came back since which it has broke out again, and he has been taken ill all Summer with his bowels being weak, I am very fearful that he might take the disease so I sent for him to come home to me as Henry had invited them to his house I think it the very best place there and let Father come home. He writes that he does not like to leave his wife and Child. I am in excitement on his account I shall mail a letter to him to day. I hope for your sake you have found the Suit on which will now do most help up your spirits and do not despair as there is good luck for you yet I think I will go to Mr Fowler as I shall leave here in few days and present your order to him I feel I hope he will pay. I think you must have enjoyed yourself very much on board and we hope now have some of the cake and guessing on hand to taste occasionally. I am truly sorry that you was so disappointed with my answer I thought you would hear it better and do as you have got me taken down

New York Sept 24th 1850

Mr. Geo. Wholey Dr Sir

Yours of July 15th containing draft came to hand safe I have balanced the acct. to date, now act as well as you could with the goods. And I must not complain at being getting half their price as they that have sent me goods have done so well. It has kept me from sending out larger amounts perhaps having had several applications from persons in California to consign goods to them, which I have declined. I am now having completed a fine new store on the side of my old stand 98 Nassau St. I shall then be able to drive a good trade. My store for the last two years has been too small for my business. My fall trade has been good here and a fair prospect ahead for sometime. No doubt you are making money fast. Look out and don't kick

too much but keep things close in case of a reaction, turn all you can into gold and get back to New York with it before your health is injured by the climate. There is no news of importance just now except the great rush to see Jenny Lind who is drawing the greatest houses ever seen before one night receipts was over $30000.00 Furniture will make a great fortune with her. Monsieur Gonot has been with me until a few weeks ago. all my family are quite well and send their respects to you don't fail to write soon. Hoping you are doing well.

Recd Dec 8th 1850

Yours truly

P. T. Barnum

New York Sept 25th 1850.

My dearest Thomas.

Your letter of the 18th August was duly received and gave me a great deal of pleasure to peruse. I am glad to hear that you enjoy good health, but sorry that you are so depressed in spirits. You must try and keep up. Mr Palmer you told my mad just arrived. I am delighted to hear it for I was afraid some accident had happened to him. He will no doubt deliver the slippers which I confided to his care. Should they not fit you, you can make them a present to some of your friends, and I will work you another pair. My Cousin Mrs Warner had just been to see me and told me that her husband had started for California. By the time you received this letter he will no doubt be in San Francisco. I hope you will see him. Tell him his wife wants to come to California very much. With regard to my coming, I must say that I would have no objection to coming. And I positively

say yes that I will come as soon as you send for me, providing you write to Mother and let her know your intentions. I have consulted her. Mother is willing that I should go to you. If you cannot positively come to me. But she wishes first to receive a letter from you stating your intentions. You know how Mothers are. They always like to have everything settled upon the best and surest foundations. As to a companion, (if I should come to you) I do not know of any without it was my brother Peter. He is old enough now to take care of any of us. O. I hope that the time will soon wheel around, when I shall look on your dear face once more and call you my dear dear Thomas. It seems to me as if we had been separated ten years instead of two. And sometimes I think we shall be separated for ever. I hope not, but pray every night that our meeting may soon be at hand. If you only knew the extent of my love for you. You would really think that I suffer, by such a long absence. I am convinced that you love me dearly, so that I am sure we will lead a very happy life together. But the time I fear will never come. It seems so long. But I keep up my spirits as much as I possibly can, always living in hope. I have

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My dear
kindly to

P. S. Addr

you not yet seen your sister nor heard from her
to Mother. No doubt she does not like to introduce
I have herself without you. I do not blame her.
I should for I can assure you it is rather a delicate
ly come time. piece of business. But if your sister
letter should happen to call, do not be at all
ou know afraid on my account. I shall act my part
to have nicely. She shall not have anything to reproach
Lucretia you of. I am sorry your affairs do not
f I should prosper as you would wish them too. But
without do not be discouraged. These are better days
d enough in store for you I am sure. I have now
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ew the for me. Do not fail to write soon.
ould I must now bid you adieu
long My own dear Thomas. Remember me
love me kindly to Mr Thompson.
lead a Yours Most tenderly
time I And Eliza?
long.
much as P.S. Address as usual. 395½ Fourth Street.
ie. I have

Recd Nov 8 1850
Ansd Nov 15 1850
Jno. A. E. Lamay

on his own account he has been building a blacksmith shop. I wrote you that your Aunt Angeline told me he thought it my fault you did not pay him will you inform me why Mr Elam did take his sons remaining in your hands as I can not ascertain, for Grandfather I do you never have sold them for Elam answer. I shall not hear any reason if it is favourable for you. but all pains said I take is that I know you well pay every body save am if you have been so very unfortunate, moreover. I'm pity one thing I know you had been very much illy used and that your best friends in Jos & wards old friends in Ch & and I believed your relations has spoken more a cruel time than any one else not that you fear them, as you did, the performance of a wrong act, and that was my boast I do you suppose my child would compromise himself for a paltry sum, No! he would make a fortune at once, and away with it — Mrs Smith says Mr Crosby has gone into the provision business we have not seen him, I have been pleased to hear some so, I asked Mrs Palmer if she had called upon Anna she said no but she appears to be a nice young lady. I said I had every reason to think she was with a good educational which was a great recommend. I hope you have before now shown you see a young lady was to work for you Sister says. My comfort with the Cap is doubtful cannot conceive why you do not get my letters more correct as I answer of any all of yours I wrote immediately after receiving yours from St. Louis you must have a budget by this time. I am sorry to hear that your Lawsuit gained a verdict against you and glad that I had sent you grounds to appeal upon. Rec'd Dec 17, 1850 I suppose you will make a family question if you have better the suit as you write me it is profane [illegible] I hope I would it first if you can get it decided upon any det you never [illegible] for months you will soon be out of debt, according to your statement, you have paid of nearly all your debts, how happy! I shall be to see you free from all debt, so grand that my prayers for your well doing may be heard so often I am thankful indeed that your health has been granted to you. Yes I believe in hope our fair expectation & taking my counting belle friends gone home & our lives are spare, Thomas only think how happy we shall be all meeting once more. Your last letter gives me great relief. I feel thankful it Plattsburgh Point, must be a poor location. Mr [illegible] of the value believe is Mr Pufferd you write so much of lines in Cy. Yes I did not hear of it. As you say to buy one sure on speculation would be foolishness tell you purchase of Mr Hale at least to you consider your relations you must try to get a shanty on the ground some way I think your project to tell that sent a guide in a jar, your letter pieces interesting to me as I love to hear how you are progressing I am happy & downhearted

I feel my heart I think it is quite foolish to be alone under circumstances, I hope your letters will be more cheerful & very fanciful that you should be so much longing your little Sister says she will be so lonesome if you should be married. Write soon & often & I am ever your affectionate Sister

but why should I be so under circumstances another letter will bring sister or as good of your health. Sister is gone down to [illegible] her lesson she has a good teacher I [illegible] it improves her health has been [illegible] [illegible] the summer weight 155 2 lb up than you did last summer I weigh 153 lb gained 3 lb you will say I am fat look at my likings every one says it is first rate just like me your Aunt [illegible] says I am a hansome elderly lady. [illegible] it to Thompson with our best wishes, you think Mr [illegible] has not made much [illegible] she I would never go home how does he travel around, [illegible] must take money I hope he will do well but I owe my debts I shall keep still on the [illegible]. I have not see any of the family since May or Mrs Thompson, or Mrs [illegible] I will try to see them when I go [illegible] my time. you see our being out of the City is the reason. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] case

It was a [illegible] affair for both families I hope it will be a warning to all who are passionate [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] day Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Your Cousin [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you find [illegible] about you know I cannot tell them [illegible] of your affairs. and if I did they would not take any great interest in it it is every one help myself here [illegible] receives $400 per annum. when we were in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] talking to Sylvester [illegible] [illegible] Broadway a gent came up and said is not this Mrs [illegible] I bowed assent who should be out Charles Harriss I should not have known Sister said she did he look more Masculine and stout I was pleased to see him he [illegible] [illegible] has family [illegible] if she was married she said no he said his wife was at [illegible] [illegible] I have not seen him since his return from Europe. I saw not long since ago that Aaron H Palmer was elected commissioner to China is the [illegible] office. Harriss said he had written to you but not recieved an answer inquired very particular after your health.

I am waiting to hear from John but I expect he is better as the Cholera has intire disappeared. he did not write previous to his going in the country and I was ignorant that the [illegible] prevailed to such a fearful degree I was sorry for John therefore I wrote for him to come to me and I would provide him in all respects and pay his expences home but he did not accept. I would have had the pleasure of seeing him [illegible] [illegible] he says he does not [illegible] wife to work about the house therefore he keeps a black girl of 10 to wait [illegible] his all [illegible] [illegible] if he is willing to stand and work for the money and she will let him quite different to what I use to do for your father. I suppose she can get another in a short time perhaps she can I should hope she would I do not think John will be long lived. I am happy that he has so little family

[illegible] do answer this letter [illegible] or [illegible] my questions as I wish to [illegible] I have not decided to remain here this winter will inform you when I write again as I must go to [illegible] I do not wish to go [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I will inform you in my next

[illegible] good by the Commissioners has [illegible] by Mr Trust and I have all the [illegible] hope. Mr Rogers the wrote you all the particulars by return of mail I could have paid $200 on the 27 St lot if Mr Rogers had paid his drafts but I could not do on that account what splendid houses they are erecting in 25 St opposite the Park brown Stone built esp within a few lots of Madison Avenue I am in hopes my lot will bring $15000 soon Mr Stephens says lots are as good as 20 per cent to be very careful who you send gold by

for each of your notes now as I think cash one, as I think [illegible] people say you have taken for each one more than they have received in goods

Rec'd Dec 17, 1860

Aquackanonk Sept 25th 1860

My Dear Sm.

Though, you are so distant from home your frequent letters tell us we are not forgotten by you, or you by us, We receive your letters in good succession the two last dated Aug 1st & Aug 15 Now to the one of the 16th We rejoiced that Mr Palmer was safe as we had seen his wife a few days previous she was much concerned for his suffering we shall call upon Mr P, again soon Sister hopes you like your smoking cap and read the letter that was in it. Do, write how you and Wardle have settled matters. Sorry am I, that your store is not let but feel thankfull that you enjoy the great blessing health tis my most ardent prayer then I have good hopes of your prosperity. I full well know you have struggled hard and hope you will come off conqueror to continue to pay off in Aug. I saw Mr L Smith, he was very busy I asked him if he was not pleased with your endeavour to pay he replied yes $40 better but the draft of $65 was not paid, as Chappel told Mr Morgan he had received no order to do so, Smith said Mr Morgan had written the particulars to you. — And, Mr Parsells draft you sent I, perfectly disappointed Me, and Sister went up in the stage to 61st St. they keep a little grocery shop Mr P, was out I saw his wife I did not wish to make myself known but told Mrs P that I was desired to tell them, that if Mr P, would call on Mr West 45 Fulton St they would give some information of their son. I, then gave Mr West the draft to ask him to pay its but my fears are very great, they appear to be brisk people] I am very sorry that you lent his son the cash. I have not heard the result from Mr P. Did you know any thing about the people]. So you see you have sent on $85 to little purpose] I wrote to Mr Montgomery about Deeds note as you wished me to do. I am sorry you agree to pay other peoples debts. as not any one will be willing to pay yours. I would let such things be a lesson to you. Yes I feel quite anxious concerning your landlords Suit. I hope and trust it will be in your favour or what will you do. Still I am encouraged to think you will get through these gloomy times. Joe left Newark on the 21st inst. Grandfather was quite smart he was 81 years of age on the 16th inst he hears and sees every thing going on very freely. I do not hear much about Mr Kipp, that he thinks he bought to receive all the cash you owed on Flintoff sales before any other one recieve any. I would like Wardle no doubt. I understand that K, has paid two thirds cash on the goods he sent by the Green Point, and gives one third. I would

Sept. 26, 1850

Mr. C. Thompson
Dear Sir

My friend Mr. Howard visits at the price of Flour & Potts. He San Francisco returns from the Islands in a few days and as I have been intimate with him since his stay here and his opportunities of knowing the ropes & my opportunity to have my funds forwarded, I look upon him in your hands, — I have a few days previous but now write of our intentions, also of the fact that he brought some time operation in Thompson & Co's hands the sum $175 for which you was to give me credit, — It is not necessary to repeat to you the reason that induces me to send you my money —

You have requested me to place the proceeds of Lots on your mosquito netting to my credit, but I am sorry to say that it is not yet sold and it is difficult to anything with it, I do not think it will be sold till the rainy season, but as soon as possible I will account to you for it

I have also requested that you will make up my account and let me know how I stand as I have not received such an account and am ignorant what is due.

Wm P Thompson Esq
care of Stewart Smith Esq
San Francisco
California

New York Septr 26th 1850

Mr Thomas Tilton
San Francisco
Mary Ann Lot

(Your note of value passing
Will reach me on 28th inst, and I am fully intent, I feel
every [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] friendship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]
Mail and claim & receipt, and answering [illegible] & satisfactory. I hope
to receive pay & Remittance for Tellicious goods by your Draft of 1 or
15 Sept. The Mosquito Hornets cannot have been shipped from Panama,
Am Patton will look a-it & [illegible] and answer to have them sold on the
Isthmus, as William advises. Before I leave of the Bay going to the Mines
I have a shipment by Adams' Express, of 1 Trunk, of One Box of Sealed
and one Paper parcel concerning Mosquitoes, Letters (one Two Dollars
and Ruby, enclosed in One of the letters) After leaving of them determina-
tion to leave for the Mines, I wrote to Mr Gallowa & Mason to take charge
of said articles, and advise me of their receipt, if possible, or else
to dispose of them, and remit me the proceeds. I have never received a line
from them, but presume my Son has received my letters concerning said
articles, and have given the necessary directions to you or G. & C. Spear &
Co. I am sorry you would take the trouble to enquire of G. & C. if they have received
them, and if not, cause a writ to issue against them, the freight and
insurance having been paid by me here. If you obtain the articles please
hold the small Paper parcel, or forward it to my Son; the Box of sealed &c
Gowns, for sale of acct saving of cost & charges, if you cannot do
better, and remit me the proceeds in Gold Dust, by Adams & Co's Express

over

Please also enquire at the Post office for any letters that may make their
appearance to your Son Hobbs also Newspapers &c & forward them
more lately. Mrs Galloway Mason may have some if you have not collected on the
The Oysters for ship Rome are found by Dayton and are guaranteed if Spoiled
please send your receipt call for that Officer. Those Eels are fine & will keep
by the Oysters are I hope well and in good order. The Alcohol is made
by Spirit and guaranteed 90 % c. Any further proof and will be
by [illegible] New York [illegible] the Post

Recd Nov 8. 1858

Thomas Pinkey
Care of Geo T Trail Esq
San Francisco
Upper Baltimore Md U.S.

Pottsville

NEW YORK
U.S.
4 CTS

as you have a Posting & I will my Son I leave you to pay postage, and
shall be most happy to
have me only to offer you my services here and
your friend occasion to avail himself of them at any time

Believe me with great regard
Your obliged friend & Servt
Geo T Duffie

Oct
1850

Newyork le 19 Oct. 1856

Ma chère Anna.

Ta dernière datée le 4 Sept. m'est parvenue par le George Law. Je dois avoir reçu une lettre de moi en réponse de ton avant dernière lettre reçue par ~~le Thomas~~ même. Dieu soit loué ma chère enfant que tu sois encore une fois sauvée et que tout va bien. Mais en vérité, pour une jeune femme à une santé si délicate tu vas te vieillir à nourrir des enfants. Amélie est désappointée qu'il ne soit point une fille, mais je la console en lui disant qu'avant longtemps elle aura son souhait. Nous savions avant de recevoir la nouvelle que (wife of Thomas Rokeby of Lon. nous avons vu dans les nouvelles de la Californie, par l'Illinois. J'espère recevoir une lettre de toi par le prochain arrivage. Dis-moi que je voudrais que tu fusses ici! Dis-moi donc: n'as-tu aucun espoir de revenir? Il me tarde de te revoir et la seule chose qui me console, c'est que tu as un si bon mari. Ton pauvre mari a dû avoir beaucoup de peine pendant tes couches. Je croyais que ta servante

devait rester jusqu'après tes couches. Comment
a-t-elle pu te quitter dans un moment pareil?
le cher petit Franky aime beaucoup son petit
frère Thomas? Il n'aurait pas dû venir si tôt
et attendre que son petit frère Franky fut un
peu plus âgé car il n'est qu'un baby lui
même le pauvre petit. Si j'étais près de lui
je le soignerais moi. Mais tout cela ne
sont que des rêves, et la réalité, c'est
l'absence. Oh qu'elle est cruelle pour
une Mère!

Je n'ai pas encore recommencé mes leçons:
excepté Caroline Story qui a commencé la
semaine dernière elle vient chez moi et
me fait que 10 pour trimestre. Mlle B.
a quitté pour le présent, et il ne recommen-
cera qu'après le fêtes. J'espère que j'aurai
quelque chose à faire pour que je me
porte bien et que j'en ai le plus grand
besoin. Adieu ma chère fille embrasse
mon cher petit Franky pour moi et dis-lui
et dis-lui que je l'aime de tout mon cœur
et toi ma chère Anna, soigne toi bien
ainsi que ton petit poupon je t'embrasse
ma chère enfant du fond de mon cœur
Ainsi que ton bon Mari que je remercie
bien des soins qu'il te prodigue
Ta Mère affectionnée V. E. Lawrence.

My dear Sister
are well again
I would rather
as you intend
are all delighted
has. We all
you I had to
Abanawame from
her mind and
indolent to
lessons. I see
ing I had not
practise. B
ty Courtnier
will be very g
in exchange
some scolars
to commence
I hope will
lonesome as
hearing now
will now de
by sending
to Mr Whale
me not pay
me ever you

My dear Sister

I am happy to hear that you are well again and have a nice little son I would rather it had been a little girl as you intended to name it after me but we are all satisfied that it has turned out as it has. We are all well and happy to hear from you I had begun Music but My Teacher Mrs Hamamame formerly Miss Weidner changed her mind and left me being as I think to indolent to take the trubble to take her French lessons. I was getting along very well considering I had not any Piano not being able to practise. But we have found another opportunity Caroline aunt who is a Music teacher who will be very glad of the chance to learn French in exchange but I must wait untill I have some scolars before I can begin as it is useless to commence before I can have a Piano which I hope will be soon. I hope you are not as lonesome as you were before you cannot be having now two children to take care of with now dear sister I must close my letter by sending you all my love Remember me to Mr Whaley and kiss little Tinky for me not forgetting little Thomas. And believe me ever your affectionate (sister) Amelia

Sacramento city Oct 18 1850

Friend Mhaley

I received your letter of the 3rd inst & was rather surprised at its tenor — Before heaping your reproaches on me you should first be certain of my reasons for leaving S. Francisco without seeing you which would have been useless as I was obliged to borrow money to pay my passage home — Your kindness in reminding me of the favors you have conferred on me is duly appreciated & at the same time with all due consideration for the circumstances under which you wrote your letter I would simply ask you, did you ever give me the smallest or most trifling thing without expecting to be paid? & were you not formerly & regularly paid as long as I could by any manner whatsoever raise sufficient to comply with your demands!! & were you not paid for allowing me to make your house my home? I should by no means use this language had you not been determined from me to believe myself an ungrateful wretch So you must forgive me for defending myself — With this please find One hundred dollars for the Shawl last & as your letter states that it amounts to about 100$ I owe you that amount If anything else remains unsettled please mention it & your demands will be duly promptly met — I remain yours

Our friend Cuper will give you this with the shawl or coin as I may find it convenient to send it

T. E. Collins

Hon G. H. Pettus
Rec'd Oct 6. 1850

San Francisco October 1880.

Dear Olivia.

You will receive this by the hand of an intimate friend, a fellow passenger of mine on board the Ship Sultan, Captain E. Dayton Esq. of New York. He will find a hot reception of adventures to the minds interesting during the last two weeks he has been being at my house. Upon a quiet & elegant lighting and I am sorry he had not met with the success in California he anticipated but this is partly attributable to his youth, fortune and inexperience. I received your last mail your letter dated 24th October & two days after I got the note that arrived from you. But how did dear Olivia you do not write oftener. I hear again from you to hand me one thing by every mail which leaves New York & have every month. Certainly you would not receive letters too often, not more frequently than you hear from me. All my letters are received. You have more leisure time and will do many compliments as I have. Why write you not dear Anna be more particular. If you only knew the disappointment I feel upon the arrival of a steamer when there is no letter for me from you. Dear Anna you would be more minded if you my request. Know I would say my one I would repute you provided I were in very poor

to perform. As an instance of this, you intimated you
wished an other daguerreotype and I sent you one
by the return mail. How much easier is it for you
to comply with the request (sake of you). Now on the
letters you have sent me (April 23 forwarded by the P. S. Palmer
I mean the July 3d and July 24th. Four letters only in
the period of three months! I know for one write it was
allowed to write that it is difficult but actual sickness
you must be. I thought this if you would send it early enough
and not require the hard pumpings. I have already
said too much upon this subject let me turn to some-
thing more interesting believing you will be more fortu-
nate in future. I have sent by Mr. S. E. Dayton a
handsome breast pin to my sister which I trained
the best double case pure an acceptable present to
her. My sister handsome as ever. Sam might admire it
more if you are on terms of intimacy with my family
I suppose you are again with them opportunity
to see it. I doubt not by this time you are acquainted
with it. I have taken the steps to bring
it about. I have informed my mother of the improbability
of my returning home very soon owing to the uncertainty of
my affairs and that I have determined upon sending
for you and sister. I have received a definite reply

to my letter of the 15th August as to whether you would come or not; and requested [illegible] make your acquaintance if she had not already done so, without delay. She

wrote that she further [illegible] had been appointed [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] But if you [illegible] a polite note [illegible]

[illegible] that though you write at my earnest [illegible] nothing would afford you greater pleasure than the knowledge which you have

of her thoughts to form so valuable an acquaintance and that
if she will do you the favour to call upon you during
her next visit to the City you will feel yourself high-
ly flattered. Next [illegible] I will write a
further [illegible] you [illegible] you [illegible] and [illegible]
my letter. [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] with my cousin [illegible] a certain [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] Hancock [illegible]
her address and deliver [illegible]
[illegible] as soon as you receive my letter and [illegible]
[illegible] to me by return [illegible]
[illegible] and she informed me that [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] I am unable [illegible]
I have learned from [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] to enjoy [illegible] health and
[illegible] to make [illegible] progress [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
her in [illegible] she has already started for [illegible].
If she has not yet left here unexpectedly and [illegible]
you might surprise me were you to accompany her [illegible]

Aquasco [illegible] 5th 1851
[illegible]

Dear Son.

I am really fearful that you may be [illegible] with my
[illegible] in not writing I think not. If you [illegible] to receive
I received your letter of Aug 1st as of Sept 5th [illegible] one of many particulars
with a request for another [illegible] and wrote long [illegible] also gave
it to Sylvester, [illegible] Lowe, who has been [illegible] on Steamer Oregon
between S. F. and Panama, & he has been unexpectedly detained, to am
Thompson I will write by the Oregon which will be here in a few days
sails on the 11th inst. Thomas Fye goes in her as far as Havana. I as usual
shall turn [illegible] but I, with and with [illegible] Steamer as I have had
such excellent [illegible] in receiving my letters &c, [illegible] a great com
fort to me for [illegible] intelligence, giving the information that you are in
good health, [illegible] hope God grant you. I only am thankful in the
most grateful [illegible] to the Disposer of events. For the many protections
and blessings [illegible] we have been put [illegible] sensible of the tender
mercies [illegible] lands, and may God pro-
tect you, is the [illegible] whether [illegible] a continuance of his good ne
I have just finished [illegible] John who has been considerably excited from Cholera
prevailing at the [illegible] being [illegible] in his mouth, this summer. I have reason to think
that health is again [illegible] and business [illegible] as the Armory was closed
John come to me [illegible] the Bounty Land Bill being passed, as your
Father served in the [illegible] of 1812, his heirs are entitled to a benefit. I presume
that I can obtain it if you have that your father was detached to a military
company and served until the end of the war. This morning papers state all
Officers & soldiers in the war of 1812 or their heirs of such who served in the war of 1812 have Bounty land
Pensions each day, and some day, you require to call at Ft. Wheeler 55 Wall St.
I am quite at a loss to know how to proceed about the matter but I will find out
[illegible] Thursday [illegible] matter in relation to the claimants of
of Bounty land. [illegible] I feel come to you at Sept 1st your health continue
[illegible] thankful I feel it was nothing [illegible] I was thankful for the good news
with respect to surmounting your difficulties. I am indeed happy that Calvin
and brother have safely landed. I hope he commenced our little child that I
have with him at his house. As you have six boarders now in the world
to look for them you are certainly, must be quite enterprising
do write us a letter of your management it will be of service to us

Sister

I think they [illegible] for book. I fear [illegible] that your store do not send a box of good things [illegible] for a few people.

It was thought [illegible] that you [illegible], I hope the chess company with it, do not [illegible] the mines by the [illegible] of your [illegible] — [illegible] has been and is [illegible] you to the mines. [illegible] that he had left you [illegible] I hope he will make his fortune by Fall & Sabale [illegible] when he returns. I trust you will profit by his consignments. — [illegible] anticipate that you would send me a remittance by your consignees this time, [illegible] you write [illegible] you quite cheer us to hear that you [illegible] paying [illegible] this fall, be very careful how you leave your affairs in Cal[illegible]. How does your law suit come on? I was sorry you did not inform me in your of Sept 7th [illegible] that you have been [illegible] in my books.

We understand from Mr. Thompson that Mr. [illegible] will return soon, has he made his fortune, if so succeeds to him. Thomas, after you have [illegible] of all your debts, do you not feel fully satisfied, that you will prosper? I say, I form a false hope now. You write that you have sent us your likeness [illegible] here, if you have changed the one I have will not look like you but, I am [illegible] satisfied with the one I have, it is being such a perfect likeness, I [illegible] the least objection to so [illegible] any one, if it only looks like you, and will [illegible] soon. The Green Points is so clear for [illegible] George [illegible] perhaps he got married [illegible] as I understand [illegible] has been engaged some [illegible] he intend [illegible]

Farewell, Mrs [illegible] [illegible] about to [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] with you, or is he in your employ [illegible] is he in [illegible] you are [illegible] with the [illegible] Tell me how you have settled with them [illegible] I will say what is right in your behalf. — Thomas the weather here is [illegible] [illegible] the sky, [illegible] scenery is looking [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] all nature shall be clothed in the [illegible] garments, I [illegible] do so [illegible] to buy and make a visit in few days. I was [illegible] to write this letter [illegible] your [illegible] Thomas has arrived in two days from Cal[illegible]. How is Dick? Tell Emily I wrote and on [illegible] to Thomas to go to sea, or [illegible] Your dear [illegible] I would [illegible] coming to [illegible] sister says she will not consent to live in the house with other people one more [illegible] it is lonely unpleasant but we shall [illegible] have to winter [illegible] have taken the rooms for a year to store my goods [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] a year [illegible] at least. You can address me at Sylvester's 116 Broadway if you write at any time. I will inform you when I make up my mind what I shall decide upon. I write to tell you we may be midling comfortable if our shanty remain but it will be lonely. Mrs. Montgomery [illegible] [illegible] Thompson [illegible] and the two brothers [illegible] bought a large hotel at Jamaica L. Island. She wants me to come there [illegible]

says her brother will board us for a few weeks for the time. I have a great mind to go and see the accommodations, though I fear it will be too much opposed, I may take a ride there, 12 miles from city. If Sister should take a notion to get married I should wish to be with her, as I have not any more daughters, should that fail I must try a more retired life, pray what do you say to that. I know you will say I am correct in my opinion.

I suppose you intend to get married as soon as you return. I hope all will be happy, as you have made up your mind, to do so and sister should likewise I will be left all alone, poor me, in my dwelling. Well! just let beaux not take leave of myself, which I hope to be able to do a little, my life is spared, at any rate I shall see you all settled in life, a happy which, will be a great comfort to me, as I am provided for I care not encumber any of you, which [illegible] me. Sister is gone with Emily and Sanford Rye [illegible] Pamela, she has cost two pounds, since she has been here. [illegible] sorry to say so, she will soon again it.

To write about Mr [illegible] if Mr Chichester has ever there more than I communicate by mail. I do not as she did not inform me. [illegible] the last day [illegible] heard coming.

How is your [illegible] to go to California [illegible] your is he [illegible] willing Thoma [illegible] to marry [illegible] Sylvester [illegible] he did not select some lady to [illegible] faith [illegible] married. I told him as soon as he saw a girl to suit him he will get was making a great mistake to delay so long that [illegible] was so important. I very fear in his ideas, so I will let him run on.

[illegible] reside with [illegible] that will do for her [illegible] gift, and hope to sit soon, but I have many calls to make greatly dress. [illegible] to call on Mrs Thompson [illegible] Mrs Clark who I have not even heard of her, though I note her [illegible] inviting me to come and see me in every time. I hope you will not feel disappointed, that I have not San Marina I shall certainly do so when you come home and hope to like her very much but have not that [illegible] opposite the least wish to see us it may be she is very pitying in her manner. I will get Sylvester to call on her [illegible] so you [illegible] that may be an opening for him. I am certain you bring a very great regard for him, and if you intend to make him your wife this all proper the boys will be jealous. Should I like her better than their wives I will not make any remarks at this time. I only have to call right and kind treatment. Send back my dear friends I don't the plate if think of it and have an opportunity to do so you will say my letters are numerous

as I put two in my letters and this bound by the Georgia Mail Steamer
Thomas think of us often and it will be in response to us I have not heard from
Whitney will prob. see him when I am in Ga. I wish you was here on that
account — do not forget to write why Mr Clam did not [illegible] the remainder
of the Kips goods as I can not ascertain — As I have written you
this communication lately I now close hoping it will afford you ample
reading time many times Sister sends her love to you and hopes
you will be as good considerate for the sake of your boarders, I say I hope
they will be prompt to pay you. Adieu my Dear Child and may God
all the happiness and comfort your situation can afford and may God bless
you is the fervent prayer of your Affectionate Mother

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Rachel Wheaty

The Steamer sails tomorrow Oct 11th I send this by it the
people here wish to be remembered to you his I wish you to be very
careful of yourself when the rainy se in high flannel on your
and if should [illegible] a pain in your [illegible] then with brandy &
[illegible] in all respects.
of your health
I received your Col. papers dated [illegible] quite full of
business who I can't have thought [illegible] would have progressed
so swiftly like magic. I you can gai comfortable competency
in consequence of going for I shall be [illegible] and act like a man
Thomas I am fearful that Parsels will [illegible] that draft Mr West
said he told him he was not prepared to settle then but would call
again Mr W— said if he did not he would [illegible] a note
I have done the best I could I hope you have received the intelligence
of all the remittances you have sent arriving safe I am highly
glad they came safe to hand. The flowers I sends you at this
time are last Sister garden affords as the frost nipped them all
therefore be depend upon your birth day Dahlias to bloom which it
will about Christmas it grows finely I call it Thomas plant. You
will say I am writing for amusement at most here, I should
be deprived of a great gratification if I could not write and get
a letter once in a while. Grandfather is very feeble I hope you
will see him again. Good bye farewell for this time. Pray
read this Slower over

New York October 11. 1850.

Mr Isaac Ashales
San Francisco

Dear Sir I have the pleasure by this mail, and have since received a letter from my Son George dated San Francisco 27 Sept. He directs me to address all communications for business to Potter & Co to you, and writes me that he has placed all his Business in your hands, and that you will receive & dispose of the various small shipments by me to them; and remit the proceeds in gold dust to me by Adams & Co Express as fast as realized, with a clear Sales & Account Sales. I shall a memorandum of all those shipments, which I suppose will fall into your hands for which please remember as above, if my Sons direct request prior to their disposition of proceeds. I trust before long that my Sons will be able & willing to settle down in Business in California, and to that end I hope they will be successful in obtaining gold digging. My Son George having had rather an unfortunate beginning in California I know you will, your views of the Business will be acceptable, please do the needful with inclosed packages and oblige your

Friend & Servant

Geo S. Puffer

Ros Saunders Feb
Rowe Spree
Adams Express { Diamonds / Gold Scales } True

Isaac Allaton Case Tar. dus mel. de was shipped according to my advice & request, & prior receipt of which you are duly entitled pay Freight & charges, & I remain Yours & Commission paine & wait

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Thomas Whaley Esq
Box No 192 Post Office
San Francisco
Upper California U.S.

Mail Steamer
Georgia

New Orleans October 15th 1864

My Dear Anna,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The other day I had occasion to open a trunk which I suspected contained rats. Sure enough it did. There was a nest of nine as sixpenny looking creatures as ever you saw forsaken by their cruel hearted parents who made good their escape. [illegible] in a bucket of hot water. [illegible] which had been accumulating in my [illegible] he had [illegible] between 30 and 40 [illegible] about [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible] Often [illegible] there is a [illegible] the [illegible] see a man [illegible] up [illegible] either [illegible] [illegible] to one unaccustomed to these things [illegible] you [illegible] all over [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] how anxiously I await the [illegible] to that [illegible] which [illegible] my future happiness or misery. [illegible] content and unhesitatingly [illegible] with mine. I do not anticipate it will be a very hard one [illegible]

I am obliged to add part of an other sheet. I did not think I should have time to write so much. It is not quite so late as I supposed it to be. I wrote you last by the Steamer of the 1st of the month and alluded in your letter to the [illegible] of Mr. Saml. E[illegible] you to deliver particularly. [illegible] that [illegible] will [illegible] mistaken as to your [illegible]. I have not the least doubt but that you will receive [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] expect [illegible] pleasure in [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] from me [illegible] by the [illegible] who leaves [illegible] the [illegible] or [illegible] disappointed in your [illegible] I shall send you a [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] many [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] to have [illegible] certainly [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] that day. Now that [illegible] of [illegible] feelings [illegible] which [illegible] and [illegible] on another [illegible] "Well, [illegible] [illegible] now as I [illegible] them when I [illegible] over my self, but such is my nature, when the fountains of my eyes [illegible] unsealed at the sight of such a [illegible]

thought me of a very [illegible] disposition in the [illegible] of [illegible] which
I had made you were false and doubted a little whether you would
ever see or hear from me again. If you thought so you were mistaken
[illegible] my earliest [illegible] towards
[illegible] by this time
[illegible] affliction [illegible]
[illegible] acknowledge [illegible]
[illegible] feelings [illegible]
[illegible] of the death of my brother [illegible]
[illegible]
I might be [illegible] at the time of receiving [illegible]
[illegible] would be [illegible]
[illegible] I hope [illegible] that I have [illegible]
[illegible] you may depend [illegible]
[illegible] I should [illegible] to be very [illegible] of a [illegible]
you [illegible] will enable you
purchase many little things which a [illegible]
[illegible] at all times [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible]
[illegible] at present [illegible]
to dress neatly [illegible] and purchase all the many little things
so necessary to the genteel appearance and comfort of a young lady and
I hope what I send will enable you to do so. What I write [illegible]
be [illegible] you will keep [illegible] every body to know it they would
think it [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible] which I would not to any one else and I know you will not be offended [illegible] letters than [illegible]

New Haven October 19th 1888.

Dear Linda,

Your dear letter of August 26th had just come to hand when I returned to town. It was a great joy to me immediately by the steamer which leaves today and to be able to the young friend of Clara who asks for hospitality. I am delighted to receive it from time and to learn many details of your travels which owing to the shortness of time to write I shall be deprived of communicating. I am glad to hear that miss of July 15th in which I wrote and that there are eleven at and it has been the means of giving you so much gratification in the reading. Only wish that I was with you ~~[illegible]~~ not so much for the novelties which a change from the cares and labors of business would yield me as the pleasure of your society would give me. God grant that if I am permitted to see Europe again it may not be merely for a moment but that the cup of happiness which will then be yours may be enjoyed during a long and undisturbed life. This is my most fervent prayer. I do desire my blessing and offer up fervent petitions that I may share in your prosperity and contribute to your happiness. Many incidents occur which I wish to write and which I hope I shall be able to do. The pleasure of your being on another side mine. Our meeting I hope will be happy for the love existing between us is pure and it is mine to see and

I look forward to the time with unconceivable pleasure. I write not be then years I adieu you from the time I left home provided the answer to my inquiry concerning your coming to California in the west of the possibility for me to go after you is favorable. Every since leaving 15th October, I have received before great anxiety regarding the future having not written home little thought where I would be and to avoid some things unpleasant by the steamer to my overtime and as I promised to inform you a period when the Panama steamer returns I can with offered to let you know my good fortune. I struggled hard during some thing hard time but I learn nothing in particular but that you feel so. Therefore I have concluded to the determination to leave you the choice itself and allow you to make your own selections. Thus leaving the matter of money to depend it either foolishly or extravagantly but lay it out for what is necessary to make you comfortable and to promote your happiness. I shall wish you to continue laboring upon in music and drawing and hope to find you much improved in these accomplishments when I shall have the pleasure of hearing you again. You will find during our absence excellent affording you an delightful recreation therefore I recommend you to join some classes in drawing you will continue to improve and to show you should wish useful and valuable information. You should read a great deal such works as will promote this object. Use an in your school girls to read every two

you feel sense must dictate to you that the knowledge which you now acquire will prove profitable to you in future life. The improvement of your mental faculties you must encourage an industrious disposition and learn all the domestic duties relating to a social life. I should indeed be disappointed were you not thoroughly acquainted with Good keeping. not that I wish you to perform all its offices yourself but every woman to fill the station for which by nature she is intended, surely, ought to understand these things to be capable of directing others. She may consider this Quire of letters a sermon or what you will but I trust you will heed my remarks and profit by them. What I write is with the best feeling as you must be convinced from the deep interest I take in your welfare which according to the advantage you take of it will cast a greater or less influence over mine. You need feel no hesitation in receiving the trifle I send you from time to time. It is tedious to prove a privation or appear of the least consequence to me. The gratification which it affords you is a sufficient compensation for so small an amount. The views respecting forming an acquaintance with my sister are perfectly correct with the exception as to who I am make the first advances. It is immaterial whether it be you or her but I wished them to come from you first as it would be more easy for me to bring things about if however you have not sent the note I wrote you Copy and you remain of the same opinion I will notwithstanding my dislike, I positively never again to stay a word to you upon the subject but wait until I can introduce you myself. I have no time to write more. My German becomes so affectionately

Your's Wha[illegible]

I must go to see Charley B.

Miss Anna E. Lagnay
8 95 1/2 Fourth St
East of the Bowery
New York

Haven by
C. S. Pelletier Esq.

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Rec'd Dec 9 1851

Mr Thomas Haley
Box No 882 Post Office
San Francisco
Upper California U.S.

New York October 25. 1850

Mr Thomas Tipping
San Francisco
California

Without any of your favors I
reply to. I now write to endorse a few lines for my Son;
and have little else to say except to express my pleasure of hearing from you
and trust by next steamer (1 Oct.) by which I hope also to
receive from you, Sales & Remittances for, Mem. goods on Rose St
also for Gold Scales, & Scrutiny Rings &c Esquires. Approximate the
Gold Scales have come safe to hand in this city, please send me Bills &c
receipts for the same, insured for their delivery, or get the payment the
Doc. of possible & remit on good Date by Adams & Co. Express. Tell the Dam
-ned if you can get a price that will net $10 after deducting freight
since purchase $10.00 and your Commission &c &c. I hope you have
done, or can do better, but do the best you can, as above. Forward
the enclosed letters as expeditiously offer, being of particular importance
as the contents [illegible] for your kindness
to my Son, and hope for the reciprocity of a visit or some way, from
or Later. Believe me with great esteem

Faithfully yours &c
Geo. Paffe

providence who will never abandon those who trust in her and do their duty.

I do not wish to put an obstacle to your happiness on the contrary my heart tells me you are the man God sends my daughter to make her happy; but, I cannot consent to anything that might expose either her reputation or life

Therefore my dear Sir let us again and always trust to providence who will, most undoubtedly afford you means to fulfil the wishes of your heart and as you say, satisfie all partiey. ——

Having opened my heart to you I hope you will understand me and believe me your very affectionate friend

V. E. Lannay.

Thomas Wharey Esqr.
San Francisco,
California

Received at N.Y. Oct. 1 1857

Rec'd Dec 9 1850.

Newyork Oct. 25. 1850.

Mon cher Monsieur.

Although a correspondence with me be not necessary still, permit me to thank you for your Billet which proves that there is no sacrifice but you are ready to make for Anna. I feel like you in that respect I am ready to make any sacrifice that will contribute to her happiness, save that which might expose her to slander. But it is useless to tell you how dear she is to my poor broken heart and what a sacrifice a separation from my beloved child will be! Have I not a right to expect that you will make every endeavour to come and afford me the sweet consolation of standing by her at the Alter and give her myself to the man of her choice especially as the separation might be for ever!

Mariage is so serious an event in life, that being her Mother, and Gardian, I feel the responsibility imposed upon me by that Blind

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~~Ans~~ in part Dec 15-8 ~~Jany~~ 1. 1851

New York Oct 25th 1850.

My dear Thomas.

Your likeness containing two letters for me, and one for Mother, came to hand on the 23d Oct. They should have been delivered a week before. Your letter pleased me very much. It took me some time to read it. I shall prize your likeness very much, when I first looked at it, I did not like it at all, but now it seems to me when I look at it that I am with you. All my friends especially those who have seen you, like the first one better, but I do not, you look so handsome with that little moustache, and so stout, that it quite pleased me. But my dearest boy, did you look so savage when you had it taken? You look as if you were not pleased with me for asking you for it. I do not think you have changed at all, and if you have it is for the better. I shall send you my likeness by the steamer to-morrow with a letter and a bracelet of hair

as you requested. I should have sent it before, but I was in hopes a gentleman of our acquaintance would start soon. But he has deferred starting for two or three months. I suppose you do not know that Mr Warner is in Cala. and it is his brother that I am speaking of. He is waiting for Mr W. to send for his wife and to accompany her. So I suppose if I send my likeness as you directed you will recieve it. It is an excellent likeness and exactly as I now look. I am sorry to hear you are not doing well now. but keep up your spirits, and the time will soon come, when all your prospects will be realized. Why did you give up your store? You seemed to be doing well then. You still keep a bachelors hall. Do you not often feel very lonesome and wish I was with you? I can picture to myself your room and imagine that I am sharing it with you. But I suppose you would rather be alone, than tormented with my presence. Will the time never come My dearest and best when I shall be able to plague you a little, and thank you for all your kindnesses? I hope so. and pray every night that the day may not be far off. Just think, two years you have been away from me. It really breaks my heart to think of it. and perhaps now may prolong your stay for

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two more long years. If so, do not expect to see me, for no doubts I shall be no more. Do not like to harbor such feelings, but I cannot help it. I feel so sad and lonely, nothing to cheer me up, and nobody to console me in my melancholy. Do return soon my dear Thomas. You have by this time received my letter containing my final answer, respecting my coming to California. I would much rather you would return yourself and arrange everything just as it ought to be. Do as I request, for I want everybody. Besides I should be more willing to start with you and should feel more secure from all danger. Will you then do as I request and come home to return? If you really cannot, then I suppose I must join you. I will do this if it is really necessary.

Your Mother and sisters have not been to call on me. Ruth I have heard from often. They came to the City — and were staying some one week from us. But your Mother was determined that I should make the first call as you will see by the invitation which she sent me. In fact I do not call it an invitation at all. It has not that friendly form which is expected in an invitation. You know how bad it made me feel when the servants which your Mother sent with the note handed it to me and also

after you, and it is no matter. I write not to
[illegible] Mother much not
[illegible] me to [illegible]
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[illegible] well. They will only think the more of me.

New York 26 Oct 1850 –

Thomas Whaley Esq
in his absence, J. Greenhood Esq
San Francisco –

Dear Sir,

I beg to trouble you with the enclosed for my Son – From what my friend Mr Puffer has mentioned to me, it seems not improbable that my Son & his two young pupils may be in the Mines for San Francisco early in November, on their way back to this Country – You will know their movements & either forward the enclosed to the Mines, or retain for their arrival, as the case may be – Trusting at your leisure here,

I remain very
Your Obt Servt
J J Eckalar –

Thomas H. Kelly Esq.
300 Front St.
Paid Wells Fargo
Forward in absence to
S. I. Neustadt Esq.
San Francisco
California
Ohio St.

Recd. Dec. 9th, 1858

Recd Dec. 17 1850

Dear Son.

Aquachanonk October 27th 1850

I can scarcely imagine it being almost two years since you bade us adieu at Harpers Ferry. I should infence it took offence you not hope to be so soon, one shall continue to hope so, likewise. That you have been very successful in your business is what is much to rejoice for, and I rejoice yours of the first of Sept in which you inform me that you have received mine of June 2 & Aug 2 to which you write, gave you much pleasure to perusal. I wrote you a long letter detailed by the Pioneer Sept 11th which you may have received, by this time I have had my likeness taken, you will have seen it on steel. Mr Tuttle & I have been waiting for Mr Tow departure thence Simons, seeming as he has not decided on any particular time I will send it by express forwarded as I am really sorry to keep you awaiting so long. No doubt you will be much pleased to get it as people say it was first rate. The acceptance with which I wrote in my letter of the 11th ult I went to C.H. and as you desired it I had a great desire to see your likeness, sent on to the, we had been shopping and were much fatigued so that we concluded to tarry at Miss Dennis for the night. While sitting I suggested the thought of taking an ambrotype, & Mrs & Miss L. to call on us and bring your likeness as you may relish, we felt anxious to see it, so I wrote the following. Mrs & Miss Thomas compliments to Mrs and Miss Lamy. We would be pleased to receive a call from them at Miss Dennis 1 PM this evening in accordance with the request of your son. Mrs Lamy be much pleased to see his likeness, taken and sent for as soon as the weather as possible. She sent a verbal message saying she was engaged as the said she would take tea with us. You may be certain I was not pleased. I then sent the waiter to say I was not well but if she was engaged some other time sent the likeness for us to look upon. She told the girl she had promised to not let it out of the house. I then felt indignant at my own compliance. They must have taken some to their own feelings, for telling me as I was Mother who would be so foolish to look upon me thought I was ambitious and made the change. Every time might be, never can I forget the unkind act of the just-mentioned let the Mother come to me, as mother, you bring my dear likeness was invited us to tea then here, which I would have done with pleasure for your sake, we intended to go yesterday by Thursday but after receiving your note I had sent the least doubt but one of these would call here as you say, we have our enemy, dreadfully that the letter was at our house that we have been at boarding house, but we have done all we can if they did not there be cordiality at the absence of our feeling extremely unpleasant I must say we entitled to that mark of respect for all your kindness shown to me

Dear Son
Mr Barnett

I will well know you are competent to conduct the middle property, for my part I was sorry on your account, not even to write a note in answer to mine, but I must be answer to a rude girls forming, I did not treat them in like manner. I even waited next morning till 10 O'Clock thinking they might come, and in case they did, we left a message, to say we would call on them; if we have not done our part we never will. I wish to know of her complisance and beauty of manner. Thomas I suppose your sister had Mr H, miniature, and he away, and his Mother and Sister was in York, and sent to us in like manner I should say it was my duty as a Mother to see that his Mothers request should be gratified, if Harriett would not go, in as much as I valued his Mothers opinion of my daughter, I write try to take her part, My idea is she does not think as much of you as you imagine, or she would have wished to see your Mother and Sister, I hope you have not lavished your paid away too poor pence, or to make her arrogant — You are the best judge. I would not say a word against the girl, or have I done so, when people have named the circumstance to me, I have always replied, that I believed them to be very gentel people and Anna, a girl of a good education. Though I knew little of them, No wonder she did not answer Harriette note more promptly, do not say I am harsh (I am disappointed) with your refusal in relation of the girl You have my consent to act as you please when you come home.

Thomas Mr Keys has been to pay us a visit last Monday he appears to be quite devoted to your Sister and has interogated me with respect to my objections to him, as a son in law, if I have any I told him I has endeavoured to acquire all the knowledge concerning him I was able with my sure observations and I could not say that I has heard or seen any thing against him and that I should not have any reason to say to the contrary. After a long talk on matters and things, he remarked that Sister was not willing to act without my council, and he thought highly of her for so doing, as I have observed that he is very attentive to his Mother in all his movements, in fact I consider him a fine dispositioned person, and have in fact gave him to understand that I have not any real objections, if it is Harriette wish it may take place in 3 months no particular time appointed. Sister you may come home and do things as a whole as you say, but we will see more of it when you write. I am waiting patiently for a letter from you as my last was Sept^{ber}. A young man a school teacher who boarded with your Uncle when we came here called on Wednesday to say he would leave on Monday for California and if I wished to write to you he would take it with pleasure as he is well acquainted with us though he has left here some

We think him a fine young man perfectly gentleman in all his manners his name is Lorenzo Dow he may be a distant relation of Simeons wife Old Lorenzo Dow was, Sylvesters, Mothers, fathers, Cousin this man is a relation to old L Dow, there is a large tract of land on the bay of Honduras supposed to be the property of the Dows Sylvester thought perhaps this Mr D—who sails on Monday may be going on that misfine, not his Cousin Melmotte D. this timber will give you considerable information of us as we was very pleasant with him and regretted his leaving your Uncle. The weather is cold and cloudy to day as I sit writing we have not decided to move from here at present thinking you may be home. I will write if you do not come what we shall decide upon, I wish we were settled in a house of our own as I have been around quite enough. John writes that he would like me to spend the winter with him, but I believe not as my mind is now]. You will remember I wrote about our vault, tell the ground cannot be any longer kept as a burial spot, the streets being dug through close along side leaving it many feet above the level of the Street all the plot holders agree to give up receiving a certain price for their plot ours is 15 by 12 feet I think, one of the trustees told me they would have a meeting soon and then inform me what they would do, write what you think. I told him I could not act alone would write to you all] John Dean will give up for certain there is not any buried there now, I am very sorry it has happened there will not be any removal of bodies until spring, I will call on or write to Dunham Mefferson he gave the ground, and has a vault in the middle was Mr Ballagh, Dean lies near to each other I would write more but the Sun down, and it must be ready for Wm I was at Mrs Thompsons when in Cg. she was not use, give our respects to her son. Thomas I hope you are well and happy and prospering in business and may the Lord in his mercy guide and protect my child from all harm is the prayer and wish of your affectionate, Mother and Sister.

I will add in after I rest a while as I have written all day Simeon and R H Whealey Mother's family are in good health all wish to be remembered to you Grandfather is middling I have not heard in some weeks but hope he is well I have written you long letters of late, Mr Hiff was at John previous to common he thinks John is not as robust as usual he has had trouble with weak bowels I am in hopes as the weather becomes cool he will be better John is careless of his health

R Whealey Mother's
R H, Whealey Sister

Rect. Dec. 17th 1871

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Dear Sir

Yours

I am quite convinced that by the last Steamer I did not leave to notify you any thing concerning the purchase you said in order to nothing done the last I feel it is not a very good go with the exception of the liquors which are more in use and both Fancy Boxes which are not at all saleable so do not purchase any more

I shall send you Bill of Lading for $16,00 Eighteen Months Sterling correct I think it will be sufficient to procure all the articles required for the present and expect you by all means to remit by Return of Steamer as I cannot make it go alone and owing to the Change of Hands above I think it would be a mortage making business for you to remain

Mr Raymont tell me that nothing can be done at auction as they are completely to purchase for Importers in order to keep their business open

I will send a complete list of articles most wanted by Mr Raymont

Do not send any thing more in the line of Segars as I find if you get them good for one hole [illegible] than one can sell in one year

I have made a memorandum but I
find you have done remember of the arti
cles which I have mentioned but will
do to refer it in [illegible] [illegible] never
though I've want some common Powder
and Shaw Hats and Hats of a better
Quality than those [illegible] have sent
The Eighteen dollars I dollars I have
sent you cannot be made to cover all
your purchases but that matter you
come down by [illegible] you will
have [illegible] [illegible] unpaid
Do not neglect this as we cannot
spend any [illegible] money [illegible] and nothing
than buy on credit [illegible] [illegible] Articles
The goods [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] therefore I cannot tell what she
has [illegible] at present [illegible] Clothing
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] forget my
[illegible] about [illegible] Mother
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Yours in haste

[illegible]

Mrs and Miss Whaley, compliments to Mrs and Miss Lansing and would be happy, to receive a call from them this evening, at Miss Dawsey's 375 Fourth St by the request of my son who expresses one you have his likeness, which you will oblige me by bring with you as I should be pleased to see it. If not convenient this evening to morrow morning

Respectfully R Whaley

San Francisco November 1st 1850.

My dear Anna

This must be extremely short for two reasons. First, I have leave a moment to spare. Second, your fourth Newspaper Aug 26th was received and answered the day the Charles S Pelton left the 19th ult. Entrusted it to his care an enclosure two ounces of dust which I wish you to appropriate in the manner stated. Let me speak of the Cholera. It is raging but not to any alarming extent and I think it is likely to cease though probably it may in the winter when the climate is much warmer. Do not write about my safety. I feel no dread of it at all. I live regularly and temperately but I must take the best of care and use every safe guard. The ceremonies in honor to commemorate the admission of California into the Union came off on the 29th ult in grand style with much good feeling and unanimity of sentiment. Perhaps you have been sent within the last the particulars of which must interest you but there are in the papers more graphic ones than I have leisure to write. I refer you to the "Alta" forwarded by mail which also contains accounts of the illumination grand banquet explosion of the Steamer Sonoran distribution of the hospital fund &c &c. The Cholera is in deed a great plague. It will gratify you to learn that I am a member

of the Mandan Stock Saddle Company which made quite a display and attracted attention more than anything else in the parade. The little girls upon me as I was reading the letter of the Pacific" was named Alice Cleveland. I heard it called by any of the Company members. She could be heard a third in any hand and could remember each of the papers had to vibrate. This in itself is an unsignificant little I can not stop running it. Something else I have to tell in order a strange coincidence. Then I make three. Mr. Shuman Shaley is confined to his carriage upon receiving adding your letter to me but this is little daughter of misgiving. I have a son at the Post Office and the other Shuman Shaley has not. The other day I received a letter from Cleveland Ohio. It was thus "My Dear Estelle Shuman your affectionate wife Mrs J. Shaley". At first I thought you had been disgusted with Hampstead and gone to Cleveland for a change of scene and to have a lark of a joke you had disguised your hand and in an interpolation of future prospect chose to address me "My Dear Nathaniel" and upon examining the contents I found it was for Mr. Shuman Shaley. Engineer Mariner Northwestern. Before the departure of this model yesterday I went aboard to see the individual. He is about 50 and appears to be an excellent man. He thanked me for the letter being the first

he had received from his family since leaving home. I provided for the future to take charge of all his letters as they would probably come through me. He shewed me and will call to see me on his return trip. I am not sorry to have met the man and made his acquaintance. You will laugh at this but I tell you I regret that the letter was not from some affectionate wife. Two of my most intimate friends Theodore N Echolaz and Rev. H Newman both of Brooklyn are returning home and I have given to both of them letters of recommendation knowing you will be pleased to hear more directly from me than I have time to communicate. You will find them both very agreeable. Treat them as you would treat me of a morning and if you even to see me with a cigar a glass of wine and a piece of cake.

Many returns of the compliments of the season to your dear Anna and God grant you his protection. Drink my good health to your mother & Sister & Peter and remember me to those of your friends I know who may favour you with a call. It is 4 o'clock P.M. the hour of the Steamer's sailing I must stop and run.

Yours affectionately

[illegible]

Sacramento Nov 4th 1850

Friend Whaley

Sir.

I left San Francisco on Saturday without seeing you, as time would not permit. I will be detained here for a week or so on business. Please forward me an acct of what is due you from me and I will forward it to you. The Cholera is making rapid ravages at present but I think it is on the decrease.

The weather is fine and cool. Business very dull. Please give my respects to Mr Franklin. Puffer. & Palmer. Please write to me.

Yours &c.

E W Pavalls

Thos J Whaley

Rec'd Mar 2 1860
Ans'd " 9 "
J. E. Ostrander

Paid

Thos W Bailey Esqr
San Francisco
Cal

Dear Bill,

We have neglected to call upon you though you could have found much to see of us very much. The next time you pass by the door of my house I wish you would stop a moment and bring the letter which you promised to write to Cobbing.

Yours &c

Tom.

San Francisco Nov 9th 1850

When I come down I will call & see you — my time is very much occupied I will see you in the Court of the Bank

Nov 10, 1850 R.W.K. to 21.

Be Careful of 2nd sheet

corner is torn off

Recd Dec 28. 1857

Dear Sarah

Yours of Sept 15th I received by Mr Beck & President. as we called on Mrs Palmer who informed us that Mr B, had returned to Cayuga though I had forgotten that he had gone. I will write by Rice if possible I should have called on Mrs B, but it was probable she was home and Mrs B would have as all accounts she is an excellent lady. since her husband returned I rejoice with her in my heart. as she is a pleasant lady. and no doubt felt the loss of such a companion as Mr B appears to be. He promised to call as soon as Mr B returns. I read your letter to Father you may be certain prays you again escaped another conflagration. many be praised for preserving you must — let the spirit of all good, God Amen my heart has been often the seat of anguish on your account of your severe struggle on the day of the 15 of Sept multiplied my feelings as you speak of building. In my heaven forbid you in your undertakings is your mothers prayer. as I perceive you have not forgotten your filial duty you observe in the former part of your letter that you must be brief but then wrote eight pages. I was pleased with such a long letter. I have received all your letters duly forwarded by us I hope you have received all we have written you all information of the receipt of your letters. I did get a letter from Father I gave you letters fully respective we did receive the letter containing the President's persuasion in Cal — You write of our land, it has given me a great uneasiness of mind I can assure you it is not decided upon by the trustees of the Church. I saw one who informed us that they intended to compliment with the pilot holders, and then cancel the deeds, then sell the ground off in building lots for the benefit of the church as the ground was given to the church. me and Father says if purchased as you do among the lots are much higher I think I should not have a land made in get more than a small one as it appears uncertain where any of them will be laid unless it is mostly and there are now already houses. there is a new town about 2 miles from our burying place granted by the Legislature called Cane Green. I have some reason to think that will be the place the trustees may select there more the roads and water falls or as there friends desire there must be moved in the spring as can direct. I shall let land shortness say feet below the street possibly what I allow us for the plot and the expense of building the land will enable us to get a plot in Grandison. Mr A. Smith and his three brothers bought four placing. three parcels in the middle. I suppose each 12 by 15 I think. Thanks to who will see to our dear relations being properly attended to. Mr Smith and John were gone on. While Sec Mr Smith and wife taken the partic- ulars of John's sickness. I write you though it is as common as distant hence if you was only home. Thomas, you may well

only do I have reason to find fault with the crops [illegible] six months if
must be the judge the lips say write the lips then put it there daily to do so but
is yet we have found the country very pleasant. Thomas what will you do other
than what you name if your shed is filled up unless you sell out and commence
again I do not wonder that you do not know what you are about at times. would
be wise to rent your building to a good advantage but I can give you but little
advice as I am totally ignorant in the cause, only do not get so deep in debt that
will always remain from home. as I am really disappointed that you dis-
pense coming home this winter we will feel quite jealous of Mr Sylvester.
How did you settle with the Wardles do write the particulars, I have not inquired
to any one. What price can you be for money to pay your rent with in case I
called on what will you do if you build and unfortunate money to pay your
you may well say the road leading to your journey is long and crooked. However
it I shall feel more than ever as I have been waiting to hear of your being
free debt ~~since I went~~ there all to time and chance hoping you will consider
one ~~you undertake~~ as you deprive either with your experience, if my brother
~~would only infect~~ you how happy I should be but time will bring all things
about ~~to our prosperity~~. I wrote you some that William to Old Sylvester
that our God gained the suit but that he did not know what they intended
to do pay or take it to a higher court as to John on ~~them~~ taking interest in the
affair they do not, I told J. to call on Mr W, and ask him how our case stood he
refused to do so when he was home last January, so what am I to do under such
circumstances. Though with case on his waggon will be not Mr Wise difficulties
I have all the bills safe you made and but I never told W about them as he
said we must wait until this affair was settled he has my address at Sylvester
I will call on W, soon he was very sick at one time for some months is better
I was in hopes you would be home this winter to get the affair under way. What
would return on Money if they come to Jay. I do not think they would pay
sufficiently for to manage. Thomas I suppose you perceive that we are entitled
to some Bounty land I have sent to Mr Simonsingle to inquire he says he will
inform me in time as the bill is not signed by the president as yet
John says in stead his grandfather Mary pension might be obtained
I am to see about Betsy concerning it. How sadly sick we were the one of
three day. I presume we will be able to have legacies. Thomas the young man
who was teacher and boarded with Simeon a while has gone to Cobb
I gave him a letter to you and Sylvester gave him my likeness to take
to you thought I intended to send it by Cyrus his name the teacher is
Lorenzo Lowe I hope you get it safe as he has been gone a month I shall be
pleased to hear that you have received it sorry to keep you waiting so long

Yes Thomas, you say you hope we have made Thomas acquaintance
I am going to say we have made a very generous & [illegible] to do so and
have been repulsed, with that we had any good intention, only by your
earnest and considerable request & I don't so far distant from Mother why
would be willing to comply, for to gratification with any reasonable desire
is all you have required & perfectly forgiven & I don't want to offer in that
we shall be able to know to form it, & we have extremely enjoyed the
so no [illegible] may prevailed upon us to remain the day [illegible] I began to speak
of your [illegible], and felt a great desire to behold it, accordingly I obtained a pen
and wrote on [illegible] to Miss Fanny, and daughter saying, we should
be pleased to see them at [illegible] for the [illegible] that any son had informed
he had sent on his [illegible] it was his particular request that we and his sister
should see it, and we would be pleased if they would have the kindness
to bring it with them, if not convenient this evening to morrow morning
to which I signified my name I did not get [illegible] waiting but soon
considered more proper to write, I concluded should you believe the waiter
returned with a verbal answer, saying she was engaged, and perhaps she
might call in the morning would be happy to see me, I immediately sent
word that I was quite fatigued and wished to see my son's friends, [illegible]
answer that she was gentlemen not to be shown to the house you may
likely I was much disappointed indeed to receive another [illegible] [illegible] surely
it is no purpose, if you call this another and [illegible], I do not to send for
us by a servant bearing the [illegible] to form a reply, as she pleased to my
polite and friendly note, I felt manly treated, and [illegible] to excuse me the
freedom in intruding your friends, our indignation had caused indeed
I would not have thought she would have done such a deed, why not her
Mother being in [illegible] we [illegible] called on her daughter, inasmuch as you
say she knew you, she might have respected your Mother, as we were willing
to respect, here are your accounts, I am certainly sorry that she has evinced
so much arrogance, no doubt she felt you have sent on to the [illegible]
you must be your own judge, how evident your love to Edward [illegible] must
for as to say [illegible] she gave no demands of explanation, I should
say [illegible] was perfectly wrong, was she to do so, and cared little for the young
man's feelings or his Mother's, its past, delicacy! How tenderly she sent
his bride to my house when she thought he I had her gone, [illegible] I do not
condemn you for leaving [illegible] that we and Mother should have
[illegible] returned and brought the answer Miss Elizabeth sadly
and heard what she said, I then explained it in the best manner I could Miss
E was all surprised and said what will Mr Hinsley say when he heard of it

I am fully satisfied that you will feel unpleasant under circumstances but you cannot blame me, I had not the least doubt that she would come on seeing you likewise as you may not assure I would not place myself in her power to a room you wrote for Sister to send for her to spend a few days with her could we for a moment suppose that she would act in such way had she have behaved as we expected from your description me and Sister would have esteemed her highly for your sake what kind a Mother has she that she could not wish her child unless she is averse to you I hope you will not suffer any impositions Sister insists Annas answer to her note was unfriendly and cool but enough of this subject for now I called on Mrs Thompson last week to see Mr Manuel Newson they are quite well hoping that Mr will be on soon to see them remember us to him in returning to his regards and hope he continues well and thank him for his friendly assistance to you on the night of the fire. Mr Tilly was on to see us a few a month ago he was much pleased with our situation and is ~~now thinking~~ of more has a situation as chief operator receives a middling good salary he ~~wishes to remember him~~ kindly to you hoping you would make a large fill ~~very soon~~ as he considers you have brought he and in mind ~~and body~~ I consider him a young man of excellent principals and he improves on on acquaintance I hope you will like him he speaks very respectful of his parents and all his friends he is an old fellow not that I think him any ~~less for that~~ have you joined that Society people say it is a good thing I believe John and Thos has given up going they may continue paying his dues.

I may leave here in a short time as I have not decided where to go but will inform you in my next Mrs you received my letter wherein I acknowledged the different monies I have had from you at different times I feel rather unpleasant when people ask me when you are coming home but I see plainly that it would be impossible for you to leave with property I hope we will meet again in this world my health is quite good at present tis a great blessing to any one I hope you will be careful of your health. I was in hopes you would save a small portion of the quince jelly in case you was sick. Mr Harvel wished Mr West to inform me that he did not think he could attend to our affairs any longer as he was much taken with his business this he told Mr West when he left some many there for us last week he will hold on untill Christmas time I felt quite bad about it I have thought he was rather cool of late but I have not seen him since April untill Oct 4th I will ask him to keep on for another year and then I will do the best I can I do not think he will comply I think he has done as well as any one could do

You will receive this from your affectionate Mother R. Harvey

Rio de Janeiro 1850

Aboard Rio de Janeiro December [illegible] 1850

Dear Brother Thomas

We were happy to hear you were improving in your health when you last wrote. I am pleased to hear my letter afforded you so much gratification to peruse from its being so lengthy with you. I must confess it was the last thing I am not so fond of writing letters as you seem to be. I sometimes wish I was with rather unpleasant to us, it may be as you desire that he may live to be an hundred years old. If you could have seen the hole we have passed you would have seen it was quite pretty. Every place had to call on Sandy to lend a hand.

We have had some very pleasant days this summer and have often wished you were of the party. You can imagine how fast that ship has made home for you and be released from boarding constantly the green hills of California. Hope you will have an opportunity to view the beautiful port before you leave for home as you are confined to live in the smoke and dirt of it. I am very sorry to have it will be so very long before you will have the pleasure of tasting some of my make of wine. I will cork it up tightly and keep it until your return if I am able to do so. Study to send you some more tracts as you can to your friends if you are situated as I was when I purchased those, which as soon as I can I shall do so. If you are pleased with your smoking cap you must not smoke to the injury of your health. If you make bookmarks of those verses you will often think of me when you read. Tom think I thought it be quite a masterpiece of art. Mother had a gentleman instruction yet. Tell Tom you must consider the disadvantage I have labored under being sister so much from the disadvantage. I think as you do with any of the family being distinguished you must try to come home a rich man at once. Hope the time is not as far distant as you appear to think. Mother does not intend to keep house this winter as it is easier for us to board though it is not so pleasant. You will be quite an assistance to your wife as you appear to understand housekeeping so well, you know the sainty reason

has set in with you and the cold season is [illegible] though we have not had any snow, I wish that Autumn was three months longer it was so pleasant. The plant that mother gave me your birthday a year ago looks very good. I think it will bloom very handsome this winter if so I will send you some of its flowers. We sailed at this Church the first time since we have been in the country. Miss Charlotte Cooper was married and would be married in a short time. I hope she will as she has had so many flirtations, Hermitta has one. However, if you do not make haste home all the girls will be married. Sam's best wishes is kindly remembered to you. John says he thinks he can get him a situation in the Custom House at a right job. He is very anxious to go, and waiting very patiently for an answer from John which I hope will come soon, for he has but very little to do at home. William is still in the bank he is growing quite important. We have made up our minds to have our likenesses taken this week by the Daguerreotype, but I suppose something will happen to hinder us, has it in New York we visited the Gallery since your absence they have an other as large as the first task of them holds a large collection of paintings, I would like to take a lesson of the Professor in painting, but as I am not very lucky I will not venture.

We met Mr Gleason in the street he has lost his chin says it was a beautiful one she looks like a bear with his whiskers he gives Danielle Thompson music lessons. Hermione Coleman has returned to Cuba again have heard of her safe arrival. We called on Miss Palmer she is very much pleased with the news of her husband's return says she will not sleep any until he arrives. I told her mear was the time for her to sleep as she would want to be awake when he came. I think his little son has improved very much during his absence. Mrs Cooper has dropped her plantations to please her father he looks quite young, could you do the same you would like her very much. I did intend to have mother bring a letter with us we were in Boston East. I should up since coming home I have decided to wait for you I will have it taken and when I get your letter I will have it taken from the original but there is no use of waiting very longer, but if it is possible that you should grow my handsome picture you will have it taken again for me, if I could have seen the one you sent perhaps I might have [illegible]

[illegible] made Mrs Clark a visit a few days since age of Williams brought. She has her house [illegible] very nice [illegible] quite [illegible] they appeared [illegible] [illegible] all summer most [illegible] she stated has been in the country. We think she has a notion [illegible] step grand-son not quite twenty years old, he was there while we were in each very silly with him. She has been in the country where he was teaching school and said [illegible] the winter you must not name this circumstance to any one, as it may never amount to any thing, she is very partial to give people cause for such talks, Mrs Cl is quite put out about it. Jenny Lind is making quite an excitement in N. Y. more than she is worth. I presume she will go to California one of these days, I have not heard her yet, she is to go to Europe to the worlds fair then return to America, after singing her a hundred nights.

They are digging out the cut next me in Lydia we asked a coloured man what it was for, he said for a sewer, whether it is the case we cannot tell for certain, there has been eight new buildings in 26 street fronting the square that part of the city is improving very much

The country begins to look very dreary I do not think I should like to remain here all winter, the neighbours are quite unsociable as very few families visit Mrs Clarks house, I would not wish to live in the country unless they were more friendly feelings than there is in this place. We have engaged my teacher and commenced singing school I attended a few evenings, I shall not go again as we will not remain much longer did you know Richard Jackson he was some out in Oregon this is the son of the old Dr of this place. Richard Keith is attending college in New York boarding with Thomas Mc Knight. John is not to be married this winter, they have postponed it until Spring on account of William has been in our room all the evening has just left it is now ½ past ten O'clock I must soon close this letter or I shall have it as lengthy as the last one by wishing you health happiness and prosperity your crooked path of getting rich can afford I trust your future communication will be more favorable the next time you write, I should say you would be tired of writing, when you know it is so exposed to fire, have you any insurance on your property?

Excuse this long and complicated letter from your Affection Sister R. H. Whaley

as Sister, has confined in the third page I will write a little more on the fourth page I shall mail this to morrow the 11th of Jan Thomas what was the amount of the bill Mr Smith let you have to go to California with I thought it was $600 am I right or wrong if so he has paid $400 towards his payment you must tell me what Annar says about not treating me so indifferent if I do not see now she can exonerate herself to you I think she is tired of waiting for you the way do much bow as I said I am willing that you shall do as your own pleasure

New York. Nov 10th 1850.

My dearest Thomas,

Yours of the 14th September arrived safely and I received it on the 1st Nov. You cannot imagine how pleased I was to hear from you. Can it be possible that San Francisco has again been visited with another fire? I am very much afraid that San Francisco will never flourish. I am sorry to hear that you are not prospering as well as you wish. But keep up good spirits better days are in store for My dear Thomas I know and he will no doubt be rewarded doublefold one of these days. At least I hope and pray that it may be so. I have not yet received a visit from your Mother or Sister. They are determined that I should make the first step. It is not my place therefore I can never do it, unless accompanied by you. then and only then will I agree to it. So far your Mother has not treated me politely. I do not say so to hurt your feelings no, I would not hurt you in any way for all the world. I love you too much for that. But you know yourself that if your Mother thought me worth calling on she would do so. No Matter I think myself as good as your Sister in every respect. And hope

soon to prove it to you. I am glad to hear that
Mr Palmer has started for New York again. I shall
await a letter from him with the greatest impatience.
I hope you have written me a long one, for I do
so love to read a long letter from you. Tell me
dear Thomas do you really think of returning this
winter? Tell me candidly, for you are keeping me
in such suspense. I would not have you do
anything against your wishes. But I want to see
you so much. It really begins to worry me.
Sometimes I feel as if I never should see you
again. I really and sick and tired of New York
and feel sick and tired of living. I suppose you
have seen Mr Farnes by this time. If not, try and
hunt him out if you can. Mrs Farnes thinks of
joining him soon. By the by. Miss Elise Baderhoude
is in Panama by this time with her husband. She
did not marry the gentleman I mentioned to you. But
she did marry a gentleman by the name of Dr —
Baderhoud. So she is now Mrs Dr Baderhoud. Her name
is very little changed you see. They will settle down
in Panama. I long for the time when you will
come for me or send for me. It would no doubt
be more prudent for you to come. But little if
you cannot, I have already told you that I would
join you. And so I will, if it must be so. Mrs
Farnes thanks you very much for your kind offer
of a treat. and accepts of it. Baby Cato's place
is busted up. and they are raising a subscription
for him and she says no doubt you would be
willing to put your name down. Mrs F. is determined

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Will you try my dear Thomas to find Mr Warner. He will no doubt look for you. And if you do meet, tell him that his wife wishes him to send for her. Now my dear Thomas when you do send for me. Do me the kindness to let me know how ladies ~~cross~~ the Isthmus. My Cousin Eliza had a suit of gentlemans apparel made expressly for the purpose. I can hardly believe that ladies have to resort to such means. But everybody says the same, therefore I am inclined to believe it. Some of my friends try to discourage me about Cala— but it does not take. What you say I rely upon, and where you are, there would I be also.

You send me very good reports concerning Cala— and I take it just as you say. I know that we will soon meet as that I shall try a rise up my spirits.

What makes you think that Amelia is married? Has anybody been reporting it. If so this foundation is very slight. I earnestly pray the she may soon have a beau. But she does not seem to take. That is the reason I cannot tell. Mr Gomez I believe was the only one who thought anything of her. He did not like me much. He told mother I was too proud. But this reason he said so was because I would not wait on him.

Poor Cornelia she says that ~~I~~ they will never be married until I am out of the way. I hope it will be soon.

I suppose you have heard that the great dog-

Miss has arrived in New York. Miss Jenny Lind is her name and I can assure you that the greatest quiet and excitement. Every body almost has heard her sing excepting myself. I do come home in May to see Mr. Phelps. He says that I shall hear her. You know that I love music dearly but I cannot sit down with singing. It will not make any difference to your enjoyment. If you take me you must take the best of it. and I shall no doubt enjoy all your troubles, and all you have gone through on my account.

I send this letter together with my likeness. Mrs. Phelps says it is an excellent one. It really could not be better. It is considered so by all who have seen it. I hope it will please you and that you will favor it with a kiss now and then. I am pleased with Jane and never think of looking at it without pressing it against my heart and I shall not say how often I kiss it.

I am sorry I am that the dollars do not please your. I am afraid I shall never be able to please you. No matter. I don't want more for comfort than anything else. I thought that comfort was more essential in California than anything else. But it seems not. I hope Cal. will not be like everything for pride.

I will not say any more. Write soon. I speak out my mind. And do not mean

Newyork Nov 11. 1850

Mr Thomas Bailey
San Francisco

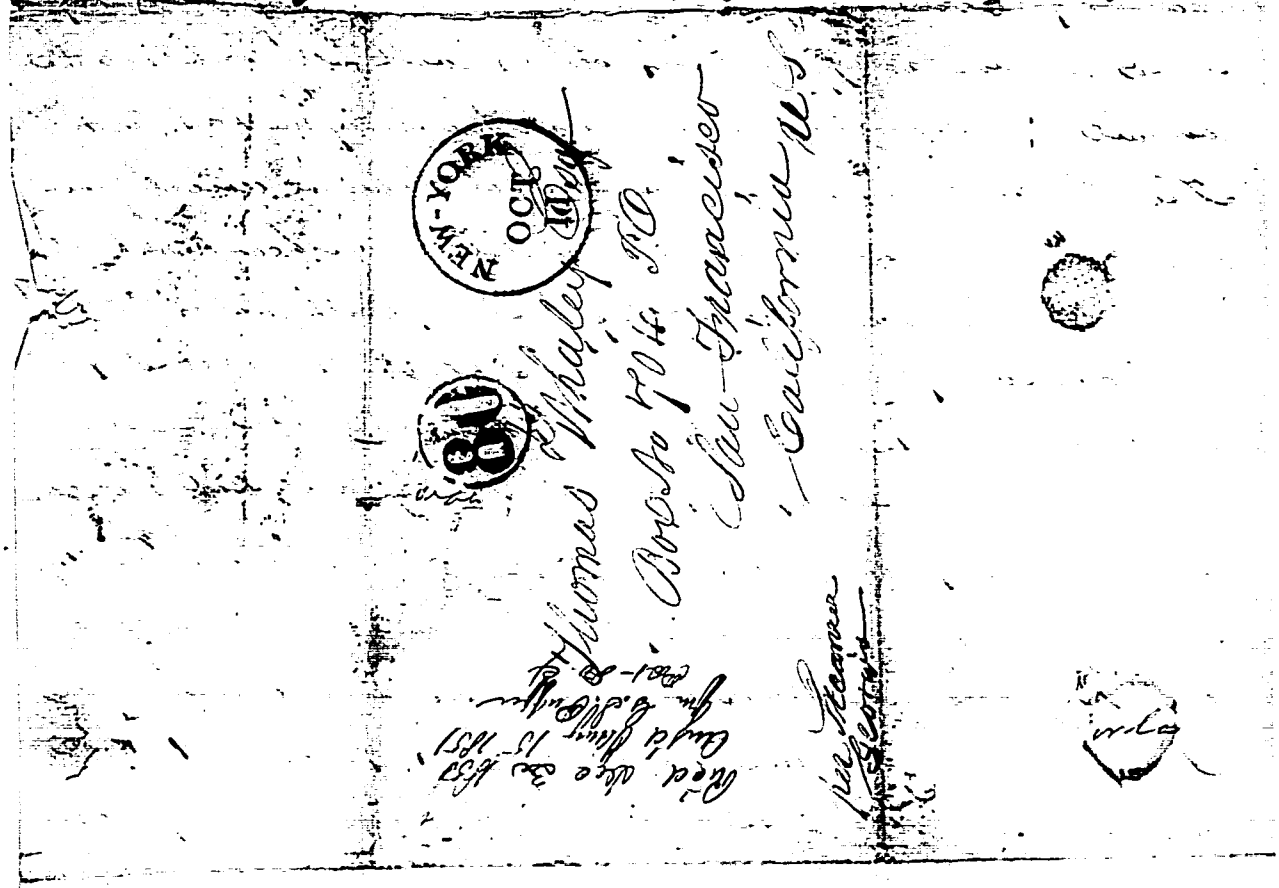
My Dear Sir

Your valued favor of 1st ult. Inclosed 1st inst. and contents particularly noted, by same Mail I received several letters from my Son last date Middle Fork 21 Sept. all well but doing a very moderate Business, I begin to fear that the winning will not amount to much, and shall advise them to change their Business or come Home at once. I feel much obliged by your kind attention to their affairs and as far as I am concerned approve of all you have done. I hope by the time this reaches you to hear of the arrival of the ship Rome and have your Remittance for sale of Drugs per Rose Standish also for Deacons & Gold Scales, which I trust you have been enabled to sell so as to realize cost as per Invoice at least. With Drugs an immediate Remittance for all articles as fast as sales are completed is Gold Dust by Adams Express. If my Son or either of them should be with you while you have funds to have it you can pay over to them if they require or wish you to do so, or if you should not have funds of mine in your hands, and they should need money to pay their expenses or return home, your aid in obtaining it, will be thankfully remembered, and Drafts at sight on me will be promptly

hand. I presume there are many persons in your City who know me well enough to cash Drafts of my Son, for what they may require, they may draw on Wadsh Son & Co. If it suits better, as I am one of that firm. The foregoing is merely precautionary, as I am in hopes they will be at least able to meet their expenses with what means they had originally & what they may acquire at the mines. I write more strengthened in this opinion by the fact of Pelican having remitted me $400 by Mail of 1 Sept. last, he he invested for him here. George has previously since I came all his and sole with Remittance, leaving him now in Debt to his several friends who stuck to him less than $1000. to meet which he sent me Geo I Wardle & Co note $1050 payable at I believe to be of no present value, but may come round in time, as many rich his friends, for all will pale if we with him to lose the whole of his account conveniently lay up, but let I will take care of that. I would say no more but would prefer his doing yet himself as I have no doubt he will prove wisdom as I have full faith in him and believe his principle is not to be shaken, and that the disagreeable matter of last year will serve to make a great deal of him, and that his experience will be dearly bought if he comes out of this his first adventure with safety and Honor. I hope he and Pelican will avoid Mr Fitzworth as I should think to be seen in his company would be a [illegible] what the [illegible] that I [illegible] my Son, [illegible] but wh[illegible] self of [illegible] [illegible] friends [illegible] you will [illegible] The Ph[illegible] exept [illegible] The Ph[illegible] [illegible] sales f[illegible] [illegible] be prid[illegible] by Jo[illegible] Du[illegible] I a[illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] really h[illegible] of. Fri[illegible] if you [illegible] [illegible]

be a serious injury to their credit and character. I know not
what the person can have to do in St. Francisco. I wish it
that I shall have much or any business in California unless
my Sons should remain there as my agents, otherwise in their
but what ever I may do, I shall in their absence avail my
self of your kind offer of services, and pecuniary you are per-
manently placed in St. Francisco, I shall recommend my
friends to you as opportunity offers with full confidence that
you will do them justice as I am assured by my Sons. as to
The Pheasants Pheasants you spoke of I cannot direct you
exactly but you have better luck or write you shall hear from Nelly
The Coal Tar you were acting purchase, with orders
accused by me, and I shall be pleased to receive of
sales for all my shipments if they leave me valuable, and
do not advise holding any article for profit unless clear
be better, safely to be sold or another short time. I am obliged
by your attention in forwarding the duplicate receipts for Gold
Dust. Sept. I shall further as before mentioned, receive orders
I do feel a little anxious on my Sons account as well as my
own in regard to the issue of the fire as was much pleased
to be advised of your continued safety from that disaster &
really hope your good fortune will not cease you in the course
of Fire in your instalments Cots. Christmas sell the Diamonds
if you can trade for them in lieu deducting your Commissions
Lagerman per Nelly 9104 Cutter Pachuca, Rice Rice Sailter
instructed

Mr Peck intends returning next month and by him I shall send a package of letters & papers which I mean will license with the State of California, and I mean a receipt from him. I enclose you a passage printing &c. and believing I have now said all that is necessary at this time, conclude with the assurance of my best regards and remain respectly yours — Geo. T. Puffer



I do not care if you order anything if you can get a price that will make me to sell the remainder of course of apples, especially the shipt per Rome

New York. November 13. 1850.

Mr. Thomas Whaley:

Dear Sir:

By Mr. T. Meeker of the firm of N. Gray & Co. San Francisco, who leaves this day by the Empire City for your place, we propose to forward this present letter — in answer to yours of Sept. 30th — which reached us a few days since —

In the enumeration of remittances made by you to us on account of Sales your place draught on L. B. Chappell for $375.00 — which draught was returned to you dishonored — Mr. Chappell refusing to accept or pay the same — We are surprised that you do not acknowledge the return — We received afterwards from you the second of the Exchange which we hence return as valueless and we trust that in your next remittance you will be careful to send us Exchange on well known responsible parties — In regard to our claim against you for Sales we consider that you have not dealt fairly by us in withholding as you have done for so long a time the avails thereof — The excuses that you pleaded originally for delay it seems to us will no longer avail and we now request you to remit us for our balance with the usual interest added to the amount — We shall expect to hear from you by the Mail following your receipt of this letter — and shall moreover expect the balance including interest, to which we are fairly entitled — We have been sorry for your delinquency — almost as much on your account as our own — as we are confident that had you remitted us promptly as you were

hand to do we should have felt encouraged as we were very strongly inclined to have made your frequent shipments on our own account and to have recommended you to our friends who were shipping to California — but with our first invoice sales and unsettled for we could not venture to send any more to you nor could we do what we would have gladly done, recommend you as a consignee to other parties — We hope that your future conduct will inspire us with renewed confidence in you — sufficiently to warrant us in making your new consignments for sales on our account — The remittances you have made us have been already acknowledged by us and we need make no further reference to them — When we speak of interest we do not mean New York but California rates — the propriety of requiring which you will make fail to see —

We remain Yours respectfully

Morgan Walker & Smith.

Rec'd Jan 10. 1851
Ans'd Jan 15 1851
Jos. M. Wilson

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Mr. Thomas Whaley
San Francisco
California

395½ South St N.Y. Nov 15. 1850.

Miss Rachel H. Whaley.

Dear Madam.

Though I am indeed to write at the earnest solicitation of your affectionate brother, yet I must inform you nothing would afford me greater pleasure, from the knowledge I possess of your many virtues than the consummation of his most ardent wishes — the reciprocity of feeling and sentiment which he is so desirous should mutually exist between us. To his request I would readily and willingly consent should it meet with your cordial approval. I shall feel myself highly flattered were you to favor me with a call upon your next visit to the city, or state when an interview may be

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Mr. | sends Emma a note to copy to sey & Harriet letter they may meet

had, to which I shall be most happy to respond. Trusting this will meet with your approbation I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your most humble & obedient Servant

Anna E. Ramsay.

Miss R. H. Whaley.
Aquackanonck.
N. J.

The above you will enclose or rather a copy in your own hand, in an envelope addressed thus.

Miss R. H. Whaley.
Care of W. M. Pye Esq
Mills Broadway
New York.

San Francisco. Oct 15th 1850

My dear Clara

The weather and unfavorable north winds endangered your letter of the 20th September in reaching me until the 15th August unless you should be very close & must have at last obtained an answer both prior and decisive, and that it is satisfactory to me you will have every reason to believe from my motive. For, I feel entitled. This is what I ardently desired and most feared to obtain. We then write the letter of the matter amongst. Since receiving your last letter and pondering over it myself, clearly and how much happiness fate or perhaps might have been conferred upon my mind, thinking no longer on uncertainty respecting our communication you are willing. I have written to Sam and Mamma to go to you. To my you have given your answer "Yes" Yes Yes Yes! What more can I ask? What more can bring of you the great boon of a refusal? For my sake you are ready to leave your family, leave your friends, leave the land of your birth and expose yourself to the fatigue of the Sea and perhaps to a new country! So you may never have cause to regret the step which you have decided to take. In my opinion you never can. I am more satisfied than I can express or quite dream of from the letter which I received from

to entertain. You will be surprised to find a city almost as enlightened and as refined as and society equally refined. This is quite a different place from what it was eighteen months or a year ago. It will not be advisable at least you should be disappointed from my disciplines. You will decide to know when and upon what proceed to join me. Under the circumstances I am not a day longer than the present time sufficient to have your orders. I should prepare a suitable place for your reception and until I can do this I shall with them be of as little service to you. Perhaps accordingly you will not be left another hour in San Francisco. I am in an anxious state of mind. My duties are so that I cannot be spared a moment or a breathing. This will be guaranteed very good pay as the service must soon be as active as it was some months ago. I am a bachelor with as little expense as any man at Rio can possibly be but this would be rather too far from the business portion of the city. I would wish my individual receipts. During the past month I have met with some little success having paid off debts to the amount of $1500.00. I now owe an equivalent in California and a little more in New York. All of which I hope to liquidate at a very short time. In speculating I have just into have paid very heavily owing to the illness of my associate Mr Stream & Co.

ing the past three weeks but now that [illegible] has recovered [illegible]
things will go on more cheerfully. My business affairs [illegible]
[illegible] very little therefore [illegible] a [illegible] to get to the [illegible]
ject from which I have concluded [illegible]
less than six months [illegible]
[illegible] will receive the [illegible]
[illegible] favor [illegible]
[illegible] to the States [illegible] that the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the law [illegible]
[illegible] that as soon as it lies in my power to effect
this object I shall do it [illegible]
[illegible] your mother had already
[illegible] enclosed you a note for [illegible]
[illegible] complied with [illegible]
[illegible] letter to you dated [illegible]
[illegible] to what way [illegible]
[illegible] appear to be [illegible] for a
you if any [illegible]
[illegible] voyage and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] until [illegible] have no objection
[illegible] will be able to defray [illegible] otherwise
[illegible] consideration of this subject [illegible]
[illegible] will have the [illegible] when the time arrives for your [illegible]
[illegible] trouble when [illegible]
[illegible] will have done [illegible] have a friend [illegible]
I shall feel willing to [illegible] your [illegible] the things [illegible]

Your letter affords me pleasure to be in one particular and that is in relation to your coming to California. Your mind is so intent upon the subject you speak of it almost exclusively to the exception of everything else. You appear to have forgotten your late visit to Henry Mack and whether you were pleased with him. Did you not like me when you returned to the city and on the occasion of your connection with a widower in the country during the month of August and September. I detailed accounts of have included me. You once told me you had your daguerreotype taken and that you were only waiting for an opportunity to send it. I am surprised you make no reference to this and do not state when you intend sending it. Where opportunities by private hand fail send by express, inclose it in the small end of a letter, much of course. In my letter of the 5th April I stated that it had been intimated that one of the Misses Lawrey was married and I wrote to know if it is a fact that Amelia is married and the name of her happy husband. To this question repeated I believe in every letter I have never received the least satisfactory reply. Surprises are very much. If you still be unmarried tell your mother so and say so and state why you have written to Faith. Do not keep from me. I have to refer to another subject which pains me to mention in the manner I am concerned to do. Yes this I very much fear will be found

you the accomplished and well informed young lady which you
the encouragement and incitement set forth to you. I have
reason to expect. The composition does not belong to it. I have
compared your last letter with those received a year ago and
detect no signs. I cannot perceive the slightest improvement
either in the penmanship itself or style of composition.
Your impudence seems to me and should I really
believe it to be the fact I must feel greatly disappointed
at I always supposed you to possess good natural talents
and a lively imagination which are needed perhaps
sufficiently to develope themselves and why is it you do not
sometimes evince this in your writings I cannot see. My
time you have had very little practice and still less occasion
for writing, though it cannot be expected you should excel
with ease and elegance. This is all I can say in extenuation for
your conduct. I must trust to find you much more improved the
next time I receive your letters. I know the difficulty, indeed, the impossibility
of some people putting correctly together two sentences
when may be easy enough at other things. My frequent
calls for work by my parents in my stead with pleasure and they
I discipline neither talent nor learning I believe very slightly possess
the merit of being such an industrious. I am aware you
will accuse me to be a severe critic but I cannot help it
I have dwelt long; you had too long upon a subject unfavorable to

gradually to your self and were I not sufficiently convinced to the contrary I should fear to wound your self-esteem by any remarks. My dear Anna knows that I write neither do nor say anything except it be to the advancement of her interests or welfare and if she duly appreciates what I have said she will give more particular attention to the cultivation of her mind and blend such accomplishments to as adorn a woman's character. Time and that time should be profitably employed in reading such books as will ultimately produce the desired effect. I write to you more as a father than a stranger and perhaps be struck by the wholesome counsel which I now write to you and were you to act the same part towards me I believe Anna I should improve under your tuition far more than from any other person. Bear in mind what I have often told you that very much will depend upon your improvement when we should meet again whether the contemplated journey will take place. Though time may have lengthened and perhaps some of my epistles were not satisfactorily written (even though you have found fault) yet I think I already need that the charge of indolence were not produced. I shall not always act the part of an author and I hope you will be able to read your mother's handwriting upon future occasions.

the subject which must be treated to you and upon to upon letter
I am pleased to hear that Mr Thomas Warren is coming to California
now on a short visit to us, as I hope to do, I will intend
what you may encounter his tale. I trust you have kept my al-
lowance? My wife? Where did you and when did he leave?
Perhaps I may hear little in reply this part of our correspondence
shall well be little in reply this part of our correspondence
have given this account of matters as I judged best. Time will show
by for a good when replying to this letter which leave
[illegible] of the [illegible] to close
[illegible] for an other part in a second [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] since not other [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] myself the [illegible] through the
[illegible] they are [illegible] I am glad to
[illegible] enjoy [illegible] of mine. Ophelia has been [illegible]
enjoyed by my [illegible] Ophelia has been [illegible]
[illegible] to us very attentive [illegible] I shall [illegible]
hope [illegible] we shall hear the result of the mare, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
William [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
fellow passenger and has been always [illegible]
since my arrival here. I have intended to have in view of my

[illegible]

[illegible] and as he is almost as much in love with you
as myself from the accounts I have given him I have
determined to give him a letter of introduction to you
[illegible] anything more my dear Charles I will
[illegible] I shall return [illegible] in a few days
[illegible] you [illegible] Charles [illegible]
[illegible] the spirit [illegible] in Brooklyn
[illegible] the blackest [illegible] character
[illegible] I shall [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] his [illegible] I can [illegible]
character of his brother William [illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible] I have a [illegible] the [illegible]
are all gentlemen [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] upon the [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] I shall as [illegible]
[illegible] I determined to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in proportion to it. Tell me if it pleases you

New Orleans, November 2d, 1850.

Dear Anna,

The bearer of this, George C. Duffee Esq. is an intimate and dear friend, with whom you must already feel partially acquainted, from the frequent mention I have made of his name; but, when you shall know him perfectly, as I trust will be the case, you must consider him a valuable acquisition to your society, indeed, more than this — a friend, in whom you may place every confidence — even to repose, as I have done the innermost secrets of your heart. He knows my regard for you and the feeling which it has inspired; therefore, in your intercourse with him, touching this particular point, you need conceal nothing. You will perceive the implicit reliance which I place in my friend; and, I am be able I hope, to agree with me in the conviction that the trust is not unworthily bestowed. G. C. D. Esq. has kindly volunteered to burden himself with the shawl which I will do himself the pleasure to present to you in person. With every sentiment of regard & esteem I remain dear Anna Affectionately Yours

Geo. Wilkins

To Miss Anna C. Langdon
390 Pearl Street.

Introducing George D. Puffer Esq.

Miss Laura E. Lamson.
395½ Fourth Street
East of the Bowery
New York.

Thos. W.

I have been anxious for a gentleman to write a few lines to you since Thomas leaving ago
you would like to have me, but as yet I have not been able to do it for you

Dayton November 24th 1850

Dear Brother Thomas,

We have received yours of the 27th of September forwarded by the hand of Mr. Dayton, we were obliged to wait for him for days, as he had promised you not to give it to any one but himself, we have just returned from Mr. Brother Thomas of the article in order to deliver it, he might obtain it but the young man was unwilling to part with it which I assume was all correct if he fulfilled his promise, last wednesday we went ourselves, he was not at home but his mother said if we would call in the morning he would have it ready, we did so in accordance Mr. Dayton, he appears very pleasant gave us a glass of wine, he has been living at the mines, and of your mode of transacting I think we must send you some regal gas contains for a reading your letter. I could not refrain from claiming it, it had come to the brought from which I prize highly, am almost afraid to wear it least it should be stolen if I have it in use it looks very pretty I think the letter deserves quite consideration from, Brother feels quite jealous little as it will be his gain perhaps Mr. Dayton since mean to tell. I should like to hear from you through us if you write anything important as you must be had been quite intimate in California, tell the gentleman we intended to have an opportunity of communicating to him his request, the day after the first mentioned was our friendly, and pleasing we left again we should not have an opportunity. Friday we received a letter from Henry, the first we have had for the last six or seven months, he was very busy he wished to make some inquiries about Grandfather Appleby respecting the county land and his pension money, from all accounts we presume it can be obtained, in the latter part of the letter he speaks of going to California, he did not say any thing about Lewis going with him, you mention he said he was well willing you should go unless she accompanies him, I think it have better remain in Washington unless he was sure of a good situation there, as he has a family to support, if he succeeds in Washington matters he would have the care, should he without a situation and have no dependence to support his family, I am

I have felt, hoping you would have kindly responded to my request, I know you have enough to do, but I feel assured you will do some little favor for your sister, Mrs. Beck expressing my regards to the friends, hoping to hear from you soon, I remain Yours Mary J. Beck

I have been working a purse for a gentleman [illegible] I think you would like it I have one, but [illegible] will send it to you

Augusta November 24th 1850

Dear Brother Thomas,

We have received [illegible] letter [illegible] by the hand [illegible] we were obliged [illegible] a few days [illegible] you not [illegible] we have not [illegible] from the [illegible] brother [illegible] of the [illegible] the young [illegible] all willing to [illegible] with [illegible], last wednesday [illegible] we would call in the morning [illegible] happens very [illegible] of the mind, and of your mode of [illegible] your letter. I would [illegible] which I prize highly, I am almost afraid to wear it [illegible] it looks very [illegible] [illegible] to have an [illegible] was [illegible]

Yesterday Friday we received a letter from Henry, the first we have heard from him for the last [illegible] seven months, it was very [illegible] [illegible] his pension money from all accounts we [illegible] of the [illegible] of going to California, [illegible] young, with him, we think [illegible] [illegible] a good [illegible], as he has a family to support, [illegible] would have [illegible] without [illegible] to support his family [illegible]

I have been thinking in what way I can repay your kindness for sending me the breast pin no doubt I can do some little favour for you. Mr Beck returns very soon to Cal.

[illegible] you [illegible] will not [illegible] wish with [illegible] [illegible] anything soon as her husband at the idea of [illegible] in the [illegible] calculation, for the [illegible] of the [illegible] company of [illegible] delight at the same [illegible] again he [illegible].

We met Mrs Chisholm on [illegible], she has not heard from her husband lately, [illegible] she says her daughter grows finely and if you [illegible] is quite well, [illegible] the [illegible] was on her way home [illegible] has grown to be a very nice girl [illegible] a great pity she lost her brother, no doubt [illegible] will do all in her power for her children, but she is not [illegible] John is building a [illegible] house on the [illegible] road, he is to move in it next April, built after [illegible] plan, I am very sorry [illegible] that I have done [illegible] according to your wish and desire, [illegible] difference [illegible] upon [illegible] Mother of the [illegible] o'clock [illegible] willing to comply coming from your Mother, [illegible] myself on the [illegible] but to my surprise the [illegible] what answer [illegible] was engaged and [illegible] would call in the morning, we waited in the morning till after ten o'clock, and left a message [illegible] after [illegible] city [illegible] further [illegible] that Mother [illegible] very good [illegible] herself of her [illegible] would have [illegible] to see very much as you desired to [illegible] very [illegible]

[illegible] placed in the same
[illegible] the matter; [illegible] only
[illegible]
[illegible] with your [illegible], If there
[illegible] difficulties
[illegible] as [illegible] long ago that time.
[illegible] married, [illegible] one of the young ladies attend church
[illegible] constantly, we will ask her more particular, it is strange
[illegible] did not mention it to you, I hope she continues to respect
you [illegible] from [illegible] you have taken
[illegible] pleasure to [illegible]
[illegible] New York [illegible] portraits, perhaps
you [illegible] Europe, [illegible]
[illegible] opportunity to [illegible]
[illegible] so much [illegible] it was almost like seeing her, [illegible] Smith
[illegible] times, [illegible] could not describe
[illegible] Europe [illegible]
[illegible] the daguerreotype [illegible] family taken on one plate [illegible]
[illegible] it cost $20. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the best, [illegible]
[illegible] think [illegible] make two [illegible] respectable pre-
sents [illegible] taken until she had her [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible] large [illegible]
[illegible] mind in that
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] can have her
[illegible] going to [illegible], should
[illegible] desire you need not be surprised if

[illegible] when you come you can have your portrait taken and insure it with us, as we should never one of a gentleman so high [illegible] stay [illegible]

There has been a Church built near to Grandfather's & it is dedicated on the 26th of this month. I shall attempt to preach that day, the sermon that was at Calvary chosen by Mr. [illegible] will be the dedication.

I believe I wrote you that Lydia was married very soon to a Mr. Whitelding a Methodist & have not seen her to be quite sociable as it is a great distance for us to go to make one call besides she was such friendly while we lived in Twenty-fourth street. I hope she will get a good husband.

I am waiting your quilting [illegible] letter for me. Mr. Tiny the Shaver sails to-morrow, I have looked in the papers, which was Saturday (yesterday) said that the paper would be ready at 9 o'clock for California, by the Arcadia they it had sailed, I hope not as we had no idea of the sailing of the Arcadia from it only arrived Thursday last. The gold pens you sent we will have them repaired and make use of them. I have been going to buy one for some time, it has been on my memorandum for the last four months, now I have one I will mark it right the pens will have a blue pearl handle very pretty, but we have he had been quite sick for two weeks, Sandford is very desirous to hear from him. She has promised to do all he can to procure him a situation in the Atmosphere. I hope he will prove successful, as he is doing nothing at home. Emily has been making a long visit at Mr. [illegible] the returned about a week ago. She was much pleased. Mr. [illegible] Lincoln has a young son named Washington Fye, quite a distinguished character.

All the people at home are enjoying tolerable good health. Grandfather is very much improved, Father told him the morning that you left he would like to make his home with you, he does not know how it would be, though he said it would be very nice, though that would be a great deal to ask to give up the house my fair guile is entirely and very pretty. I had an invitation to attend, but I declined in consequence of having a letter to write, I am very glad I did so as now I am in [illegible] hope you will receive it from your affectionate mother R. H. Whaley

Gentlemen to Mr. [illegible] Jewelers, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Your son

Newark Oct. 24th 1850

My Dear Son,

I have had the infinite pleasure and satisfaction to inform you that the letter of Oct. 1st addressed to Mr Sam. Dayton was received containing a most beautiful breast pin, with which Sister & Sally pleased I can tell you only she is at a loss how to repay you, but she will endeavour to do so. Mr D. appears to be a quiet young man was true to his trust as would not give it to any one but me as he told Sylvester, he was bound by his promise to you to do so. I could not say a word he answered our many questions concerning you and all your Friends in Cal.a I gave him our thanks and invited him to call should he come our way, as we are at Newark at present we go to Orange as we shall not go to your Uncles again his family being increased by the addition of a Son and his family is quite large. Now you use every night they are quite well. Your long epistle of the 15th gives me pleasure and pain it came to hand Nov 22 but to the one of the 1st of Oct. I was pleased to hear that you received mine of the 1st of Aug. The Cholera raging at the Ferry John left for the country he returns in a few days to soon bathe in the stream he has not been well all summer I am fearful he will not make old bones. I hope you have full accounts from Mr Gwin with respect to the gold no doubt you have as it came to hand, I did not say a word about the letter to Smith, I sent to the P. Prop. they said they was waiting for the sold but they could see a letter for Johnson has left, you will feel lonesome to wife no doubt return when he leaves the Bank. he has been his kind regards and sincerely hope the time is not far off when we shall be one family, shall enjoy heartily together. yes as you write it will be a happy meeting for us and can sorry you think it is a far off. poor fellow when will your troubles end I wish as you do that you was free from the Builderoys, better sell the whole concern, I am extremely sorry that you ever built the wretch that help you so you are in the difficulty and time and patience alone can help you, I am happy to hear that you do not drink and spirits and a honest heart will carry you through some out the world tell them that you owe that you have been unfortunate but will pay them all, and do, the could have foreseen the planning would have placed you in the trouble I am grieved to learn that you have a suit to defend. I hope and pray you will succeed as you expect with your same suit but must say all will be well if you have great confidence with him I am happy to learn that your health is good you can make the best of all the income from your effects. Palmer is still with Fuller I hope you will hold on to the property to a good interest I am happy

to see that you confiden your trouble to me and will be capable to represent you as
one of good integrity and good intentions. Many, you have been very many so
fortunate. I hear the others say that Mr Hiff says he would never trouble you for any
what you owe him if you never pay him. I know this I never said. I do grieve
for your misfortunes but amidst all I am thankful that you enjoy health, you
health, keep up good cheer. I think with you that your chance is good as you
are better experienced. The only thing I fear is your health may not be so good
the next year but you must be careful. I am thankful that you have come
to the conclusion of remitting the cash immediately, &c. I believe you depend [illegible]
to the sciences. So Mr Wadsworth is on the gold land yet, I wonder is she at Monterey
With you I hope Anna will soon consent to join you as you so earnestly
desire it; I should have been happy to have seen her for your sake and have
made my conclusions, who had made the best choice of my two youngest chil-
dren but Anna has denied me that privelidge, by refusing to come on and
her Mother with your likeness, how disappointed I did feel not expecting the
I do not wonder you wish to see her, and hope she will not refuse to go
but get all information respecting her consent ere you leave the City money
or her passage, as she may change her mind or her Mother may not think
you rich as she told Hiff, have an eye to this, as you would be disappointed
indeed to send your money and not receive the wished for inmate, but be of good
cheer I am confident you will come out right if you continue as you
are you are sober honest and industrious. You must indeed have had a most
splendid entertainment at the Jews Festival, I should be pleased to
hear the sermon of your friend Mr H. You will no doubt wonder
that I write from Newark but I am not decided what to do I was in
hopes that you would have come on and we would have all had the
boys a visit how pleasant that would have been and possibly we might
have had two weddings, I think Sister did expect to make use her mind
to do so, after you remarked to make wholesale work of it. I hope you
will not meet with the least obstacles to your intentions, and expectations
on all subjects, May the Lord protect and prosper my far distant child, is
wish of your Mother who often prays for your prosperity. Well if
You and Sister only make a happy choice I shall render thanks to the most
High, I really think Sister will make a first rate wife, every person
who has seen Mr Hiff thinks him a fine young man he appears
to be very devoted to Harriette and as you say we must look at his
qualifications he gets a comfortable salary, and is in good hopes of
a better one, now in Baltimore he was on last month at Mauch
Chunk the boys was there with him and he with different month

Now to yours of Oct 15th by Express I was in city and called on Sylvester the greatest to me with a smile, I know I had so kindly received one from Mr Dayton, I am indeed relieved to read that you have still hope in fortunes smiles, who I, am persuaded, will eventually take you for one of her most esteemed Votaries, not that you are highly favoured with all your troubles, only look around and see how many are in a still worse position, If you gain the over how would it be for you to sell the plaged buildings they have caused you so much anxiety, I sincerely hope and pray that Mr Frankline is a good man, as you have decided to go in partnership with him, I shall feel I do no blame you for your ardency towards Anna, and wish I was able to give my opinion of the young lady, as I truly wished to do so as I know you have a right to make the request, my opinion that our Sister has been writing you a long letter fearfully spoke of Mr H, to you, she was sorry to see that Anna paid you and us all such little attention, as she truly wished to see her for her brothers sake but all will I hope be made right one of these days, to all our satisfactions. I hope you will not mind it as much as we do as you can make a excuse for her, from your discription I believe I should have liked her very well, as your selection for a wife O Thomas how pleased I should be to have seen and loved her because she loves you but I was denied even the pleasure of beholding your likeness what could be the reason I would have gone to see them had they have sent it with an invitation by any of their friends but my dear Son I am compelled to close as we think the Steamer leaves to day I will finish answering your letter of Oct 15th by Mr Beck or in this if the Steamer does not sail all friends are tolerable

May we meet in this world is your Mother ardent prayer

be careful of your health

Remain This from your affectionate

Mother P. Wheeley

Regel Henry 24 1851

Mr Thomas Shaler,
San Francisco

Newport Nov 25. 1850

My Dear Sir

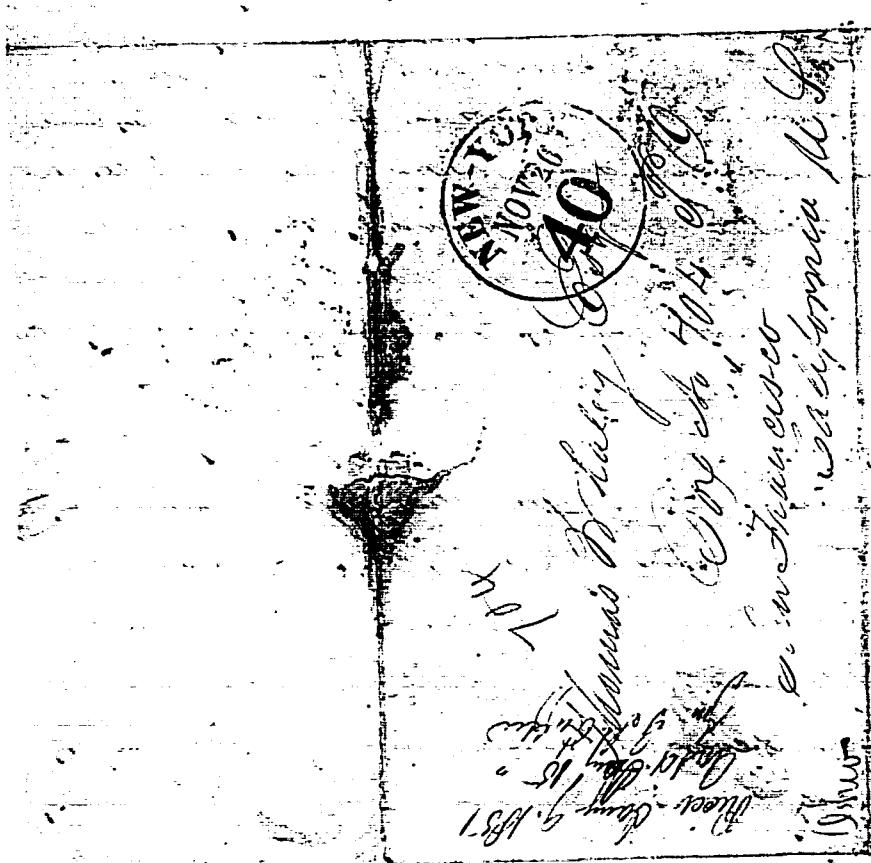
By Steamer received letters from my Sons to 19 Oct. enclosing Sales of Demerara Rum and St Croix Sales as Remitted on account for them and a bill of Lading per Rose Shaw with all of which is correct and satisfactory. Mr Clark having requested me to endeavor you to pay them at the rate which you have obtained I presume my Sons must have sufficient funds for their wants or they would not have remitted, but rather have drawn on me to pay their Debts here I should have preferred their retaining the money if they could have used it profitably. I received a letter for my Sons but from their last letter I expect to receive both Home by Christmas. If they have left Home return all letters addressed to them as your discretion, private Hands. If they leave before the goods per Rose & the Gold Scale, and the Proceeds of Sales shall as soon as you can see the Cost & Charges including your Commissions and remit a gold Draft by Adams & Co. If they (my Sons) are still with you they will do with a world good success as they think best. I should have been much pleased if they, or either of them could have got a foothold in California, if even they did not more at present than pay their expenses as I am fully persuaded that San Francisco will be a very great place for business, year from hence & will improve rapidly and in 10 or 12 years it will rival, if it does not excel New York. If any thing should occur I think like most of my Friends in this Country, but if I can influence any thing in your favor, I shall do it in a common and honest manner. Hoping you may succeed and settle pleasantly at San Francisco I remain

Your ever good friend

Lewis George

P.S. I have

the same idea in decaying Fashion. I am afraid however it is too late as I presume they are now on their way Home. I shipped in August last by John Eagle for Sacramento a Box of Garden Seeds and have forwarded two Bills of Lading one to my Son & one to you, of which by mere chance that they have left or will about leaving. I will send you another. Land Service



with instructions to sell as soon as you can get good changes, I wish success to the Service and as much more as probable of course. Thanking you again most sincerely for your kind attention to my Son & with a renewed offer of my services here I remain most truly

Your friend & obt Svt
Geo S Gillmore

New York Aug 25th 1860.

My dearest Thomas.

Your letters of the 11th Sept - and 14th ult - came to hand safely. I was delighted to receive them. In your of the 14th Sept you expressed a desire that I should write your sister a note, and indeed you sent me a copy of one. Now My dearest Thomas, I do not wish to disobey you in anything. But in such a case I must refuse writing to your family first. You know very well that it is not my place to write to them first, or even to call on them. If your Mother or sister felt at all interested in me they would I should think be the first to come forward and show it. I could not write such a note as you sent when any account. What you expressed in it, would not come truly from my heart. You know that I am not at all acquainted with your family. Therefore I should feel rather delicate about introducing myself first. I should be delighted to receive a call from your Mother and sister, but never expect me to visit them until they make the first step. You see I have a little pride about such things. I do not wish to bow myself to anybody. Our families stand the same in every respect, except in money matters.

My dear Sarah Thomas must not get angry with me for writing thus. I do not wish to hurt your feelings, far from it. I love you too dearly for that. Could you not in some way arrange it, so that your sister would call on me. I will greet her with a sister's love, and I have no doubt but that we would agree nicely, and take quite a fancy to each other. The note which you sent me is far too polite for me to send after such as your Mother and sister have sent me. But enough of this. If you can arrange matters so that I may receive the first call, I shall thank you with all my heart. How happy it makes me feel to hear that you enjoy good health, and that your spirits are excellent. I wish I could say as much of my spirits. I begin to feel more lonesome than ever. My family have put it into their heads, that I ought not to amuse myself at all, but settle down like an old woman. I let Mother that grief and sorrow come down enough. In fact they go so far as to tell me that I am in love with every man I see. Is it not ridiculous to talk so? They give me worry and torment my life such, and make me so cross and ill-natured. You know my disposition my dearest, you know very well that I love quiet - and peace, and that I never suspect wrong. I hope there will be a stop put to this soon for I am heartily sick and tired of being so.

The only happy moments I spend are in thinking of you. I have not yet received a call from Mr Palmer. I know he has arrived by the Ohio. I saw his name in the list of passengers. I looked for your note in vain. You are determined not to come after

me. But I take it so, that if you could possibly do it you would. By this time you must have received my answer, which you are waiting so impatiently for. Think think my dearest one month more and it will be New Year. How time flies, and yet it seems long to me. Well, I expected that we would be together before this. But, no, I have no doubt that another and another New Year will pass and we shall still be far from each other. What says my dear Husband about it? You scold me for not sending you my likeness before. I know I ought to have done it. But I cannot find an excuse. My word can be relied on this part. Hereafter I shall be more punctual.

But I must tell you that I have ~~sent you~~ my likeness, by Gregory's Express which left this month by the Steamer Georgia. I have made a mistake in the direction. My hand slipped on my part of it. I put down all except the street in which you live. You will I think receive it safely together with a letter enclosed in the likeness. I shall make up another little parcel for you soon. So do not scold me any more.

How is Mr Thompson getting along. Is his health good? Give him my very best respects and tell him that I say he must not allow his sister to call me the little "French girl" any more.

I must now close my dearest, by wishing all the good luck imaginable, and to keep up good spirits. I shall write you a very very long letter by next Steamer and enclose a bracelet of my beautiful hair.

One more adieu. Yours most truly and sincerely

Anna Eloise

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Jm A E L.

Raleigh November 30th 1865

Dear Mr. & Sister,

I received your very welcome letter written upon my birth day the 22nd and I read it with the sweet delight of pleasure said to be lovely but I had been wishing a long while for a letter from you. I hoped it would be the last time you keep me in suspense. Mr. & Mrs. Johnson Young & William M. Pulliam left for home the day the mail from Black Eliza Pass. I have given the two gentlemen with whom you are acquainted letters of introduction and hope they will succeed in finding you. I informed you in my last I have settled with Mr. Johnson in the which relieving me from the obligation I have also squared accounts with D. & W. M. Pulliam. My debts are fast diminishing not quite more than a year hence I shall be free from the burden of our building which accompanies for the present. Mary wants to make a present to Mrs. Johnson and she has a mind to show the kindness she feels for it. She asks me for a dollar & fifty cents and I have not anything in my purse at this moment but I will not be without I have some more shortly. I have taken off another dollar to my account at Johnson's which I hope to collect.

I must said my buildings no matter the expense. The towards
Stile ~~[illegible]~~ to occupy the stores to great disadvantage
to the end of three time but will now at least of three months
expire. The two stores now rented on only $250 per month
when they are rented the three will be worth at least
$800.00 per month so that you will perceive the property
must soon pay for itself. Their putting up the steeple
has been a great detriment to me only for which I
might have fixed all my arrangements before this time.
But it will not yet discourage I am in hopes to be
able to pay them all yet. When my buildings are
finished I think my income will be much
larger than it has been for some time past. The
property will be much improved and much more desirable.
The main house the hills in front of my house are
being cleared and graded that the descent is now
very slight to water in west. The street is planted
in four rows and when completed I think the part
of the town will be equal over Fifteen times it
has been for some time past. The neighborhood
has been very much improved and the expense
I think my stores other rents will be entirely produce
when the buildings are occupied. Now of 800 per month
The only difficulty is how long shall I continue to

possession of the property and that too without paying any rent. This is indeed very uncertain. I have suspected the ownership of the land is to come off in Dec. next or perhaps next month. ~~[illegible]~~ but I think it probable it will be deferred by one party or the other as the amount involved is very large. Should it however be decided and in the favor of my landlord I must sacrifice every thing to the payment of rent. Now amounting to nearly four hundred dollars. Should it be decided in the favor of the [illegible] which has already been stated and proved I can make a comfortable arrangement with the [illegible]. I hope I shall be immediately [illegible] with the unexpiring feeling of my [illegible] position of my affairs and until a change for the better takes place I cannot hope to be able to remit a cent to Mexico. This is Thanksgiving day by the way. I have kept it as well as I could under the circumstances. I have been quite a case and during I have been engaged in the copying business [illegible]

My dear Laura & Emelie and Hannah I hope you have had some more pleasant days since my departure. Mrs. Laura A. Shaw & Lin and Benjamin Mr. & Mrs. Pickard are a very pleasant party of company and ~~[illegible]~~ an exceedingly pleasant time I find. I can enjoy myself much more easily in this manner than those who leave from our dear home. Then without any fear to encounter objects in view. The day has been a rainy disagreeable one not very favorable for the success of the ignorant. I had anticipated as and did not run down out. I have been engaged arranging up and in little things may now be made more comfortable. I have every thing arranged where I wish it with the exception of a carpet or two rugs and a sofa. I think I shall get some matting to prevent the damp mop from coming through the floor. The sofa Mr. Franklin took to have me a kind of bracky stuffing I wish I could see you in your garden when I have leisure and disposed to write you would not think my unmarriable letters. I will now close since you are and return the important texts. I wish you would send without fresh delay and [illegible] as I desire to see them very much. The [illegible] have all of different consequence to number and are to take them to mind to make a thing

[illegible] not be with I mean the [illegible] and plates, I gave a dollar.
I feel entitled to enjoy good health. I feel as tho' I am fast [illegible]
of cholera every day but I am not in the least dread of it. I
[illegible] and expose myself very little. One of our passengers
named Dr Johnson died the other day of cholera but it was not
to be wondered at. My the mirth of our passengers and crew
numbering in all 73 persons, that had died since the old Settler
left Newport. I expect have heard from Father ere now and
he is alive and well. I am pleased to hear it and trust he will
be more punctual to write in future. Should you succeed in
obtaining grants for Brierly land then I do not
care either in Oregon or California. Farmers in those parts
will soon become very valuable as the population increases
I am very much pleased with the cap. the stores being
so large I have given them to my friend Franklin as I
particularly ordered and he is to send me an other
pair. The meat and fish may since cost a little quantity of
liquor. I made a provide the ship clean out to morrow
being the 21st of February 1851 as I wish to economize for time of
emergencies. I have been going into battery. By not smoking segars
I shall save more than $25.00 per month. With the exception
of the few segars given me by my friends I find it a
pipe now a days and when I once get in the habit of it
again I shall like it equally as well as segars. I do not

remember letting you. I was not at all upset the Halls I must be [illegible]
I hoped to be able to do so. The girls have done so. I shall
not. It is a great disappointment to me. I believe you know I am
subject to it could avail patiently the time. I believe you never
leave us without saying anything to be a burden. I might go home and
then what folly it would be to run the expense, to have
my affairs unsettled while I am still in debt! Is it not better
for me to defer it until all can be paid and then go? Then
be sure I satisfaction either to you or me to relieve them when I
can do so much. What could I do in New York to relieve them
from any heavy responsibility? Then I am contemplating to make
one hundred dollars every month and feel confident
in a short time to be able to pay all I owe. It is my first
disappointment to let any particular time but you may
rest assured as soon as it lies in my power I shall go
home. I have the readiest articles during you to inclose me
I wrote to Aunt Sam time ago stating the probable uncertainty
of my being able to return home perhaps for several months. I
you to send and instead to consult with Harriet and
inform me if such was the case if she would come to California for
a visit I should be the means. The last letter I received
from this very woman contained to me. I know she would be
willing but did not know that she was the owning of [illegible]
poor Sam's property. The old lady herself has given her consent

[illegible] that it will be to the punishment of my daughter's weakness
that greater proof could be produced of the justness of the Countess's opinion
than the confidence which Anna reposed in me. Most that
writing pride to leave her name and friends to join in in a clandestine
marriage. Can I feel indifferent to such a conduct? Ought I
not to be prepared to consider of the confidence to have disqui-
eted and induced you to the least concern to regard the step which
she had already adopted in being married and strong
should appear to it. There was one thing I wished and this I have
written indeed to express to you. It is to request if
her character and conduct are such as I hope
they will be and as I believe
two years may have wrought a great change in one of
her age for the worse not for the better. Whether the change is from
better or not it is impossible for me to say. I shall remain
shortly in London but not though open as I should have wished
to have conducted a friend in whom I repose my confidence
fitness to make her acquaintance. Who from my mention I have
spoken of in the letter of recommendation to her mother I
refer the bearer of the greatest intimacy. I have
felt in bearing the disagreeable [illegible] I am glad to have
such a friend who has so invariably [illegible] the commission
without the least arguing or questioning which I shall forward to
[illegible] to you. I thought I have [illegible] conversation by de-
sire it to go after my death and they I shall [illegible] to

particularly as I shall wish to see and visit many friends before settling down in California. We need not hurry ourselves in making the voyage, may time though it is likely to be further upward to come. I have seen nothing in California to induce me to do this yet though in time I expect I shall be as gay and enchanting as any in the United States. We shall see if Mr. Thompson has made his peace. This is impossible for me to answer. If he has I know not what to think. But I shall undoubtedly find out when all my debts are paid. As I have before intimated I expect to lose all my hard-earned property but this will not discourage me as I hope by the time that comes I shall have enough to enable me to do something else. Mr. Franklin and I can see that doing very little owing to my drawing considerable funds to pay Thompson and others but we have some little expectation besides. Mr. F. has just received a despatch direct from London which will save a deal in funds. Dispositions are such that when the affairs are a little more straightened we shall do tolerable well but time is needed to effect things properly. I know not what the final arrangement will be decided upon, if any, but I hope it will be concluded in his favor as I should be prevented from holding mine in case my landlord obtains judgment against me.

effected some little business arrangement with Thompson before he left in order to secure my property at Rincon Point. You will recollect having seen that I assigned him everything in February for the benefit of my creditors giving to claim the preferences which have been paid in full as well as many other debts. By that deed of assignment he had the right to dispose of every thing belonging to me. I have got him to sell the lot to George D. Puffer for one hundred dollars which deed is recorded. Puffer has given me a power of attorney to sell or dispose of my interest and Thompson has given me power of attorney to transact all business for him in relation to the assignment. These powers of attorney are recorded. The Rincon Point lots are the only available property I have and I have secured it in order that my creditors cannot sell it under execution in case he obtains judgment against me in the district court. The property will become very valuable as soon as the question of land titles in California is settled. Therefore I wish to hold on to it as I believe my title will prove good. Puffer has given me a receipt for one hundred dollars backing himself and his assigns to give me a deed for said lot whenever or my heirs and assigns may demand the same. The reason I have not received this return I get over my difficulties I shall demand a deed. I wish you to state in my

what I have written concerning this business into account. You speak of requesting Sylvester to call upon Miss Dickey & your kindness. This appears very strange to me. Why should you do such a thing? It can have no desire to see her and I am sure she would feel no pleasure in it. Do not, I pray you, say or encourage anything to have by any relation of mine in relation to her. You know what a gossiping set they all are & how readily they construct molehills into mountains. Such has been the result. I have no objection to your and Harriet becoming acquainted with her, as I say, for the Sabbath, and decidedly approve of it. I have begun to feel somewhat hospitable & to see you and wish you to bring a friend all from Indiana in the meantime & go. Then & you would never have cause to regret it. I do not wish you acquainted with the family to extend further than this itself though as I have before intimated you will find her mother an intelligent woman but she is not a person I could ever fancy. I expected when you heard of my having lent a library you would have gone immediately to see it & not to see me. I shall never urge you further upon this subject having already expended too many words upon it. I have not heard from Fort actually but intend coming on to see

respond with him when I will communicate Emily's wishes to him. I am much disappointed to learn that you are not inclined going to housekeeping this winter. I am sure you would enjoy yourself a great deal more than boarding besides being able to welcome my friends from California in a hospitable manner. Should Harriet marry of course you would reside with her. When is this happy event to take place? If every thing be decided upon let it be off at once without further delay. She must not think of postponing it until my return, as that would be indefinite, much as I would like to be at the wedding. It is strange you should enquire of me concerning Mr Alwood when by going to Mrs Chitholms you could learn the whole history and more from me. From reading your letter a second time it would appear that you have sent your Likeness but you do not say so decidedly. Why do you not express yourself more clearly? If you have sent it could you not say when and by whom? I wished Harriet to but you say nothing concerning one of her's. If Parkes order be not paid send it to me immediately enclosed by mail and keep the receipt enclosed in my letter of July 15th. Write you last the 15th inst. I must now close wishing you all good health and a happy meeting. Yours affectionately F. W. Lane

Fan. Hamilton Novem Ber 30-1850

Dear Emma

Only time to say I am well and happy and shall expect to hear from you Mm last bears date Sept 25th. My friends George D & Wm M Puffer were detained till the 26th inst. I have given the former a letter of recommendation and you will give him a warm reception. I think it will be a rich treat for his benefit in taking charge of Mr Shawl therefore I have given him my draft for one pay & be five minutes after eight. He will of course not predate it upon the first inst. You will learn every thing from him concerning me. I have seen your darling husband and exchanged a few words with him. He was to have dined at my house last night but he did not come. The ladies are all

Farewell

Hiram

Mt. Hamilton Novem Ber 30-1850

Dear Anna

Only time to say I am well and happy according expecting to hear from you. You last bear date Sept 25th. My friends George D & Wm M Pullen were married the 26th inst. I have given the former a letter of recommendation and you will give him a warm reception. I think he will be a valuable man too small for his business in taking charge of Mr Shawl therefore I have given him my diary for one pay a few minutes after eight. He will of course not produce it upon the first visit. You will learn every thing from him concerning me. I have seen your brothers husband Mr Spanner and exchanged a few words with him. He was to have dined at my house last night but he did not come. The ancies are all

Farewell

Thomas C

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San Francisco, December 15 1850

Dear Mother & Sister,

I have only time to write that I am well but how prospering is impossible for me to say. My buildings are being raised to the level of the street which means considerable expense but the men to make advance will pay for the improvement so that in the event of my suit terminating unfavorably I shall lose nothing additional beyond the value of my buildings. The cases or at least one of them was to have been tried yesterday but was postponed to some future time. I feel encouraged to think I shall be kept in the possession of the property. I have the lawyer of the party who is suing my landlord and it will be to his advantage to keep me in possession I think he will use his best efforts in my defence. This is all the good news I have to communicate. Received no letter by the last mail but hope to get one by the next when I will write more particularly. Remember me to all. Yours

Affectionately

Thos W Harding

Mrs Rachel Wheeley.
care of J. M. Price Esq
No 116 Broadway
New York.

Mailed by this Dec 13 1861

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Blair Plantation, December 16th 1850.

Dear Sister

[illegible] the [illegible] of October 20th acknowledging the receipt of the daguerreotype [illegible] the 4th inst. the feelings [illegible] expression mingled with [illegible] have [illegible] opened your sisterly heart and [illegible] the sincerity of your [illegible] and affection which [illegible] me to [illegible] more [illegible] long and [illegible] separation. But [illegible] you [illegible] more [illegible] than to allow this to give you a moment's uneasiness. My desire to see you is as great as [illegible] to see me, to say nothing of [illegible] my family and friends and I look forward to the event with no small degree of interest [illegible] the [illegible] of my [illegible] are directed to that particular object and my thoughts dwell upon it night and day. My last thought is of you [illegible] upon retiring and the first upon waking. Also at times I feel sad and lonely and [illegible] me but I am never melancholy. I can hardly conceive the sensation which such a feeling would [illegible] and not particularly anxious to [illegible] it [illegible] my time being always employed. [illegible] contentment [illegible] which I [illegible] to produce that [illegible] in my mind [illegible] which

the Fates have ordained let us avoid patiently the blow and find consolation in the calamity which summoned us. The cares and perplexities of business are sufficient to distract my attention and you should find ample means for the display in the improvement of your mind and those accomplishments with which you are so liberally furnished. I indeed feel sorry for you my dear Anna that you should entertain such gloomy thoughts and so anticipate the hostile fate which you have named and should your fortune to have been such perhaps you would have suffered with superior misfortunes. The world must certainly be made such things as you wish and I trust you will be able to do with sufficient strength of resolution and the kind words and speech of advice which I hope you will from time to time receive and no doubt in more of such useful observations as these I shall be satisfied with the same no equal disrade which serves only add to the weight of my misfortune and cannot be that can affect me more than to be apprized that the chosen one of my heart is suffering and that for my sake. If you should not add to my sorrows this chief upon my dear girl I shall be very happy indeed to receive with you and with your mother in a disposition to forgive that which violated upon vast occasion without just the blood or something resembling it. It was the time is long since we parted but need you entertain no fears that

[illegible] amount [illegible] of which [illegible] necessarily paid and [illegible] per year. They have now [illegible] payable [illegible]

[illegible] I should feel perfectly happy [illegible] the weight of [illegible] you with my [illegible] should [illegible] you [illegible] determined [illegible] can you [illegible] suppose such a thing though perhaps I might be [illegible] inconvenience [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible] me.

My small apartment is [illegible] with goods crammed almost to the ceiling [illegible] in consequence of raising my buildings which were a [illegible] fourteen feet below the line of the street the grade of which has been changed. [illegible] to be all brought again in the course of a few days but my affairs are in such a precarious state I hardly know what [illegible] I am willing to [illegible] of the [illegible] I am now necessarily [illegible] of nearly [illegible] which [illegible] be [illegible] of everything [illegible] suits at law remain undecided [illegible] the possibility of [illegible] to have [illegible] my buildings [illegible] the courts [illegible] decided [illegible] finally lose nothing at the [illegible] in advance [illegible] for the improvements [illegible] should they terminate in my favour as I have reason to [illegible] I should be greatly [illegible]

and I promise you to travel [illegible] prudently upon the strength
of it. My debts which are now become inconsiderable
will soon be paid off and I shall be placed in differ-
ent circumstances. We will then talk more deliberately of des-
ing such other things as taking a trip upon the bright side
of the picture. When the present season closes nothing will dis-
courage me. Even if I should lose my buildings I shall
not feel disheartened. I have enough now besides my machines
and debts due me to start more comfortably in something
else which if I can hold on to my business health I am con-
fident I can make from seven to eight hundred dollars
per month clear the coming season [illegible] I have en-
gaged the best [illegible] in California to attend the [illegible]
and whatever can be done I am sure to see it effected.
Therefore take no thought for the business [illegible] I am glad to hear
my likeness pleased you so much though [illegible]
it will do [illegible] the first taken [illegible]
It delighted you and that is enough [illegible] to an
flattering and highly [illegible] circumstances with the exception of
saying [illegible] when it was taken [illegible]
take the impression for the amusement [illegible] I should
be [illegible] the Steamer which [illegible] in
less than half an hour after. [illegible] am patiently awaiting the
arrival of your daguerreotype which [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

inevitable I should have accused [illegible] myself [illegible] not

not blamed you for negligence. I shall be too happy when

I am able to think of any thing of the kind. I find

the impossibility of seeing you for some time. Therefore I am the

more anxious to try the [illegible] which you say I can [illegible]

[illegible] on land [illegible] accurate [illegible] very differently

[illegible] Mr Maynard and we have already [illegible]

[illegible] together. [illegible] first [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] calculation [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] of different [illegible]. He will not stay [illegible]

[illegible] I am able to get up and [illegible]

and it is nothing more than an ordinary [illegible]

My family is very limited. I have only two friends

living with me and they are Mr [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] brother. You say that Mr [illegible] is about

coming to California and that he is looking for Mr [illegible]

for his wife. Perhaps he will not [illegible] until [illegible]

[illegible] and before that time I may be in the position

to send for you. What an excellent opportunity [illegible] of

[illegible] for your coming out. I am thinking of [illegible] plan even though

[illegible] should not be able to [illegible]

[illegible] thing [illegible] as [illegible] might

be under his protection. Whatever [illegible]

should feel inclined to delay, till the time expires, I shall for you
[illegible] state what I have written to Lord Lansdowne
though I am not in a position to form any positive opinion
from your letter, I will measure cross Lima & have immediately
[illegible] anything in the form of an address as soon as it is
[illegible] for me to do so. I shall write to Lord Lansdowne
so [illegible] to allow you to depend upon my doing so
[illegible] but before I can do this I have yet some
[illegible] of which must be a copy of the
[illegible] may serve you and thus [illegible] existing
between us. This is not time or any part which would
induce me to take it [illegible] I might relate you
from the [illegible] for [illegible] at the end of
this [illegible] the [illegible] of our conversation [illegible] the
union which both of us must desire. I would be glad to see
in Wellington I must say from every engagement at first as man
[illegible] of [illegible] My reason for making this plain a real
[illegible] want of effection on [illegible] which
[illegible] communicated but from the [illegible] which
[illegible] in your future as well as [illegible] from [illegible] you
from me. I am not in a position to make any [illegible] I have not [illegible]
[illegible] I may [illegible] difficulties [illegible] I
[illegible] to keep you waiting for an [illegible] in claiming the [illegible] and
that [illegible] upon an [illegible] [illegible]

Dec 1850 Rich to Ehrin [illegible]
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Thomas I have filled one sheet of paper [illegible] you all the further
matters I have concerning matters and things in general I have [illegible]
heard the decision of the Committee concerning our Vault I [illegible]
to get a place at Green Wood Cemetery I hope one of you will be here to
assist in the selection and the removal of my little girl I contemplate
to come up to attend [illegible] I hope letters to attend [illegible]
now I shall have it done in time to come. Dec. 5th I have been waiting
for the weather to clear up as it has been stormy for all the week and
have a bad cold I do not like to venture out for my greatest trouble is that
there is a letter waiting for us from you I told Sylvester that if he could come
the day or the day after I wrote to him as his Father said it was [illegible] to
[illegible] to get work in the Armory and [illegible] had [illegible] of the for-
[illegible] therefore he would not send your letter to [illegible] understood that
Mr Clem did not take the baggage because he [illegible] place to put it
in, if he did not attend to Mr Rodes, it was not your fault Mr
C has been some time in San [illegible] therefore he is best competent to
give an account, I cannot imagine what is the matter with Rip that he
cannot be satisfied with our accounts as well as others of your Consignees
Dec. 8th the storm which has lasted several days has cleared
away at last, cold and windy, I hope to be able to go to city as I am
assured that I must have a letter from you in waiting I will go tomor-
row if possible I hope Mr Palmer has arrived, to greet his loving
wife & child, what shall I do! if Mr Beck has gone Thomas I do
not see why you send Anson a remittance where he has not
taken up the notes you indorsed for him They will receive
some considerable money from Thomas Patters Estate, so Miss
Ellicots who lives in the Bowery informed me as she often sees Mr
Wardle I hope you will look after Mr Parsells Depend that you
will never get his sons responsibility to pay which was shame

as it was a mat[illegible] kindness to him. How did you settle with Chapple as he told Mr Walker he had not received any orders to pay it I hope he will or has had such orders by this time or you will lose by them all. I think Mr H. has called on Morgan W. B. S. I heard say that you would not open any more of H. letters I have but little to say only that you will say any cent and would have done so before but for your misfortunes that you are not the only one who has been unfortunate in California or why has the Wardles burst up, all I say is to your Aunt, I do not [illegible] a word how they come on if [illegible] to lose all respect by them I would not have one word of it no no not a word [illegible] Thomas I hope you will succeed in your desire to send for Anna and obtain her consent to join you as you speak of her cousin leaving for Cal^a it would be a most excellent opportunity. I cannot say I think from all circumstances she will come. I hope she may, for your peace and comfort that was one reason I was truly willing to receive her and call on her if she or her mother had come to see us, at Miss L's in case she does not agree to go, you must be of good cheer, and not be down hearted, as all people have some trouble, therefore do bear all with patience untill you come home. Sister said she told Mr H she would agree to his proposals, in three months at the time he was on in Oct 19 so it may take place in Jan thinking at that time you would be on, to see us, she will be much disappointed in her calculation and was, on the reception of you last letter of Oct 1 and 15, We hope to have more encouraging news in your next letter, which I hope to get tomorrow hoping to hear that you was coming home soon, I hope you will be fast preparing to congratulate us. I will write on the receipt of your ~~last~~ next letter, you may [illegible] [illegible].

Sister has gone
father's [illegible] the
Churches [illegible]
necessary for the
world I hope you
quite [illegible]
of the [illegible]
for you and [illegible]
said the [illegible]
for the [illegible]
only as you may
you could see you
Will be much
Fanny looks very
but keep it and
the best the one
venient to send
which will be
fect to spend they
at all events I
very Interesting
as they have
that visit them
fear one of these
when all the
will not that
not acting on
all respect for
for the grat
take the result

Sister has gone to Church this afternoon to hear one by name
Mathews called "The House of Prayer" Episcopal. How do the different
Churches prosper in California? I hope very well, as they are ne-
cessary for the civilization of new Countries and uncultivated parts of the
world. I hope you will send the Bishop of one of them as soon
quite proper. You should do so, as you said you was at the founding
of the first Episcopal Ch in Cal. Give Adelle and your mother
for you and her Aunt my best wishes to be remembered kindly to you, a
said she would write you an answer to your kind remembrances sends her love
for the presents. Jane wants us to come on soon and we have thought
only as you may suppose I am otherwise engaged at present. Do you not think
you could see one with my new dress? I trust it will. Thomas you
will be much pleased with my likeness which I sent last, as it cer-
tainly looks very much like me as it is coloured, and the
best keep it on the plain. It will be good to take
the best the one you left me on leaving for Cal. I
reminit to send you something good from your Cal. friends presents
which will be here quite as soon as people can wait for it I do not ex-
pect to spend Thy Christmas very pleasantly though I hope comfortable
at all events. I have wrote to you a long communication if not
very interesting. I suppose you have heard from your Brothers
as they have gone a days but I fear not. Henry shall have
that best Hat, How much do you over-think? he may think of being
paid one of these days, as I have told him he must have patience
when all the locks are sold I will make J and H, a present
will not that be good but I fear we are with them both for
not acting more like men. I hope you will not give up
all respect for yourself and those in connection with you
for the gratification of an ignorant dwarf man if so you must
take the result from very few who have been properly educated

will do so; in my opinion, but people will do as they please.
I hope to hear a word about our Vault when I get to Cliff Hill my
dear child I must close wishing you all the peace and
happiness this world can bestow and trust and pray you will be
possessed from all harm. With the hope of your affectionate

Mother and Sister

Rachel Wheeler

Rachel R. Wheeler

Olive Gaunt
Elwood
Jan 1898 Eng

New York Dec 26th 1805

Thomas M. Foley Esq
Sir,

Your favors of the 18th & 30th ult enclosing 1st & 2d Bills of Exchange came duly to hand. Upon the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult I immediately called at the Store of Mr Fairman & enquired for Mr Palmer & was told that he was not there nor they could not inform me where I could find him. After calling some two or three times I left the draft for his acceptance. It was returned with a note stating that he was about opening an Office in the City & would furnish me with his address & that in a short time he would endeavor to pay the Bill. I did not hear from him again until this week when by accident I discovered where he held out. I immediately called upon him & presented the draft for acceptance. He told me that he thought he would pay the draft in about fifteen days — which will be

the Early part of January — I have been thus precise in detailing all the circumstances in the case in order for you to draw your own conclusions — If I receive the amount of draft I will dispose of it as directed in yours of the 18th ult.

Mr U J Sutton called on me for the two $50 notes you forward me Saturday since with instructions to hand them over to him & take his receipt for $80 on up of Sales — I have done so & herewith enclose you the receipt.

The two Letters one to Mrs H. E. Sutton & one to Geo. Montgomery I still hold — If Mr Palmer pays the draft I will dispose of them as directed —

I had the honor of the company of your Mother & Sister at my house last week. They were enjoying excellent health — They had recieved letters from you & will write you by this Steamer — My family are enjoying their usual health & desire to be remembered to you — This letter is written in great haste, as I have a Special

engagements on hand — I there-
fore hope you will excuse
the random manner
in which I have written —

With great respect
Yrs Truly
Washington Smith

Rec'd Febry 17 1857
Audd " 28 1857
Jno Wm Smith

Dec 9th

Thomas I have sent you by the same conveyance as Mr Le Smith sends your goods. Sister directed the box to your address. I have also taken a dollar's store to go the same way as this comes from Lo. Contains 1 jar of quince jelly, 1 jar of cranberry preserves, 1 small jar of quince marmalade, one fruit cake, mince and apple pies, and a blank letter writer with a dozen of extra sheets of carbonic paper all the writer and extra paper cost you the gold and money you sent me enabled me to purchase it for you, and pay the post. Therefore you see how careful I am to take care. Sister has obtained her locket for you. It will be very pretty when you and your friend are in it. It is engraved with your initials. I have yet to think this better than a bracelet for her. I had a great deal of trouble to find one that I can buy for twenty dollars. I shall send it to you as soon as I can get it. I hope I am not out of your good graces. I shall be very glad to have letters from you. Mr L. said they were very pretty. Pleasure John is a fine looking man and a handy with his razor. It is a miserable wet day to day.

Dec 9th

Thomas I have sent you by the same conveyance as Mr Le Smith sends your goods. Sister directed the box to your address. I have also taken a dollar's store to go the same way as this comes from Lo. Contains 1 jar of quince jelly, 1 jar of cranberry preserves, 1 small jar of quince marmalade, one fruit cake, mince and apple pies, and a blank letter writer with a dozen of extra sheets of carbonic paper all the writer and extra paper cost you. The gold and money you sent me enabled me to purchase it for you, and pay the post. Therefore you see how careful I am to take care. Sister has obtained her locket for you. It will be very pretty when you and your friend are in it. It is engraved with your initials. I have yet to think this better than a bracelet for her. I had a great deal of trouble to find one that I can buy for twenty dollars. I shall send it to you as soon as I can get it. I hope I am not out of your good graces. I shall be very glad to have letters from you. Mr L. said they were very pretty. Pleasure John is a fine looking man and a handy with his razor. It is a miserable wet day to day.

the gold was valued at $36-49 Sister had $14 for her locket I had
the remainder which I must give you credit for as I do not think
you in a situation to make me presents until your debts are
paid & we know your different consignees are anxiously waiting
to hear from you. Mrs Smith was here to day thought I could
have letters by the Crescent City I informed her I had none, she did not
carry the Mails after chatting a while she invited me to spend
the following thursday at her house which we promised she had
visitors your Aunt & Cousin she told me Mr Kipp was
hope to recieve a letter soon which I hope heartily he will, as Capt
Wardle told him you had sold his waggon for $1000 I cannot
blame him, wonder you have not done so by this as he was
kind with the others to confide in you. Consider how much
you recent a friend which has placed you in a far more
prominent situation than though you had been obliged to go
to the mines I feel very very thankful to Home and pray that you
lecture to them as, upon your reputation for life, it
I feel as though you cannot neglect your duty to God & Mr Wh
and to yourself. I hope you have not succeeded from the path you
had so very judiciously laid down as you no doubt see in order
daily of persons deviating from right do try to make some thing
now that you have braved the dangers of the deep. We called on
Mrs Thompson who is quite well with the rest of the family
she hopes Wm will not go to the Sandwich Islands, but I suppose
he has gone on this I hope he will do well give him our best
wishes and tell him we think, when here is grandly sitting under
his vine and fig tree, he will not leave to come to CA, we
read his note with pleasure, and hope she will realise the
anticipations we think his letters a very good one. Thomas
to write and tell where you had your letters. Mrs Perkins is quite
poorly yet I have not been up of late, the last accounts they had called
Dr Cheesman of CA, since which she is considered rather better
they are fearful of consumption of the bowels, I feel quite sorry
she has another son. Mr Montgomery was enquiring about
you last week I hope you will write to his son, Orson has not
to see me yet I do think him real mean] we have not seen any
of Thorps since I wrote last. Mrs T is not enjoying very good health
Thompson wrote in his note he was pleased that I had seen his Mother
I say no thanks to him I had to introduce myself under circumstances
and make out the best I could] Mrs Ohls Holm and Antoinette
wishes to be remembered to you. Me and Sister attended con-
firmation at a Chapel near to Pinters and Chorsbrooks spoke
to me but Mrs P I was happy to see her she spoke of you very kindly

Reed. January 25 1850

and wishes you accept of her kind remembrances she is as pleasant as
ever her manner she invites us to call and is to call on me. It was my
first visit to be baptized and be confirmed but the Chapel is far
from our house but the place of worship also Frenchmen attend. Mr H
was confirmed and he writes how your churches come on you
will not be able to have confirmation at San Francisco without a
Bishop. You would be christened and then come the rite of confir
mation. Thomas no doubt you will feel rather pleased to hear that
our suit in law is settled I told H. there was fearful that the lot must
be sold no the lot is safe so far said he so it lies as I have not
heard any more about it. I asked him if your being away was important
he said no unless as one who understand the accounts better than
any other person. H was quite pleasant and did not say a word about
giving up the cause. Thomas last month a person called
upon me representing Capt Dumar and inquiring if Capt
Wardle had called on me the evening previous I answered in the neg
ative. He did not call. Said he looking very much excited I was all
wonder! Madam, said he I am Capt Dumar Uncle to Miss Fanny
said I do not know the young lady, he then proceeded to state
that Mr W had sent gold to the amount of $30. for his Niece by
Capt Wardle he then said Capt Wardle had given it to her
Mother I told him it was all correct and that I had my own
letters to prove it which I gave him to read, he said she had received
the gold you sent her by Mr Reed. I told Capt D. I thought
she might to feel quite satisfied, as she had received more than one
I do expect he was very decided with Capt Wardle, as he said
if I had not given him such good satisfaction he would have
entered a suit against him. I told him you must have made
a mistake, in some way. I called at Mr W, but no one was home
I then wrote a note to Capt Wardle but I have not heard
from him, I was in hopes he would have called upon us again
I am very sorry that this affair has happened as people may
say that you are sending there money to support those you
might not therefore do hasten to make all satisfied
for your own sake and sister Rose your letter to the niece
was really surprised that you took such a great interest
as her Mother is a teacher but do consider your respectable
situation at this time. You informed me that there was not
any engagement between you and her therefore why will
her parent allow her to receive money from you, but as you

and they agree you know my desire, as you are my only single son I look
to you, more than I would to the others, and then I have shared with you
a long time, and hope to see you ferever yet, but if you let this opportunity
slip, what will you do write how, my locks sells, and if you can let me
have a portion of the sales, I will be glad my rent is more than I could
well pay but I could not find a place to suit me, I cannot stay as I
presume, the rents will go up, and to move again is sickening to me.
they say the back is fitted to the burthen, I say not always but I hope
if you do well in California something will turn up, so that we may
improve our property, as it needs much attention, at this time, I write to
John the particulars that Whitington has informed me, he does not answer
me a word. Dec 11th Thomas we have received your kind letter dated Oct 31st
which informed us of your health and happiness with your prosperity, in
business; far exceeding my expectations do beware of the fall of real
estate your Uncle H received your letter by Clinton, but is very dissatis
fied she has written me a long letter, informing me that you have not done
according to what you promised him. I have always answered that I did not
doubt you intention to pay him, though you was wrong to use his money
to build with, but the fact is he thinks you mean to defraud him
but I do not say so, and says he has written letters to you telling
you to pay up. My fears are confirmed he writes he says you had sent
gold to Miss Fanny to the amount of 5 or 6 oz. I think he must have been
at Mrs L as my letter from you came from there with one from him to me
giving me information of all your proceedings in Cala, what can I do, or say
I cannot say you do not intend to pay him, upon I believe you will
had you sent gold [illegible] to him instead of it he did not
say how the gold was sent or who took it to her. I would like to see Mr Clinton
Fanny wrote that he had been this way. What I write you now to receiving
your letter by Clinton. O! my I wish Thos had his money for I suppose he
has made a great talk at Mrs L's. Sorrow if you will have
fix up your character when you come home. I shall be greatly
rejoiced to see you once more, tell you more of what you said in reference
to getting married you talk crazy what are time in California
I trust you will think better of it when you come home. it grieves me sadly
to read that you had not received my letters as I wrote by all the U.S. Mails
I have received all your up to the present date tho the greatest part I have
with your good performances almost an year since you left us in 1848.

Sunday Nov. 22 1850

Dear Son

I received yours of Oct 18th favored by Mr Palmer which informs me of your success in renting your stores likewise running the unsettled payment. I only must say you are liberal to Mr Sun see his advantages which I could not option to as you will not find a [illegible] from any one. Rec March 8. 1851 Ans April 25

I am happy to read that it will not be long ere you pay off all. I grant that your new business will [illegible] and that Mr Y. and you will succeed with great success and make your 1000. I do not think it wier dry your fancy. Now as you say Septem year is not a long time to make a fortune in, no doubt you are much disappointed that you could not come home on many accounts. The admission of Cal. was highly celebrated at San Francisco. Sincerely hope and pray you have received letters from us ere this. I saw Mr Wolfsmith he had not seen Mr Palmer, I gave him his address as much as called on Mr S. the day previous P. was congratulant on commencement. I did not refer to the lice on account etc I am pretty certain Mr Montgomery is not paid, I wrote to him some time ago as you desired that you would pay it, I conclude to take the Eighty dollars balance and tell Mr S. to detain it for me I will give you credit for the same. I believe Henry Sutton, called on Mr Smith concerning you had arrived safe Mr Thomson but I was Thomas Wheally, I saw it in the papers Now to yours of Nov 1st I am sorry my last was date of Aug as I write frequently hope you have received my letters, by this time yes the fact of the cholera being in San F. was a great surprise to me and a source of great alarm for your safety O! my how many troubles you do have to contend with

2 The Cherokee came in yesterday & fear the Epidemic has prevailed to a great high how happy we would be to learn that you be as safe, I often feel strongly on your account; then again I take courage hoping you will do as you say take the best of care of yourself and may God protect you is the prayer of your Mother.

Thomas the celebration and illumination was really grand affair you must have been highly pleased I felt fearful that you might get over fatigued walking in the procession. I have not heard of your friend Mr Lewis H. Newman I would have received him with pleasure as his Sylvester named him, Do have heard of Mr Theodore N. Chaloy I saw Mr Hornby at Mr Smiths on friday eve he said he remembered Mr C., I should certainly entertain them liberally for you, was I in City. How exceedingly pleased you would have been to present your beaux with the pin & letter from his wife you no doubt will feel highly satisfied with his remarks and attention, no fear he will repay your kindness in due season who was the father of Mr your namesake if he any relation to us, the name is commonner than I conceived, I hope you will find the other with interest if you desire it. Thomas I hope you will not intence to board Parsons any longer as his father will not pay the 30 dollars draft he promised I West to see to it but H. said he had not heard from him; his father keeps a Tavern on 6th St. I have but little hopes of it. I hope Mr Isaac Rice is restored to health and business is in full prosperity only be careful to not speculate too deeply or you will fail, I presume Mr Hornby received your letter. Me and Sister sends our return of the compliments of the season to you and hope we shall all rejoice together before long as we are not in City we shall not have the pleasure of seeing many of our friends this

C Newman

I thank you for
as he do, continue
comfort, but not
to be while you a
as I have written
a deacon in Mo
ordingly, otherwise
Hermit life, but
as it was lonely,
with other people
be been that
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expenses which he
Sylvester to Mail
his office untill I
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I thank you for your kind inquiries concerning your friends
as we do, continue to enjoy a tolerable share of this worldly
comfort, but not free from care and anxiety, on all I expect
to be, while you are in California. We live quite secluded
as I have written in previous letters that Sister has made
a division in Mr H. Farnum therefore she must move acc
ordingly, otherwise your advice would be very good but to live
Hermit like, but we shall visit and receive the visits of friends
as it was lonely, I gave up to board, and then to live in the house
with other people, and we alone, is too opposite. I am happy
to learn that you have declined yourself and hope you
will realise good profits from it. I presume you will fix
things about your premises more comfortable during the winter
season, granting that you may return prospperous this winter
at least, but if a trouble your buildings have been to you
I believe I have answered all your inquiries they are so
I will give you other interesting one I am getting a super set
of teeth made at Mr Lords in Fourth St. Though you would
certainly be home people will have it that I have my appearance
improved by so I think you will not forget I know you would
even if you do not get my likeness which your Aunt says looks
like a duchess a more compliment. I sent on the 11th of Oct. by Mr
Lorenzo Dow Fisher sent you a purse by Mr Palmers
Express which he said was on its way to you I gave the letter to
Sylvester to wait for me not knowing that P. had established
his office untill I saw his wife who informed me that Mr P.
would take the purse in care, therefore I gave up seeing Mr
Beck as I contemplated, if you think proper give him our
kind remembrances I would send off the locks immediately
if I could get any one to select a quantity for first on a house in
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I hope you will sell to good advantage, and I will get the
insured possibly Henry may be in Ny one of these days
then I get him to pay them up one income tax I was in hopes
you would have come on and have taken the locks with you
I shall be all anxiety to hear from you to morrow may bring
one forth as the Steamer has not arrived so I will be on the
alert John wrote inquiring about your health and prosper-
ity and wishing us to visit him this winter to see his little child
Mary Elizabeth which I should be pleased to behold soon
as John says she looks like me so I hope it does, as I want some one
to resemble me. You no doubt have received my letter
informing you that Anna refused to accept of our written invitation
to call on us at Miss Lecoup as I was in ny and had made up
my mind to see her for your sake had her Mother come and bring
your likeness we would have called at their house but our mind
is the Mother wishes to receive all the presents and keep you to
send them themselves as I you I should cease to be a loser in little
all things was fully understood as no doubt the mother governs
I think if there was any just reason why they should refuse to come
to see us there is just reason not to receive your presents that
agrees with what Mrs L told Mr Hise that you was not rich
why does she talk thus a person in her situation was I
a young gent I would tell her very soon what my mind was
but Mr P has a mother and no daughter will act the friend to you
what is the use of your being trifled with, if you intend to
send for her get her mind on the subject and then she and Mother
must decide as you are to stay in Calx tis almost dark I can
no more just now John Hise is to be married in a short
time to Miss Meeker a resident of Newark between 18 & 20
all quite pleasant so you see journing has not have attended
the wedding Woman within a few days [illegible] great pleasure
I am pleased to hear that the [illegible] are you and
the enjoyment of good health and that the weather is fine though
the rainy seasons are about to set in, I sincerely hope you will
enjoy yourself this winter

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Albany Decr 25th 1850

Thomas we wish you a merry Christmas. Your expectedly surprised me
more to hear that Thompson was about to return home through
this weather said she expected him soon. I shall be pleased to
see them and inquire concerning you. You did mention the
bill of exchange in your letter for $250. I wish to return the $81
Recd Mar 5th 1851
I have written to Thompson to examine the assessments books
Auth April 15
for us. I settled with Stephens by paying the money on you did
I was not willing to make any fuss about it. I truly should not
like to have anything to do with building unless you was here
was you here it might be done all your say concerning it is very
good and I am willing to have it done if sister choice should
prove to be a good one we might do something if she was
willing I do not think Mr Horsie would like to have any
thing to do with it unless he wishes to give up collecting for me
I will prevail upon him to hold on another year. I have not seen
Mr Whiting of late. I was in hopes you would have been home
so that you could examine into affairs. So Richard Thorp's
bad action has arised to Col^n John Van Doren. I hope your
friend Mr Miles will come so and not board me you and
Here I will pay you for I am fearful you are injuring yourself
in that way do not trust Parsells any more as you will lose all
he now owes you as the father says he owned you it in fact was I
you I would not work and cook for any one unless they paid me
when due to be had you should. Thomas I hope you have received
my letters from Mr Lorenzo Dow which I am certain you will
be much pleased with. I did intend to have my portrait taken
this winter when I had my teeth made which will be done most much

Sister tells people she has received a most elegant Gold fine
from you as a Christmas present it certainly is most splendid
I wanted the gentleman to have sent me a pretty neat gold chain made for me
not too long. How did you settle with Mr Chase pay about
the draft you sent me to Morgan W. & Smith I hope Mr Solomon
will pay Mr W. Smith, I told me that Mr S. has written to
him concerning it but not satisfactorily, I presume he will call
on Mr S. as he told me, and let you know the particulars, soon as
possible, but I hope all will be well, I think Solomon will do me
at least I think so. Thomas you wrote that the last receipt
from me was of the date of octr 4th I am certain I wrote after
and sister likewise she wrote a long letter in March which you
must have received by this time. Thomas I hope are pray you
take care of all your concerns not depending any one
at your expense as provision is so very dear, and then your trouble
How have you and Wardles settled. I will always send your
last receipts to you as then you will know when your letter miss
Oh! Thomas I have considerable to think of at this time as I wrote
to you in my last that sister had made up her minds to be
united to Mr H. next month I cannot tell you the day as I
do not know at present. I presume from the 15th to the 20th
the Lord knows I hope it will be for the best if not it will be a source
of great unhappiness to me I do assure you my only girl the young man
appears to be all I could wish in manner and deportment his income
is sufficient to support her comfortably, he appears to be much devoted
to her, he may go to Baltimore to live for a while as he may get a
situation in Philadelphia, as he has some land near Bevans, 25 miles
miles from Phila which he may improve under circumstances I think
you will see him. The people announce fears for the safety of the Mail
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you will remember that John is well acquainted with Mr Peigs
and is much pleased with him we dined about John and Fanny
likewise yesterday I wished Captain Bo to come
to Harpers Ferry to work but the brethren are not willing to furnish him
with the means at present as he has not the funds they may in time
I must write to Charles Thompson to get my hair cut on & did so
some time past and have them at Mr Mc I have not heard of the con-
clusion of the church committee in relation to our Pastor I
wrote last week to Abraham Mesrole the gent who gave the
lots to the church for a burying ground but I have not received an
answer as yet last week when I saw Mr H. Parsell he informed
me that a number of persons had joined in a petition concerning their
Bounty land had just left Mr Somers door in expt. he has sent to Wm
in Delaney St I wrote a letter to Brother to come on here and
get all the intelligence he can and let me know I am at present
left for a somebody to look around for our comfort well if I am
disappointed in my future expectations you must not blame me as I have
acceded to all propositions for the best you must not be jealous as no
one can take your position in my estimation and were you not to be aware
of that long ere this how happy we would have been if Bro or Miss L.
had intruded into our feelings and shown us your likeness, but Mr P says
he will have it at his house, or office when we call again. The one we
have is your perfect image, which I often look upon with pleasure and
fair anticipation of welcoming you again with unalienated joyings.
The upper part of Newgarth is fast improving I must see Mr Stephens
soon as the three years is almost expired for the mortgage to run I think I
want him to renew the mortgage I told him I would like to pay him
$100,00 but he said he did not care but if I desire it he would do so but I
concluded to get my hair cut which costs me $50,00 then you know
Sister requires to be well attended we have both had upper middle wardrobes

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