My Dear Ann,

San Francisco, May 26th, 1858.

I write to you late last evening informing you that I was and others had intended to make you their agent in Washington to prosecute their claims against the Mexican Government for the publies and damages of their goods kept at the Black Bear. I hope you will appoint a Deputy of Attorney to enable you to appoint an Attorney to act in the matter holding the awards always subject to your orders.

In the examination of the papers you will see a portion of the work done performed, as every paper has been made in accordance with my suggestion. Every merchant concerned in the Black Bear seemed eager to comply with my suggestions. Edward J. Clayborn and George Belling where I appointed to take an account of the cargo and to appraise the damage as also to ascertain the extent of the publies performed under part until and as their appointments have been confirmed by the Collector and Controller of the Customs, there can be no question as to fairness of the claim. The departure of cargo from San Francisco has been the means of breaking up the menacing band under Barbezann at Huerfano, and yesterday we were helped with the arrival of a Mail from Mexico. On the next coast there...
large constitutional forces in hostile array against the Government of Júarez, and Vidaurrea has still a large force near San Luis Potosí. O'llalo was about to march from Mexico to join Miramón at San Luis Potosí, but the movements of Mexican troops as shown to us are uncertain. We believe that doubts are entertained that O'llalo will not reach in time to save that city. The affairs of this country are really destructive and unless it can be freely under the protection of the United States it will soon sink into the uttermost abyss of ruin. These revolutionary movements are fast approaching to that of extermination, and as they have already commenced, considering each other in cold blood, they will soon be induced to perform the same operation on foreigners. Simultaneously by plunder and foreign ships will soon be looked upon as their legitimate prey. Had Sazgac succeeded in capturing this place the capital would have been flooded with human gore. These Santa Anna's General are now here, and some of the opinion that they are intriguing with Rosas for a new pronunciamente in favor of their old predecessor, and as long as Rosas is a miserable tool they may succeed in their object, as soon as defeat means the place, their own given a hint of this to the Caesar and gave my strong views on report to that gentleman.
Egip. A man will doubtless be surprised to learn that our colleagues the two Fames partook of a belt stew dinner given in celebration of the Dean of England's birthday on the 24th instant, on the part of Mr. Oakerley, the Englishman most invited, excepting Doctor Scott. I am told any meat, in some instances, brings custom to their feet. Kemberly is quite engaged with his French colleague, and I heard that he has from the round of all the French places and shops, describing the learned life of a certain lady but she, and immediately by name, the numerous predecessors of Mr. J. Berrie. I was present largely on the evening taste of the present occupant of that lady's castle affections and wondered in a tone of horror that persons of a high sense of propriety should, or could, descend to such low conditions as to dine with a ××××× and a ×××××!!! The Bar is announced to be held this morning which gives me the opportunity of writing to you. I sent you all the Baltimore newspapers published here since your departure. Knowing under the extremely painful and gloomy circumstances with which left, how your anxiety and care you must feel about the safety of your house and family. I returned to the Fulton but the Bar and became so rough as to render it impracticable to enter that night and I could discern the smoke of the guns.
from Amherst which were passing their
axes against the city until it was quite
safe. I disadvertised the approach to the city but
of landing where the last action burned
just at the safe at home, but on reach
for I was startled in learning the number
of fires and that that were fired at
the nearest, many of which lodged within
a few feet of it. These Mr. Pettit accompanied
your to Washington. Received a letter from the
Chancellor which impressed it with much regret. I have
not at this time any thing further to
but by the next packet I may obtain his favor
for Col. Cochrane has just called and put me
in possession of a letter from Mr. Pettit in reply to
some suggestions which sufficiently answer to the
early part of some difficulties. You will thus perceive that
my opinions are not always clear. Mr. Cochrane has
this letter he cannot doubt that you have considered a different
cause. He extracts it only a part of what was
sent. I am in possession of my own views and
June 25th. April last. I

We are now enjoying a great amount of
 calls and visits from friends of every
one. Mr. Cochrane is the portrait of Temple
for the present moment, and without a
force to remedy no improvement can be
expected.

Ever your devoted husband,
Franklin