Dear Sir,

I have just bought me a new pen, and rigged up a tolerable writing desk, and you have a pretty fair prospect of getting a letter this evening, there are some doubts however, as this week promises to break on me before I get through if you will only send me one of these chains of yours, I think the letter would be insured.

But here I am “in camp” at the mouth of the Rio Grande, and unless you have received some of my letters since leaving Monterey, I think it will prove you somewhat, to discern how I came here. I left Monterey on the twenty-sixth of December, destined for the town of Victoria, since that time up to the present I have been constantly on the go, traveling in all something like twelve hundred miles! Well, that is nothing if you are brelly on the S. J. Pole road or on some of our Placer Places, but when you consider that the great portion of it was footed, it sounds somewhat larger. I told you I think of our returning to Monterey after
having marched some fifty miles on our road to Tampa, for the purpose of resuming the gallant Worth who was so terribly frightened, and of our return again with the intention of going ahead which we did, reaching Victoria on the Fourth of January. Then we remained some six or eight days awaiting the orders of General Scott whose we had previously learned. While there I received my promotion to the Fourth which is the 7th and glad you saw as it has been of great benefit to me. In letters instead of going to the 7th at Tampa came direct to me in fact I found some time or there awaiting my arrival. The Army left Victoria before Scott's orders had arrived, a rather the Brigade to wish I was attached left, and had made one days march when our express came in ordering back one of the Batteries, this was an opportunity for me to join my Regiment (and I had received orders to do so at the first opportunity) supposed I told to have been among the troops that were kept behind for General Taylor. He immediately sent our Brigade Commander and he kept it entirely to myself, saying that he would permit to remain on line as I alone. I was very anxious to go to Tampa and should
I continued on, and I consulted my own wishes, but at the advice of some of those present, I returned to Victoria to accompany General Tyler to Monterey. After reaching Victoria, I was strongly suspected of being a member of the regiment of the grand expedition, but others thought not, and on the 16th of January, I left in company with General Tyler for Monterey, our escort consisting of one regiment of volunteers and a squadron of dragoons. I did not object to the troop, but the idea of going over the same roads twice and some portion of it three times was on my mind. But pleasant, at the same time strong I believe that I should not find on the journey at Monterey but on its way to Vera Cruz. The fourth day of our countermarch, we met on Expeus and at far as a full account of the operations in this Quarter, and as I had suspected the fourth was on its to Comarco, time to take the Fraser down the Rio Grande, and from there to command for Vera Cruz, as you may imagine I expected my course but it was too late, all means of transportation for my baggage had gone on, and there was no alternative but to leave our and equipment to continue my regiment our return Marches were much longer.
I have seen direct men and I am pleased to remain some
four or five days waiting for an event from
that place to commence. During this time I called
on some of my friends, Generators who seemed
very glad to see me, but my stay was too short to
make full use of their kindness. And at the
end of the fourth day I left Havana andMontev
and farewelled with the bank that I might never
see it again, and with a rapid March of
four days I reached Camargo. But I must
stop here. Go to my back is too tame. Ok, Ok
I care scarcely for myself.

I entered the town to finish this the next day, but
the heat, the heat, heat, heat. The winds come up from
the right, not the left. I was very sad and I had the full advantage
of the wind. I stood on the sandy beach where the wind and wind
flew by, not to return. It was not an hour to
come back. But in the end, I jumped up at turacida and did not go
now or that again. Until night when I managed to get some
rest and slept myself a little and slept more comfortable.

Oh, you see, I am not made to be a used
miserable, just men, we can just
set.

It is very uncomfortable just men, we can just with.

The bread is very good enough to cook with. The bread
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and was waiting for my acceptance which I
judged immediate. No doubt I had the sanction
of all the family in so doing at least I hope so.
A word now for my regiment, it is officered
chiefly by young men, many of whom I knew quite
with at the academy, whilst of the companies are
in command of lieutenant, the colonel (Whistler) has
just been ordered from the county leaving the
lieutenant colonel in command. This does not just
my will for the older officers of the regiment who
are engaged in the States while the younger
ones are doing real service. It certainly shows the
necessity of a "fag" or retired list. The officers and
the regiment are all gentlemen and as fine a
set of fellows as ever were collected together. It is
true that now and then they will get a little row, but
that does not affect me at all. I imagine the crew taken of
my way, going along much the same as I did in the
1848. The fourth is to be among the men that is to attack
Vera Cruz and we are daily expected to be
ordered on board some transport when the
hill soil for the island of Lobos about four
miles from Vera Cruz. Then the whole force will
comprise the troops at Zumpio collecting at
the same place. From there we are to sail to some
point near vera Cruz now in expectation of the
Navy. That and at a convenient distance from
The town here was all to sound about our being wise. I have and commencecombining here, as I
will be about eleven or twelve thousand
a small face but with the assistance of the day weought to do something. I found your letter of
December 12th also the long one written of the
Christmas party. I was delighted to learn that I was
not forgotten and that you were all enjoying yourself.
I was amusing myself morning while you were enjoying
your fun. Now for the I thank all your looks at a small egg nog party of my own letting up. I
could not let the old Irish custom pop exist when
some slight notice put up to me. As you will find the bill with this
come join it to this it is correct excepting
the sound which be never sent me and I wish
that when you found the remnant left
for which I will send when as soon as I can find
a Paymaster that he would mention it
saying that I obtained my land from Horst of New York. The note was not being able to furnish me
one. And when your uncle sends both big and
yours receipt I am anxious to hear our
flying heated up. In event I expect will be
from the House of Lords that must be
driven the Transport down here. I am not ready
Vade maecum that Cholm leafs of. I love. Buy this
Give my love to all the family and to all my
Friends, I will mention that you can do that,