Castle of Louisburg.

Dear Sir,

I am informed by the Reversor that I went yesterday a short note, saying that the officers of the Navy who are here are as well off as they could expect.

Termination is append to us, and that I am in a perfect state of health, without being on board, and looking with interest to our occupation of the town and castle. This I did to relieve all from any anxiety that might prevent any false rumors which one of it be circulated or the receipt of any piece of this nature. My note was short, and in consequence of my not hearing anything of the officers, I did not write during the day, as I did not wish to leave the story hasty. I had almost made up my mind to do so the day they came to their senses and that fact changed my mind at once as I wished to tell you the final result of that, I can do now. First, then I am writing into the proper orders. Castle of Louisburg.

The American flag is now hoisted, and its appearance gives us joy, and the town and harbor are all in better order. I have seen the advertisements of those men, and of many who are able to exert any force that might be brought against it, and we think on still with a great governing well supplied.
with junctions. Our flag with the Grange was burnt yesterday at turk, at the same time the Mexican Battery (than ours) saluted it with the national salute of twenty-eight guns. My company being among the number chosen from the different regiments to be present at the ceremony I had a fine opportunity of witnessing the whole performance. At eight in the morning our Brigade and an commandant Gen. Worth was marched from its camping ground to the place appointed for the surrender of the Mexican Army. At the same time Gen. Pillow with his Brigade of Volunteers left his position in the line, and moved to the same ground forming line in front of us. Joining towards the ground was a beautiful open plain with several a tree on it, it appears to have been the fashionable promenade of the city and just the ground for such a ceremony the whole affair being easily seen from any position. I should have mentioned that a part of Leon and Salin's with their officers were formed on our right to witness the ceremony. This formation of the different troops continued the time until the Mexican Officer advanced and asked if all were ready, being answered in the affirmative he galloped back and immediately the Mexican moved their appearance in the Grange beating on bugles sounding they marched between our lines.
and when their right armed opposite ours was held and attacked their forces. The whole scene was being about five thousand. The last part of this ceremony I did not witness, my company with four other previous designated having been ordered to occupy the Castle of Ulua, but as we jogged the column I had a fine opportunity (being very near) of observing their troops and seeing the field held out in a chaste looking pat, most of them unarmed, but they were in a horrible condition. Their officers too were badly dressed and at that period they presented a very desperate condition. Their volunteers or National Guards or they were styled appeared much more respectable than the regulars, (just the reverse in our service). By the time we reached the gates of the city on our way to the Castle, all the Peruvian troops had joined, and my attention was drawn to the appearance and the destruction from that time. That, and never did I see such a scene near a city house, where some, most of that, some near in perfect ruins from the explosion of the Hill in them. Other lod been set on fire by them and all they left but the motled walls. The streets too were torn up, and the streets through the ruins. Perhaps from the dead dead of some unfortunate being was almost insufferable. The destruction of the mart had been immense.
April 20th

Now see that I neglected to finish this in the evening, not being in the dungeon. The running about the castle during the day.

I suspect that I am unable to give you a detailed description of the main work; it is so dizzying and confusing that I don't know where to start. To say the least, it is a most stupendous work.
and well deserving its reputation for strength and security. It is so well constructed that with as respectable a garrison as possible it could not be taken. The fortress is the only one I have visited during my stay at the Castle. The flint stone is very abundant and abundant stone is found there as well. It is a wonderful place to visit and I would recommend it to all who are interested in history. The keeper of the fortress is very kind and he will take you around for a year. He is a local and he knows the town very well. I am sure that you will be able to learn a lot from him.

To the amount of 1,000 dollars. The cost to build I think about 5,000,000 dollars. The fortress of the town is also very impressive. I was able to learn a lot from him. It is one of the largest in the country and it has a lot of history. The engineer took me around and showed me the details. I think the city under the fortress is very interesting. It is near the coast and the harbor is very large. There are a lot of ships that come and go.
Boats made some of our journey up in flooding
the river enough to land two thousands at once
some time. We were all ready for a battle when
we landed and on Fort Corinth passed as much
and, as usual, pulled out for the river above the
expected a battle or twenty four to keep its deadly
along the Lord Hills and hail us, but luckily
they were not in American shore line and
under the guard, boat and reached the town
the whole army saw them of the most long
shells, gun, etc., level. It was about Johnson's
the fortification line and, I think, at first
the whole army was under the Navy
were great creeds for its assistance. Three
days after landing, the hand completely surrounded
the city so that they could have no communi-
cation with the exterior. In other words we
occupied the western completely in our honor.
the city we had some days at Wednesday with
advanced parties of their troops but some of
impetuousness; after the investment was completed
we them formed parties towards the city to
drive in the American Pickets so that the
engineers officers could reconnoiter among them
an our mutual interest. One Smith who was
not last summer. It looks like a star day
the whole river and was very much exposed.
that I believe to let one credit irritate and in due sense of the young officers are mentioned.

By means of French we approached the town and established our Batteries within about half mile.

during this time don't think the 1st was idle.

by the rooks border than any other troops.

Ine during this siege been up sometimes for

four nights in succession, sometimes in a

sand bank where it was impossible to see the

rounds was flying in such a deposit, but

much to my astonishment I stood at all and

won as dearly as ever. The Day we opened the

French was the first time I ever heard the

whistling of shot that was aimed at me. It

was no pleasant sound I can assure you very

now or they did sometimes nothing but a

foot alone my Lead. On the 2nd day opened

our Batteries, it was about four in the after

as Lord but some 200 men in position that

with some long guns that were in the

gunboats was all we had to commence the game.

The Mexican batteries contained double

the number well served and kept up a

constant fire of round shot and shell our

Batteries were equally well manned and returned

the fire with promptness and until dark the

firing on both sides was incessant at the time.

the center portion of the Mexican batteries ceased not
No money able to fiu; but we had the object and kept up the face with our mantis during the whole night; no doubt disturbing the slaves by some ill, worse individuals. This consternation and distress as in the camps is a common feature and we are well pleased with the result of the negotiations. The news as we continued in the city came to terms. We were as usual, continuing in the city. My nephew, the only one on the coast, and the company was relieved from duty on the coast on the 25th of the month, and it is surprising that it is not a very pleasant thing to have these kinds of duty, and it is not a very pleasant thing to have these kinds of duty.

The ceremony took place at the British Consul, and it is a very pleasant thing to have these kinds of duty.

In the city, it is built in Stonehouse and very much after the American style. The wood is made of wood, and it is well to get a meal in America and it is excellent. I have visited the few of the ladies from America. I have been in the country for some time, and we are making a great deal of progress.

The majority left for Halifax before we landed. I was at church last Sunday, but saw best friend of.

I suppose we shall be in the city. I have no idea that Halifax will be the place for you as I wish to go. The weather is beautiful and accommodating. The weather is very pleasant and could be described as very pleasant. I am very grateful to the British Consul, for the kindness I received in February. I am very grateful for the kindness I have received in February. I wish I could send you something from the city. I wish I could send you something from the city. I wish I could send you something from the city.