The Pueblo were daily expecting us. I think now that it is a fair prospect of peace and near short returning to Los Estados Unidos. It would seem that it could be otherwise. They do me a favor and no money to raise one with. Their repugnance on me and let them ask any Mission or where I am, and do not say Dres at all, meaning that he does not know. It is said he is at Pinacate a

Ref. Town at the foot of the mountain of the name, where he is collecting a force to meet us. But we needly be so as he do not. The material to write is none. The missionaries are so cursed with Caleb defects that, they will not fight these Northern Barbarians. Can I find them? They looked upon as insignificant, but it turned out a perfect defeat and complete dispersion of the Army under Cortes. Many of the Inhabitants of Xalapa saw the remnant of the Army by the river. They were the most astonished people imaginable. They opened both eyes and mouth and asked, what is the matter? but the orders are just a hurry to answer their interrogations, and it was unnecessary, as our Army was just defeated and they were in better spirits to tell the story, and a glimmer of it was too few for our credit. But now since you have been on account through the crew and are perhaps waiting for another victory.
I am glad to see that you are once more among your city friends and enjoying yourself. Long wish I were with you to share the enjoyment and if possible to contribute to it; it must be a great relief after spending so dull a Winter. Well writes me she scorchy knows wherein she is herself the change is so great. What would a Roxton Carolan do could he be allowed the privilege of visiting New York? He certainly would show himself and I beg to think that if they keep us as much longer we shall be nothing left than the busts in Santa Anna styles us. And should they station our Regiment in Mexico after the War, I should be strongly tempted to resign and seek some other profession. I do not feel too well pleased with the Service now; since I think my present would be complete. We all looked to this War as an opportunity for Promotion and as advancing us in our professions but we have been badly disappointed; and shamefully treated, citizens, who do not see claims at all upon the Government have had all the fighting and nice little plouts that this War has brought about compared on them while we who have done our bit have been unable to hold our own and in one or two instances seen ourselves reduced in our own Regiments of men, far inferior to us. To graduate at the Military
Academy is not a recommendation with the teachers. It is better to serve God in the United States. They say that Volunteers have done as well as Regulars. This is not so, but we do admit that they have done well. I hope you can show the white jacket but never when they are coming to Graduation. Time to Buena Vista and see what situation and what did not. The Mississippi Regiment is spoken of in the Senate terms. They say that is the better light troops in the Army. Now let us ask who commands them! Col. Davis, a graduate of the Academy; it was under his command that they have some courage and it was the Academy that made him a Colonel and captain to make others too. It is the same with the Kentucky Regiment with Col. Clay at its head. And there is not a Mustang General in the Army that do not as product for his Or as Adjutant General. This is what the Volunteers claim or their friends. But I must stop this trade and your most excuse and patience on this subject. But wait patiently until it is over in hope that I may be able to see him join us a little.

After a hearty dinner and a joke, the name of a Mexican cigar (the only pleasant beverage I have had that I have found in Mexico) I come to finish this letter. We are now in a small town about nine leagues from Puebla. It is a small town where I stop the best beauty, situated at the foot of a mountain on one side of a broad plain. We come this for a leisure journey for our friends and as a show of immediate advancing in Puebla, but are unable to do so in consequence. If not having sufficient provisions, it will take us three days from here and as there is ten days on the road that will arrive to day. I think it highly probable that we will start in a day or two from the city. I am anxious to be off for that reason.