Dear [Name],

The four years I have arrived yesterday and with it came three highly interesting letters from [place]. I should judge in the rest of spirits and with every confidence of my safety, to write you the fact that they are so philosophically expressed and will cause me much pain and misery. And when you reflect that it may be many years since I was here the fourth, during which time I shall necessarily be exposed to many dangers, it certainly will strike you that it is the only time I have to view these things. For you all will anxiously for some time, I have no doubt, it is nature, but for me to know that you are helping you the best will always make me more happy (particularly when exposed to dangers).

I was not aware that the affection was so serious until the receipt of your letter in one of your former days of the remembrance of the pain that she had suffered from her arm. I hardly gave it a thought but now that it has taken this serious turn it cannot alarms me not that I think any thing serious will grow...
out of it, producing any serious results, but that it may have an effect on the good nature which is so proverbial in our family, it may do any with that management of life which would be rather unfortunate for the canine race. Perhaps your Poodle too might suffer. But I expect that the truth is that she's become tires of home, and made that an excuse to get in the neighborhood of the free and good society. I rather think she has amorous fancy for the Plucks; by the bye, I see that our Pater stinking is rather uncomfortable. I am rather afraid that it will not weather another storm, or the like a siege and long blockade are due to. I wish a recruit I hope he may not be so soft as the former, nor so fond of the science as to be interested in his introduction. It will be a fine opportunity for you to improve yourself. On any of your enemies, advise them by all means that apply for the Military Academy, not if you think they will be unfortunate for that would be digesting your object. But if you think he has the necessary and you wish to have revenge advise him to enter the Military Academy. If he don't come any worse against you for the rest of his life, then I am mistaken. Some of my other friends thought the same making one a man, that may be, but if they haven't made a Poor one, they can't be sure it by me. I flatter myself that I have as much sense as some of my friends.
who make more than sixtyfive dollars per month
and that too without submitting to such hard labor
as some of us get! The true you say, but that is
such a glorious profession of yours. The pomp and
circumstance of glorious War is sufficient of itself
for it is your very existence; it may be so with
some, but I have tried it long enough to discern
me that it won't pay Dylan Bills on any of the
bills. I see you eat my glory for every inches of pay
and if any of your patriotic friends are anxious to
make the exchange just tell them to "hand over"
it is very nice for those at home to get many in
their vain and talk of Battles and glory and all the
sort of them but at home come down here and try
it and if they don't change their song than I am
mistaken.

But this is not telling you anything about
Mexico that grand city of the Aztecs where I
have now spent nearly three months, quite foreign
perhaps more so than at any other Mexican
city, in fact I can truly say that I have spent
my time agreeable. The discussions here have been very
harmless, and better; my knowledge of the language
is becoming more perfect (still my fare giving
any thing like accuracy), and lastly be just as if
most of our fighting was over and that we shall
be against another to the necessity of opposing our
large forces with so few, most of us are enjoying good
health. The men near are in better farm the country
of this Campaign the duty is had from the word.
Both of Offices and some but no all Officers in
were fully some grumble but our enemies who are
found not advocate our conduct. They see that
the rest govern themselves and that we must — they
know that they have been gloriously whipped and
reluctantly acknowledge the same. In short they
will be glad when they can call themselves Americans
and the women the letter for in my opinion
it must come.
My letter is dated Hospital
June 12, a funny place for a well man to be
but it is the quarter and pretty good ones they
are too it is in the principal streets and near
the College of Farms one of the principal buildings
in the lot all the officers are living low and
as has limited in a Regimental They we live
much better to so doing and it places us
more somewhat of a restraint in other words
it makes us conduct ourselves like gentlemen
it helps about a unity of feeling keeps us
out of mischief and in fact is a great affair.
I have the honor of being the father for this
month — you know my feeling if there is any thing
that I do like it is good living and the only
thing that I fear is that they will grumble
about the roping bills however I am not alone
so that they are done to back me as before
formally and formally indeed so but some the
Wednesday Morning Dec 6th

This is a Fine morning 66° and the Skies are cloudless but I understand that the wind will come up and it will be Cloudy. The air is very pleasant and the smell of flowers is very agreeable.

Yesterday being the 8th of December was the celebration of the festival of the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception. The streets were filled with people and every body was in high spirits. The Theatre promised to be very attractive and the Paseo a public scene will be crowded this afternoon with Conquistadors and Horsemen all auctioning their wares with great acuteness. At the hour of the Paseo I was out on the hunt and took a drive on the Road of Independence but we celebrated the day very lazily.

In the evening my party went to a Dance and took a drive on the roads. The next day I went to the theatre and saw a performance of a new play which was very well acted.

The weather has been very pleasant and I have been able to enjoy myself very much.
offered to a book for one and line it at some
so I own friends in New York and think at the
present to you it will give you some idea
of the appearance of this Jordan's but it also give
a view of Saldana and me of Rosella and some
enquiries of the nature of this country its doubtly
will be interesting to you and at least one
my wishes I send with a short description
of the different plans which is the substance
of the Spanish description I commence sometimes since
the translation the Spanish as you but I found
it too much of a task and gave it up
perhaps it may be a source for amusement if
you to write out a correct English translation
This is a pretty round letter dear. I hop
to may interest you and the family yours ever
and accept all and all I believe have reached me
The last brought one three from you and the four
Well I think it would be a good idea to number
our letters commencing from the receipt of them it
will show us at least what all have been
received. A sheet from your next in relation to
a check that I sent further from Vena but
I have written several times in relation to it
but never have succeeded in getting an reply
if you are in the city write home for information
I must know all about it. It is a