Dear Sir,

I think this letter will astonish you. It was highly probable that you expected to find me at home, and with such a joyful prospect of again visiting the land of my birth, in so short a time after the ratification of the treaty. The notice of which must have reached you before this. I must admit that I had no hopes, when I left Washington, of being so soon on my way to the United States. At that time the treaty was under discussion in the Mexican Senate, and with every probability of its success with that body, but it was not expected that their action would be so speedy as it was, and that it would be pressed through with all possible despatch. On the contrary it was rather expected that its passage would be delayed as much as possible, in order to help us in the Country and by our previous gift to the present government as much stability as possible. We had not the care, all that was made and before the cost of the treaty was agreed to both parties, and on the 12th of June not one American soldier remained in the capital. This is going on very much more quickly, and the success of affairs certainly deserve some credit, although our Commander in Chief, as a Volunteer...
and a man from whom too much could not have been expected, a person not remarkable for great energy nor quickness at any thing, particularly those of a military nature—still the Army has been withdrawn from Mexico with great speed, already fourteen thousand troops have been entered the greater portion of which must have reached New Orleans, and by the fifteenth of this month it is expected that not a single individual of all that mass which has been accumulating since the taking of the City of Mexico will be left in the Country.

The old Army although the first in the field, are to be the last out, the Democratic citizens who have done all the fighting are the first to come. The renown of their victories and vice versa, the first to greet you. Their accounts of the war will all be told long after we get back, no doubt but there will be some marvelous wars, and attributing in their accuracy. The truthfulness that is some of their leaders, or for instance, Mr. Gideon J. Pillow—account of the Battle of Churubusco, which you must have read or at least heard of.

The Army in Mexico, commenced moving towards the coast, about the middle of May, and in the following order, first the Volunteers under their respective commanders, then the new lines, and lastly the old line—cavalry.
the monument as with the left, in front, eagle 
our Division was the last to leave. The Arctic Column 
and as brought up the rear of the Army as far as 
this place, we marched out of Mexico on 
the 1st Feb. The performances previous to leaving an 
really fine. The troops were paraded in the Plaza 
in front of the National Palace, and as our 
flag was hoisted it was saluted by both nations 
and our Bands played, as theirs was boister a 
similar compliment as pride to it. The troops 
then marched off, without the slightest interruption 
on the part of the people who turned out in 
large numbers to see us off, although early in the morning 
our departure seemed to be up to take a last look, 
The Ladies crowded the Balconies, and Their warm 
enthusiasm was most indicative of their pleasure 
at our leaving. On the departure of the Mexicans one 
was never sure whom I know regretted it as 
much as going with their desert friends. Once 
you have seen me taking leave of some of my 
mission friends, you would have been inclined 
to think that they thought more of me than 
some do in the Republica Americana. What do 
you think of a whole family embracing and crying 
as if I were journeying from my own home. Strange 
and it may seem, there are more than one name 
of the kind in which I participate, and it requires 
all my nerve to keep from joining in, and
giving vent to my feelings. In a similar manner
I was not aware until I left, how much they
did think of us. I can not recollect how many times
they made me promise that I would write them,
and I don't know how soon I shall return.

I have spent as much as I could to advance to

r. Most accounts from the City of Mexico were that
Parades us Marching towards it with an army
ten Thousand and opened doors to a journey

by others before the reach the Capitol, so that
our next accounts may be of his entering the
City and establishing himself in power.

Poor unfortunate Country! it wants a guardian.

and there is none that can protect her
better than the ones who are about having
their share. In the Dominions of the North we
promise to remain their protectors, and that too
before five years has elapse nor their heads, as
soon as the fifteen millions are consumed, while
will not be long. They will follow evolution of an
revolution, until they ask to be bought under the
protection of the Scars and stripes, we have already
shown them, keep our hand with treatment that
we our their friends and our love of order for
weight them to admire our institutions, nothing
remains but time for them to ask our pardon.

The fourth his Japril, how did you enjoy it?
was it spent at the Island and at sailing, that

time too? or not. I thought of your all began
and would have given almost anything to have been down on the South Side, with myself it was dull enough, remaining in camp all day as official doctor. I did nothing more than occasionally visit the ground and then ran back in my memory to the pleasant time I spent at Fourth of July two years since. There was very little excitement with any of the storms here, I scarcely saw a single individual that even looked nervous, I believe that one or two of my company (B) got a little footstain, as I came them with the ground the next morning further still this I saw no justification at all, for myself I did not take even a glass of wine. What do you think of that? is Mother's advice necessary at all. I think not. For perhaps don't know how stubborn I am, and what as Roosevelt I look like. I don't think McCrae's novel, stand half a chance if I should make my appearance among his congregation. I say to the young ladies that if they are duty for a steady fine young man, they can be less, accompany with by making their appearance at Pop's Christian. This remembrance when the Fourth hopes will be strengthened. I shall be near New Orleans but there or four or hours run from that city. It is at this place (Pop's Christian) that a large portion of the storm is to be collected, previous to being sent to the different parts of the country once.