Siler, August 7th, 1846.

My dear Mother,

Any opportunity offers of lending a letter this afternoon, by the same hands that conveyed the one three days ago to my brother. The result is not such as will be likely to afford you much consolation, as regards our prospects for peace, which to see the truth become daily less. Parley has been elected President—by the clear part who appear to form an immense majority of the people; rather, if the upper classes who alone have anything to do with the choice of the Chief Magistrate. The whole State of Maine lost her armies on the field of battle, and are generally marching again, but the spirit of the whole Nation is said to be aroused, and one victory redoubled at the mountain passes. Must decide the border question. Only by agreeing matters in a different light, you can derive any satisfaction from what to me is a source of pain and anxiety. Let me confide my fears of being left behind, and have no share in the mighty struggle before us. I know that it should be to me a matter of more indifference what station I occupy, what duties I perform, but my heart alas is rebellious, and it is hard to become contented with my present lot, a prospect hard when I reflect.
upon the uncertainty of our stay, meeting danger without notice or reward, and unable to render service were for the good of our cause, getting regular it may be most required. And what the very grumblers and I forgot, for in my own self, desiring the mother's sisters whose hearts might be long uncertain to be asking for my safety to the comfort of I am here, and despite my painful inquiries there is a kind quarterly who, in answer to our prayers, may subdue my heart, a watch over my safety. This morning I rec'd a letter, July 11th, from my father, the contents of which I have had little time to examine, as I must have this letter ready to send. Occasionally to pass time, we dally in to some Mexican sense, the company of which always receives as well. Our conversation as on may suppose is odd enough, but the graceful gestures of the people are sufficiently expressive to make up for the want of language. We never enter the house, a chair with a covered cushion is offered, and having eaten meal, desires beg upon our moderate stock of Spanish, or rather Mexican which is a decided failure. The best way of getting along is to ask me after another. The theme of articles within sight. Thus pouting at an article I say, "Como se llama esto?", when the lady names it, she repeats after her, the laugh, we laugh — she compliments the correctness of our pronunciation.
expressions of the Spanish language, and so the body is pleased. Nearly all the officers feel that sense of liberty that falls on the heart to be touched. But in the heart there is no room for fancy, and it has been taught a sober sense of duty, and shall not be touched. The head, and shall not be touched. All much for hard x trifles, collection, rapidly at Pensacola, and no, and as the war will be there within a few short weeks. After the encampment was been abandoned, a mile and a half from town. Since the fall of Autumn, the volunteers as I predicted have perpetuated great outrages. The murder been committed by them, and I deeply regret the punctuality system almost, by which, the whole ability in return, the men, increasing by his connection with them, led them with favour, so to hope for their success. But from the subsequent experience of the late experiences of the Regiment, and low character, should be glad to see them all recalled, and the war prosecuted with regularity. Commanded. In case we are surrounded at any time, or our retreat cut of, we will for our 1st fight well, but never, never, as firmly believe, will they alone alone...
a battery, or carry a redoubt. On any such occasion, it was our custom to have a company of volunteers from the tail end of a column, age not a-wide natural toy. Should we, the former pay respects; the latter receive the laurel crown. These remarks do not apply to the Texan Rangers, some of which Comp. are excellent men, well commanded even when they unfortunatly there are some difficulties.

The Care of M. Meriwether,

Philadelphia.