My dear father and mother,

I had a few days ago a letter from you enclosing one from little brother immediately after your return from a trip up the Mississippi. If anything could have increased my disappointment at being kept behind, such a letter as that from dear Nellie, good news from home would have done it; and such has been its effect—so I am indeed dreading to hear that you have consented to refresh yourselves with a little jaunt, which I hope will prove as beneficial to your health as it has been agreeable. Having been to Camargo, I cannot accompany you in imagination to that place, but I am sure that the beautiful scenery of the North and West must have given you great pleasure, and had an influence in your constitution. From the fact of your taking the journey at all, I conclude that the asthma had entirely ceased. The mention of West Point brings back to my mind a great many pleasant hours: pleasant because there I had many sources of enjoyment, a good dinner, fresh music, intelligent society, and all the trimmings of military life, and all this in a short year.

Camargo, Mexico, Sept. 26.
Dear Beautiful, and beloved
by historical associations. Yet—after all the
recollection of happiness there was the reality,
for Greece will remain to promote enjoyment;
the thought that—where dead soul at home
had the share in it—held me in half my life.
It is this convinces me that any love of
home is not merely selfish, since I know
it more in season of happiness; thus when
suffering from cold & hunger—let me make me
exceptions indulging sickness. With such an
affectionate relation as Theodore Boscutt,
The visit to Bush House must have been very
pleasant, I readily imagine his kind mes-
ges to me, and return them with interest.
Sisters account of my standing at West Point
was particularly gratifying, but I could not
help giving a chord of grief, sceptical tone
when I reflected upon the course of her
information; a young officer who probably
thought that I took good road to the sister's
heart was by cxalating the brother—As
German Nature!—well. Though they
not much of Genius in appearance, is nonetheless
quite an Intelligent man, well read, and it seems
a very good writer. I regret very much the
absence of Dr. Wheaton from the Post, as I think
it would have afforded all parts some
pleasure to become acquainted.
Endings is as usual, duty and uninteresting
as our, but presents somewhat a different appearance from what it did ten weeks ago, when I left it for three unpleasant at all times it is doubtless to adorn my delightful months here. The t四位 the building are mostly large, of white or gray stone, with flat roofs, and often roughly ornamented parts. Its site is well elevated, the surrounding country cold and rolling, and the distant views of the Pyrenees, and the distant hills a grand. Add to this, the rapid waters, and the innumerable flocks of sheep and fowls grazing on the surrounding hills, and a more picturesque little town it would be difficult to imagine. The natural beauty of Pamplona, on the other hand, has been materially increased by the novel efforts of the Military Engineers to strengthen the defences of the place. If originally in Military Engineering is the object aimed at, let us give them all the credit for their plan adopted would make their work, and thrust Pamplona into their. The embankments thrown across the street are about 6ft. in height with the ditch on the inside. The brave defenders are to stand in the most intimated, a puzzle. It cannot be in the ditch for that in rainy weather is full of water, and seven 33,84 below the top of the parapet. Neither can it be in what is properly called the brems (now as the idea hand)
the, for this is scarcely wide enough to stand on and from it no man looser than 6 ft. 6 in. in stature could fire over the top of the entrenchment. It has been ingeniously suggested that the object
of these guns was to keep the volunteers in, thus the Mexicans out, and this plausible conjecture would I think be sustained by a reference to any standard
work on fortification I should mention that Gen. Patterson commanding this division has no share in the credit arising from these performances for as I was informed I asked two days ago to pay my respects to the General, and was very kindly received.
He inquired about you and invited me to call frequently. The latest date from Gen. Taylor are of the 17th. His whole army
has been concentrated within 20 miles of Monterrey. This is now 9 days ago, and it is rather strange that - no express has since arrived. We do not
know entertain any apprehensions on this account, but feel certain that a carrier must have been waylaid. We are engaged
with an English cavalry a more unfavorable
opposition might be indulged. I do not know
that I gave you any account of my risky
travelling above from here 25 miles through
Turquoise Country with a large load of officers baggage,
right lick mud in all sorts, and only 30 men
during marches, I had only my sword, my
hunting very well armed, and we arrived
All your letters, post paid or not, come as far as Comanyo, since the establishment of the last 2 weeks of a Post Office here, but do not on that account forget to pay for all your letters, as at any moment I may receive orders to move on, or my unpaid letters would not follow me.

You express doubts concerning the speedy termination of the war in which I participate. Excepting from the loss of killed & wounded in the battles, the people of that part of this county which has been occupied by the troops having experienced any of the evils of war, have considerably been benefited by it. An immense stock of money has been expended among them, and they have a safe & ready market for their corn wheats. They are also protected from the marauding of the Comanches & other Indians, as well as from...
The arbitrary executions of our National troops, should they deserve peace under such circumstances? With the inhabitants of the interior of the country, the feeling they may have of the battalions of Mexico's army can be traced, as they were chiefly recruited from San Luis and the neighboring country, from Tampico, his recent soldiers, and from other quarters. Whether the loss of relatives and friends is calculated to stir up or excite this people in uncertain, and if they have much Spanish blood in them, the latter effect is more probable. The conduct of our Navy, a then tripling itself after it, may perhaps also afford some encouragement. That the Navy, getting into some what bad odor with the foreign people, it has to thank only its inefficient officers for certainly never won a Nation more favorably predisposed towards this branch of the Service than was here at the beginning of the War. To tell the truth, the antagonistic opinions of Navy officers and our future plans must be conducted at sea, and their precise assumptions
felt Robert Martin that another
ailing is spoken of from the same
unfortunate cause that has already
beaten so many. I understand
that about 35 were examined and
about 8 passed the Army Board. If
he is in any little in the first half of which
there is no doubt, his chance of an
appointment is a very good one, had
he been here any time during the last
2 months I could have easily procure
employment for him as 1st Capt.
This can for $150 per month. The
future chances of such employment
here are however too uncertain to
agree render an opinion here for
the purpose at all warrantable.

The 2d Infantry it seems had their orders
received & had arrived at this place.
They are concentrated. The Regiment
will be about 800 strong & a fine command.

It is now entirely restored and I am
going to get on to Monterey. This is
taxes I have so trusting that through the
will. I remain
P.S. till Grayson
Comes this 26th day of Sept. 1846

Paid 10

Andrew M. Priest, Esq.

SEE REVERSE