Monterey, Mexico
March 23rd, 1848

My dear Mothers Father

Although the notice given of the landing an express is very short, I find a moment to write a few lines merely to relieve any anxiety you might feel about me — I believe the taste of these letters are some things of importance I wish to communicate — an outline of them is all I can give —

Peace seems to be imminent —

My present position is extremely delightful, I apprehend — it can be supplied now without dishonesty owing to the pacific appearances, as soon as I have fair prospects of success in civil life —

Dr. Whitt Begg, a gentleman of scientific attainments, & literary merit, author of a work entitled "Memoirs of the Prairies", has written to me from Vallejo — he says I have been told that you propose taking a tour through Mex. in event of peace — should myself undertake a tour of as small extent in view to Mexico, and thence either to South America or a voyage of the Pacific coast — I should be much gratified to join the company with you.
as also some words tol. of the lord of heaven
and earth. Y the last mail Miss's letter
with a few lines from her in it -
particularly well contented with both. Miss
is improving wonderfully in the art of
composition - tell her to be careful of
the pens ahead to fast. While begun to
get entrance of the habit of writing and
write her perfect partition of letters by
way of literary opposition. This is joking
that seriously, have much pleased with her
very happy written letter.

If I have a present of a fowl that
a young lady put on my fingers better.

Your consent I keep it in my purse
put it on when I go to the house to
visit her. It is not me the lady
in the sheet. I sent you, granddaddy
entitled "Sketches by My Character and Life"

This is a subject, however, a
letter to bad to laugh at.

Carp. Morgan sent me from that country
the letter of my unfortunate boy.

May thanks to Emma on 8th Oct.
I tell also put letter in for me

Pardon my dear mother, dear.
Moved [illegible], give me your prayers
of your [illegible]. While I daily need assistance
me as ever.Your affectionate son,

[Signature]