New Allegany

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And the church and bell, is to be the last letter I have to write you, for the present at least, from the 'land of freedom'—for we have to fight—I am delighted to get away from this place. No matter what may be my destination, I shall never cease regretting my having been born as I did. I have been ten days detained on the way. How much of happiness could we have experienced together during that time—but on the 13th, when I left, and on the 14th it all for the best. There is only one thing I wish to remain for, and that is to hear from you, as yet I have not heard a word since I parted with you. There are a number of letters in the mail, for you must have written one or two. I wonder if you are looking by yourself, and know that you are better to happy an other holding an Epidemic into your company. When we are separated, and this perhaps cannot be. I know not what I should do. An officer has just been in to mention a report which is in circulation in the city, which is, that our troops have had an engagement with the Mexicans and have been totally routed.
number of troops were Engaged, or the Command of the army I have not heard positively, the report was of Genl Taylor, but I don’t believe a word of it, for if Genl Taylor forms a junction with Halleck, they could not be whipped, the only danger is from their being cut up and cut up before they can get together. It is a fact that our army is too much divided, they are locating all over the country, and are active General with light troops and annoy us continually. I begin to think that unless Custer takes a large body of regular troops, the war will be a long one. The next however, Jef’s seems that be any help of the division being an increase of the army. I wish you would ask your father to write and tell about me, about promotion, I cannot bear the idea of going into the field behind a company, that would not satisfy the idea of being at the head of a regiment. I wish writing, if you have time, you could write my father occasionally, you know it would delight him beyond measure. I shall write him as often as I can, but you know that I shall write every chance minute I have to you. With this I have a letter to your mother, I hope to have time to write you all often. I heard from Maj. Figs yesterday he was quite well, had I known I was to remain here so long, I would have gone to see him. I was expected him here, Mr. and Brooks said he would come, as soon as he could get away. I did not hear of Rob. in the meantime.
Who say the Major do not know him - Fell Ally, Cranger is him, in arrest, for Aristotle of order going to St Louis after he was positively refused permission to do so. I am led by this, that he has not injured any. I am not sure him but shall this evening, as he for once in the same read I do - I hope ally don’t faint when the lass, this of her blood. I don’t think he will be dismissed for it, and it will be forgotten by the time he knows enough to sit married - For he late, I must patronize him. I have seen nor heard nothing of Hudson, don’t not inquire of any of the brothers with him from St Louis but presume he is. Will for me some information concerning him - And now my own own little one, much to my regret, I must close. I and write me from here. But must proceed to pack up, as we learn corn - Take good Care of yourself and my own little Kate, let her write me. Every time, I miss mind her learning to pull up her legs and back. I want to see her mark, some of her handiwork. She is a darling, and you know not how thankful I am for possessing such a wife and child - Good by. And kiss and embrace both you, of your own devotion.

Frank

Such assure I shall write every opportunity that offers.