Sampeco, Mexico
February 22, 1847

My dear Sir,

For fear that your letters to me should go astray, it is necessary that you should be informed without delay that I have tendered my resignation which has been forwarded to Washington for acceptance on the 1st of April, and that I have a leave of absence for the purpose. This may surprise you, but it is in consequence of a letter received from Mrs. Barry's brother stating that she was very dangerously ill with three physicians attending her and that it was necessary for me to go home as soon as possible. I did hope to see the fight at Vera Cruz as it was to be on scientific principles, but the duty to my family compels me to give it up. What profession I shall adopt for my future life remains yet to be determined. I shall endeavor to visit Philomathic in the spring or early in the summer and possibly seeing Mr. Campbell in my way. With concerning my property most remaining in the hands of the man who was to take charge of my farm has placed himself in the...
Government employ or other commotion it will have to be made.

The troops are getting ready to go on board of the transports for Vera Cruz—At present the weather is unfavorable and will cause some delay. Make my best regards to your family and all enquiring friends. I shall write you again when I arrive in Wellington.

In haste,

Very truly,

E. Barry
Ganett Barry
Pampico Ilasco
20th Feb 1849

Letitia Fisler
Milwaukee

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