Monterey, Mexico
Nov. 16, 1846

dear brother—

I presume that you have long before this received two or three letters that I wrote to you soon after the capture of this town. Consequently, I have been informed of every thing of any importance that has transpired in the Army since you left us at Cora- go. Since that time, I have received one letter from you written soon after your arrival at Bragonia. I was pleased to hear that you had got home safely, but it appears you had a hard time on the Gulf, which I think is another time to you that little boats should be heard of. I should like to go to sea, to look out for larger craft.

I should have written to you often if I had had any means of sending a letter other than by mail, which between here and Bragonia is rather uncertain. Also for a few weeks past, I have not felt like writing any more than I was obliged to.

As Nancy mentions in one of her last letters, that she had just written to you. I presume you have been made acquainted with the severe loss we have sustained in the death of our dear Molly boy. It is hard for me to reconcile myself to this.
for a while it seemed more than I could bear. The hope of returning to my family as I left them has sustained me. Many weary hours of separation. When I cannot write more on this subject for the soldier gives way to the father.

John has received an appointment in the bureau of the War Department at Washington & if he was a better correspondent I should expect to receive some interesting letters from him as he would be able to communicate much in relation to the army that would interest us here.

We are now making active preparations for another advance, the Mexican Commander has been informed that the Armistice is at an end & the 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry, under Gen. Worth, leave for Saltillo on Thursday morning, I am opinion that the main column of the army will march to San Juanico, I understand that Gen. Wool's command now at Manceclova will join us at Saltillo. What is to be done then I say more than I can tell at present. I shall endeavor to keep you informed of our movements & write to you whenever anything important occurs. I hope you will also write to me often & if you can do so I shall be much pleased to make you a visit. You may be sure that I shall do as soon as I am able.
It is difficult to tell how long this war is to continue but I trust that the magnanimous nation will in the course of a few months learn that they are not the greatest people on earth. Several of your acquaintance here inquire frequently after you. I would be very happy to welcome you among us once more. Please present my kind regards to any of my Texas acquaintance that you may meet particularly to Col. Gaines and S. Rees of your county.

Very affectionately yours,

[Signature]

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