Monterey, Mexico, June 20, 1847.

Dear General,

Since writing the abrupt and hasty letter of recent date, in reply to your alluding to the next Presidential canvass, I have read extracts from the "Union," which intimate not merely a doubt, but which express almost a certainty that Genl. Taylor "will not consent to be a candidate for the Presidency." This is not the case; if properly nominated, he will run. If he finds that it is the desire of the people instead of a party, he will not decline being a candidate for that office.

I read to him both of your letters, and one from Genl. [No, unread relative to this subject; and in commenting upon these letters severally, Genl. Taylor stated distinctly, that if it was the desire of the people to run him for that office, irrespective of Party politics and partisan regulation, he could not, with propriety, decline being a candidate. You may, therefore, take it for granted, that he will respond affirmatively and favorably to a call made upon him, in a proper manner and from a respectable source. Would it not be well to let
Penni take the lead in this matter? I would suggest that you get the right kind of men at Harrisburg, on the 4th, July, and nominate him as the Candidate of the Country. Send it on to him in a brief, pretty little address, and my word for it he will accept, and once started by Penni the A-L-Himself can't stop him. You can collect for such a purpose as short notice, many of the most influential Democrats in the State; there should be a slight sprinkling of Whigs in your assembly. Buy these you can pick up in and about 174, if you do it, mark the Whigs in a letter to me, so that I can show the Senate that it was not exclusively a Democratic nomination.

There are periods when Party Politics should give way to popular feeling, and when public interest and maternal gratitude become paramount over all the ordinary regulations of Systematized Party creed. It is the opinion of many, that the case of Kent Taylor will present such an occasion, and that the people and nation will by a common instinct break loose from the restrictions & restraints of mere partizan Leaders & make it a common cause and object to elect Kent Taylor to the Presidency.

Let me suggest that both you &
Gent. Moorhead keep out of the offices in your assembly. It will be policy that you should do so, from your connection with Porter, and your Anti-Shanklin, as well as for various other reasons. You may both be on the committee to address Genl. T. if you like — and I would like to see one of you at the head and the other at the tail of the list — the Eastern & Western part of our State, will then be soundly if well represented at both ends!

I'll get my Clerk to copy this, and write the substance of it myself to Moorhead.

I am truly your friend.

I send the original of this to Genl. Cameron by current mail. I am sure that you are the full together but you should do so and it is not my fault if you do not. At all events, you should both know the position of matters, that you may act understandingly.

We have three paymasters by last train. I can go home, therefore, as soon as I get that other appointment.

Love to all.

Truly your friend,

J. B. Broth