Headquarters Mexico,
Camp, Buenavistada.

My dear Father,

I this evening seized a moment amidst the confusion of our present life to attempt to drop you a line to inform you of my health, and that of the living, enjoying a reasonable portion of health and comfort, taking into consideration the present state of things. As you are both people and neither can expect much of either. And I sincerely hope this may make you enjoy all the blessings that a plentiful harvest can afford.

I am truly sorry I have to write you again for the post. As it appears we are never to get away from Buena Vista. I have nothing of interest to tell you. Concerning our affairs here as they are much the same as they were when I wrote you last. And we have yet the first battle to fight. It is true we have had several rounds, and skirmishes with the Mexicans, the they are so insignificant in comparison with the many battles that have been fought. I blush to name them, but have had some twenty more since during the last month with the Guerrillas. This I now believe we have had the all in open quarters, and the Provo Guard, that abound in this region. Our Courts Martial is now in session, and, I will not be surprised, I should see the greater number of them put to death before another. I think we have about sixty in number, and I gave notice now that there will escape from what has been p

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I am truly sorry I am not writing this from the halls of the Mountavonies for I was no doubt but that I would have been with Gen. Scott in taking the City, which was one of the most glorious achievements. What has ever crowned the American Army, (excepted) not excepted, and hand and hand it is for one to be placed here as we are, with no possibility, hand to hand with him or any other honour. What is to be done off us and us to remain here and die one at a time without ever having a fight, or what is to be done.

And hand official intelligence from the City of Mexico stating Gen. Scott has entered the City, with a considerable force on her part, some fifteen hundred this beheld Santa Anna, the Mexican themselves acknowledged their loss. 6000 at the City twenty thousand. does this not cut to shreds anything in modern warfare? (let and answer to do so.) And could I have been by his side. I would now be willing to return for quiet life. This battle into a honor, our good old hero at Buena Vista when the word acknowledged, it the grate on record. Our reports from the City also acknowledged. First, Hidalgo elected president of the republic of Mexico. And the last was head of San to am and he was in the direction of Pueblo with scarcely a body guard many thanks, he has yielded for good in Mexico. And his wise guidance shored himself on the mercy of the United States.
for my part I am utterly at a loss, to know what will be done. Certainly they have found it invin-
uous to try to whip us, and will they now come
to measure, plead and urge to follow them to long
town, Ranch, and Mountain, and drive them
into measure. The absurd idea to expropriate
opinions I think the United States should now
withdraw the troops, establish a regular army
on the land which we are willing to make our
boundary, and then let them come and take it
from us. If they are not satisfied, what thanks
you of this is its not good logic. Considering the
bored from which it comes. And make it the in
the only way in my opinion the war can be settled
that I have not betray an coward and for dictation
about affairs of so much importance, when
so little. I can only add I still continued my
situation had become perfect Master of my
duties. And Pain enough to believe I stand high
in the estimation of the Regular officers. Plea-
suer the brevity of this letter its many
imperfections. So as I am writing in much
haste, I would be delighted to hear from you so
as I have received but one letter from you since
I have been in this Southern World. My love to
Mrs. Tell her I would be delighted to hear from
her soon. My love to all, and all inquiring friends.
And believe me to be with much respect
Mr. Archibald Broch.  
Spartapoly, P.O.  
Rockingham  
From the army of County, Virginia  
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