Headquarters, Mexico.
Camp Buena Vista. Oct 15th 1847

My dear Sister:

Your letter of August 29th has come duly to hand. And I send my most hearty thanks for letter which afforded me much pleasure. Your was received more than a week since. And I was glad to have a reply by last mail. The as I wrote to you as I wrote to you and that along something I postponed writing to you until the present. Hoping by the late date I would have some thing of interest to write you. This alas, I am again without news as usual. And have nothing to write about the word and to come and till the end. If I were with you I would sit with my arms folded for a half a day without having a word to say. I would till hundred tales. Then why can I not write. As writing is nothing more or less than once conversation transported from one place to another.

Is this not good reasoning I think it is. Then it appears I must try to write something. And this it may not be interesting. I hope you will excuse it. As you cannot expect much from my insignificant self. Nevertheless here goes for the news from Mexico. It is no use for me to say anything about my health for it is unusually good. And you may believe the people are brave. has neither a poor show about my health. I am and I hope this may reach you all enjoying fine health. And me and here the gout. As I guess that will reach you about. But the kind and of course you need be living find can not send me out a mess of sausages. As they would not last a warm reception in this wooded country. I am and in hopes you will not to me extravagants but that you will severely add.
You say in your letter, Cousin Sally, and Mr. Gage and to be
married. He will be Mrs. Hoffman. If Jake Marry, I am
truly sorry I shall not be able to enjoy a portion of the
 festivities. Nevertheless, tell them I hope they will have
a good time of it. I think Jake should have gotten married
sooner, that the poor unfortunate Jake, which we left
in Mate. Mrs. Borch, might have had a marra, as I think
we doubt Mrs. B. would make a very good one as like as
Jake a good Papa. It appears as they are some strange things
going on in that Country. Perhaps I and fortunate by
getting out of it. I should have felt rather Socked had that
much have been found in my Bachelors hall, as it was
in Mr. B's. Tell Mr. & Mrs. B. I truly sympathize with
them. I am in hopes Mrs. B. will be there at the time.
for fear she might have been so much toalar
med, it would have made her blust which might of interfered
with her beauty. She don't you tell her I said so, as she might
come into her and give me a scolding. What a Cousin Sally a
is going to do with those large lips of Bebe. I am fearful she will
have a difficult matter to help him unless she is somewhat
experienced in the matter. After these proceedings Come off your
must write to me and tell me all about them. What has become
of Miss Nate 3. I have not heard from her for a month of
Sundays. You speak of seeing Jake, why do not you ask him
why she does not write to me. And Does, if I understand her
in Courting Miss Nate is it true. tell her she had better wash
at those Courting affairs. And mind serious and Chaly.
I sars. I wonder if, they will be any person left for
me to hand. When I return, you must tell me if they
is not I will bring a centone with me, till the girls.
I should like to have an understanding about affairs, as I should feel most mortally disappointed, if I were to return, and myself destitute of a chance of some sort. I do not think I will be so particular when I return about beauty and such as such. The I am bound to have some one who can make good soup and such like. And am utterly worn out cooking myself. Tell Easterly Mrs. Cooke. If ever she wants to do me a favour it will be to try and live until I return. That I may have the pleasure of eating one more of her good cooked meals. I wonder if I won't be mighty proud when I again have the chance to set down to eat and hand a knife & fork to plate and such like to eat with. Good and how we live here and what we have to eat. Had I the time to enter into a long Bear story, I suppose I could inform you this as I have not the time. I will answer your inquiry by saying it is not very pleasant. The do not live as we do in the Up. Much of the benefit and think it much... December 9th: Dear. Can you not purchase some of my Brother's shirt to Court, some good looking girl or some and who cooks pretty well for me. Or can you not make some arrangement with them yourself.

I had great returns from what we tend dinner. A large ramp cattle of beef. Soup it was quite good and I of course enjoyed it very much. You would be devoted if you could be here sometime to see us eating especially when it is rather roased. I would put it who had no teeth as I use to wear off. Letting you recollect I and a great large of coffee and bread. This is my favourite dish and here we had no cream for dips for dinner in the same kettle. We make Coffee at nights. We get a very good substitute with ice cream.
We have not seen her later than when I wrote last to you. What is to be the result of this war I am at a loss to say. We hear not of how it ends and a great deal longer. Something must and will be done this winter. I wrote you some time ago that I expected to land in London by Christmas 1802. I was not confident of being the way to a focus some time this winter, as you will see by the weather and old MacKenzie. If you do not write to me I shall think no worse of you. I was a little undermine yesterday evening and engaged myself to a lady at 2 o'clock. I have learnt all about the 7th Night. I have some of the figure and very pretty. I shall have some news to write to you. Should ever have the pleasure to write to her and so she has never written to me. I wrote them along letters shortly after I arrived at this place and had never received any thing from them yet. Surely I intend to have a good deal of friendship with them if possible. Tell them I intend writing to them next week, and if they do not write to me, I shall not forget it. I am not very long letters. No young person is going to Lexington. Tell her she ought to devote her leisure time to your study. Also tell her to write to me and let me hear from you. Go to Bill and everybody about Lexington. I must bring this letter to a close please. I am not going to your letters this side one more. Continue to direct all your letters to this place. As they will be forwarded from here to me. I will write you anything may be long and gone. And a very good Jan. 7th.

Bill and all of them and well and enjoy a reasonable portion of pleasure and do not forget me to all the girls and all the family nothing could afford me as much pleasure as to receive a letter from them occasionally. Also remember and kindly to all engineering friends to this line of hope of meeting with them again, what becomes of danger. Tell Bill and write. I do not hear a long letter and have received no myself. I hope the girls and all the family. I am not to forget me to all and do not fail to write to me. Oh, yes. I spoke of the sending you some flowers. And the presents. I promised you. I spoke to a gentleman to select some for me and I would send them in my next letter also the presents I promised to you and Mrs. Kate Stetson. United.

John M. Brook.