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Walnut Springs Camp occupation opposite Monterey Apr 24

Dear sister. I haste to drop you a line which I hope will find you enjoying all the comforts of a happy life. I received your (very good and excellent letter this morning and was much pleased to hear of your good health and happy nee together with the health and enjoyments of many of my old friends and acquaintances. And you must well see it affords me no little pleasure to hear from a people I love so dear here in a country five thousand miles from home. And not a friend or acquaintance frequently to be found. I have nothing of great interest to tell you. You tell me it distressed you and my parents and sister very much when you found I was gone. I was aware it would distress you all some tho I thought it would only be a momentary thing. And not of so serious a character. Had I now you would have been so seriously distressed I would not have come. Tho it is now too late to regret it. And we must hope for better things. You tell me something about some other being distressed. You no doubt heard why I come here. and why I left in the way I did. The reason why I left as I did was owing to this I thought it would distress you less for me to get away with out your missing it until I was. As to my leaving Miss C. H. G. in the manner I did was owing to the circumstances. which I heard as I would not marry any lady if I thought it would be disagreeable to their parents. owing to my own pecuniary situation not being sufficient. Together with many other objections. I need she loved me yet. I need I had never injured or disgraced her. and also

also new she was very able and efficient at any time to
do as well as she would to get me, and after Reflecting over
all these circumstances Connected with my own happy life
I thought it most prudent to pursue the course I did
and as for love of passion it is only a momentary thing
and can be blighted with the most common mind. So
I see no reason why any one should call a mouse and
Elephant. Tho I see it is intirely different with the love
of ones connections such as sister Brother Father or mother
This is a love of Instinct from the Begining of the animal
Race and will und must always exist. Tho enough of
this. You tell me all my friends which you have
seen send their love to me. Tho do not say who they are
much for such love as that again. Tho I hope you will
not think me proud in my remarks, it is only to induce
you to say who sends love and who does not. That I may
Retaliate. So in Retaliation for the pres^{nt} I send my best
love to those who send them to me, and all who you may think
my friends. Louis. Clarke is now here he enjoys him
self very much, and we talk much about what we
will do when we come home. should kind heaven
allow us that pleasure. he Requested me to say to you they
was a better day a coming, when all will be wright. Give my
love to all the girls as I shall want a wife when I Return
You Kit Birds I am at Monterey sure, and have those
chords I took from her dress that I promised should float
upon the walls of the montezuma, now floating upon the
walls on the star and stripes of monteray. I Received

a very pretty flower in your letter, and meeting
a young (Conchetta) (Mexican Lady) I presented them
to her. This occurred in the garden of Gen Aristas, only
a few hours since. She told me I should call and see
her and she would give me one in Return. I told
her it was from the Blue Mountains of Virginia
and she appeared to esteem it very highly. I will call
on the (Palazo) this evening, and receive hers and send
it to you. Should I have the spare time, I have plucked
a fine portion from Gen Aristas Garden and would
send them to some Ladies I see in Brecklingham
had I the time to arrange them nicely. I must
bring this scrawl to a close. You please
excuse it as I am writing in great haste must
give my love to all the girls, write soon tell any
body to write to me leave nothing out of your
letters my love to all my sisters Tell Mary I am
anxious to see her. You must get my watch
from denede and wear it until I return
I will write soon again adieu, J P Brock
A J B

P.S. The Fashions and dress of the Mexican
Ladies, are a beautiful silk skirt either white or
water silk, no body to their dress. They wear a fine
silk Probe of the most costly kind. The Ladies
are very beautiful and intelligent. I can speak their language
very well J P B

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