

(25th 1847)

Walnut Springs, Camp Occupation. Monterey, April

Dear Sir. You have no

doubt been looking for a letter from me for sometime as I have not written to you since I left Camargo.

I wrote you a long something from there giving you all the news also from Matamoros and Brazos St. Jago. Which I suppose you have received. I have nothing of very important interest to tell you more than I have enjoyed fine health since I left Victoria and enjoyed myself very much, altho we have had quite a fatiguing time of it ever since we left

(Fortress - Munroe) You will discover we are now at Monterey, we left Camargo on the 14th of this month

and landed here on the 22nd, we came by the way of Mina cutting our Road through a portion of country that has not before been explored by the American Troop

to China, where had expected a fight, as Urea has previously made it his head quarters tho when he found the Va be boys were on the way there he fled to the Chaparral, and left the place free to our charge

which we took possession of without the fire of a gun we remained there a day and left for this Point, save six companies which we left under the command of

Lieut Col Randolph to forty five and garrison the place we landed here safe with the other six companies and

a train of 190 wagons, being the largest train ever brought to this camp. Gen Taylor complimented us highly

and says we have done exceedingly well, China is a place of some 1500 inhabitants and much like Camargo

Matamoros, the country through which we travelled much the same as I described in my last letter

Monterey is a beautiful place. Tho or or Resembles the old ancient Stee. The Breed and situation is equal to any I have ever witnessed, tho you have heard all about its situation, and it is no use for me to say

any thing about it

Remember me to all of my friends

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Monterey appears to contain about the same number
of inhabitants as Richmond. I have day here to see the
Bishop's Palace Artois Garden the principal churches
Yes. which in short is worth a trip from Virginia. I do
not know when we will leave here, tho' I guess it will not be
long should Gen Scott proceed, our next step will be to
San Louis Potosi you please excuse this scrawl as I am
writing on the ground in great haste as the mail is go-
to be off in a few minutes. Adieu J. P. Brock.

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P.S. You must not fail to write to me often. I will
promise to write you a more interesting letter shortly
Please excuse this. Gen Taylor Reminds me of, and
old dutch farmer, and is perfectly agreeable in every
respect. G. P. B. Smith are here well. I left to day
at 6 hrs with Brown's company, he is well all hands
are in fine spirits. our Regiment are more healthy than
any other in the Army. I would be glad to tell you some
thing more, tho' I see and hear so much it appears I cannot say
or write anything of interest