

Headquarters Mexico,
Buenos Vista Oct 31st 1847.

My Dear Parents,

I did not write you a letter last week. And my reason for not doing so was because I had nothing to write. And this is a very good excuse why I should not write now. You were any one to come and tell me, if I were to meet you to day I would sit until God's clock, without say a word, I would believe they lied. You here is a very good reason why I should write. I am truly sorry I had to write you a letter of so little interest. You will have to excuse me, for I had never seen times more dull in camp than they are at this time, to day being a day all the troops are mustered, for the purpose of being paid off, its has raised some little excitement in camp. As we have not been paid a farthing for four months, tho' understand they say master will commence tomorrow. And of course we all live in the anticipation of a good dinner before many days, which will be quite a relish, for many of us. There is nothing new about camp. And we have not heard nothing official from Gen Scott, for a month. What he is doing we are at a loss to know. Many think peace will soon be made. And many think many different things. Some say peace is made some

say the Mexicans are raising a new army at
San Louis Portu and that Paradox, is determined
to give us another fight. Others think negotiations
are going on. And the whole matter appears
to be a mystery to the best of us. For my part
I think all the fighting is done, and but little
more can be done until our Congress meets, and
what will be done then it is for them to say. I
cannot see any use in our Government following
them any further. And I think now the most
wise policy will be to strike off a reasonable
portion of Country, enough to satisfy our
Government and station a regular army upon
it, and if they are not satisfied let them come
and retake it if they can, tho it is no use
for me to attempt to advise or say what should
be done as I know so little about such things.
I can only add, I enjoy myself tolerable well
tho I begin to get tired of remaining in one place
so long. I am in hopes we will soon make a change
some way. I think should I have such, I will have
a fair prospect, to return to Virginia by Spring
I must acknowledge I am well satisfied with the
service. And would not care how long the war
would last, was I not losing the prime of my
life and making nothing, tho I have to satisfy
my self as there are many hard w^o apparent
situations, I wrote you some time since if
I returned soon I had partly determined

to come three or four years with Col. Randolph.
Could I make arrangements, you must write me
and tell me what you think will be best. I shall
not fail to arrive at home as soon as I may be
able as I am aware I am under many obligations
to you. And will require all my time and attention
to repay you. I must bring this scrawl to a close
as I am writing in much haste. please write
when ever you may have a chance to do so. I
must excuse you nothing affords me so much
pleasure as your letters. I will write often
please be remembered to remember me kindly to
all and all inquiring friends. My love to Uncle
Hought tell him for I would be glad to receive a
word of his long and good letters. God is well
and well satisfied also to all I wish Smith's
every thing goes on smoothly. forever I
hope the time will yet arrive when we may
all meet again Adieu. I Wrote etc.

P.S. I had forgotten to say Col. Hantraman
is now in command of this post. Gen. Wood
has gone to Monterey to receive Gen. Taylor
who is going home on Furlough. our Regiment
is in tolerable Health, our loss since we landed
in Mexico is about four hundred.

Yours ever
J. W. Taylor

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