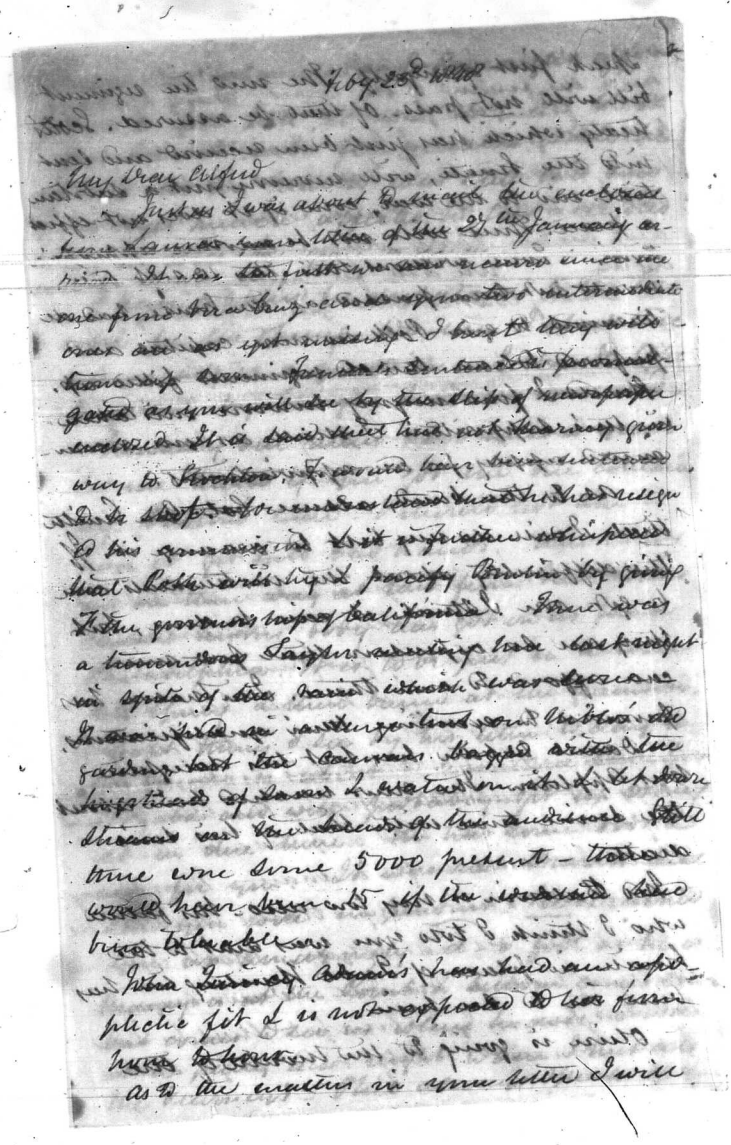

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My Dear Alfred

Just as I was about to mail the enclosed from Lauxer your letter of the 27th January arrived. It was the first we have received since the one from Vera Cruz and your two intermediate ones are as yet missing. I hope they will turn up soon. Francis Sentenced is promulgated as you will see by the slip of newspaper enclosed. It is said that he not having given way to Stockton, I would have been sentenced to be shot. We understand that he has resigned his commission & it is further whispered that Polk will try & pacify Benton by giving F the governorship of California. There was a tremendous Taylor meeting here last night in spite of the rain which was [illegible]. It was held in a large tent on Niblo's old garden but the canvas bagged with the hogsheads of [illegible] & water on it & let down streams on the heads of the audience. Still there were some 5000 present – there would have been 15 if the weather had been tolerable.

John Quincy Adams has had an apoplectic fit & is not expected to live from hour to hour.

As to the matters in your letter I will