Thursday evening April 10th 1851.

Dear App and Frank. We received Alfred's letter dated Feb 24th yesterday; by this time he must be on his way to Texas perhaps first home. I hope he will have seen you Frank before he leaves. I had a letter from Lizzie Patterson the other day. She goes out with her husband to reside in San Francisco for three years while he takes command of the Carribean. They go out in May round [illegible] come to that Point, but she has talked very bravely all along. We had a pleasant visit from Capt Granger of the Rifles the other evening. I did not remember him at the point, but he said I had changed my little. He left last Sat for a year's absence in Europe. I heard a funny story about Frost the other day which will interest George and Alfred. When he arrived here, he went immediately on to St Louis to see the young lady to whom he considered himself engaged, but when he arrived there, he found that she had changed her mind. He staid though for a month and by degrees she came round to the conclusion that if he would go to Washington and get leave to go Europe, she would have him. This he did, and has now gone back, perhaps to find that she has changed her mind back again. Granger has a lady love too, who has been changing her mind during his absence which however he did not seem to take much to heart. The dismounting of the Rifle Regiment & the Flying Artillery you have doubtless heard of. Gen Scott says that the reason Gen Smith was sent to Texas, was because complaints were made of Gen Brooke's extravagance and his inactivity in protecting the people against the Indians. We are in hopes that when the General gets as far as New Orleans, he will come on a little further north and that we shall have App with us again this summer. In our new house we shall have nice quarters for him, not the little garret room, which he used to turn up his nose at so much.