My dear Alfred. Wolcott has made inquiries about the book. The price is 40. he however hesitates to send it now that you may be on your way to Texas. I hope you feel better about these orders than we fear you do. As you must leave some of your interests at loose ends there. I think your mills will sell for the amount or more either in Cal. or Oregon. And hope [illegible] to sell your barley on the ground as is sometimes practised here. but while ignorant of your plans of course cannot advise. you will have Frank safe I hope before this arrives and will see that we have no choice in the way of his going. I have been very anxious since he left about the lawless state of things on the isthmus and in St Francisco. I was well pleased with Henry Wolcotts letter of advice and instructions and hope that Frank has it by rote. you will urge his attending carefully to all its detail to his writing fully and taking notes. &c. do not let Frank taste any improper indulgencies. think he has promised me that he will avoid gambling he had better never approach. he has singular skill in games and ought never to trust his skill. luck or power of self restraint. I cannot express to you my anxiety about him. he has a fair career open and if he takes hold right will rise to honor and riches. but a misstep on the threshold is most dangerous. do not think that Frank displaces any one from my heart. but you must understand how my heart beats for him so young and interviewed away from his mother.