My dear Frank. I am in hopes the next letter will be
something in the way of Laura's which I have looked over and
which reminds me of a dictionary. Still it is just the thing to make
one acquainted with every thing. One wishes to know. And the minutest
circumstance respecting yourself your experiences, your journey
and opinions as to what you see will be welcome. Wolcott called
at Mrs W. — he did not see Henry who was at Boston, but had
your letter to hand to him on his return. I am glad that you wrote
from Panama and hope the letter was satisfactory to your employers
you do not mention Mr Richmond, remember me kindly to him and
tell him that I shall be glad of a line from him, which I
will reply to. I hope you will find George at Astoria, or not
doing so, will follow him, if Mr Richmond does the same he
will be repayed for the trouble, it will be a great loss to
Eliza the removal of the officers from fort Vancouver. And
to them a heavy disappointment. However this is a soldiers life.
The Stents Sarah and Mrs S. Arthur Morris and the Habichts
are enjoined about you and send love. A very accomplished lady. a
friend of ours will be at Canton when you get out there. And her
husband Mr Bourbalon is fine minister. She speaks French German
Spanish, and plays well, so that I think you may find her a
pleasant friend. Mr Scharfenberg brought some artists to our
house and we had about 40 persons to listen to some delightful
music. With your books I shall send some music out to you.
I was struck with the observation in your letter that you
got along very well without brandy on the Isthmus. It is a
very false notion that Brandy is a safeguard against fever
the only thing is to take no raw or unboiled water. Coffee
will support a man much better and is an antidote to
malaria. nor is brandy or any other stimulant necessary in
any situation. begin life without the galling yoke of bad
habits — they are hard to throw off. It is a curious fact
that good habits are easily lost, while bad ones stick fast.
I shall begin a little journal for you and write something
every day. I wish you would do the same for me. and then send
it in the form of a letter. You must give me your views
of men and things. describe those persons you see — the
Astorians in particular. Georges find the Adams.
We have read all the letters over several times, do
the same before you write and reply to all our questions.

Affy your Mother.