never felt better in my life than when I went to bed. During
the day I was quite sick. the right eye squinted outwards
considerably and both were inflamed and swollen. The affec
tion did not wear off for a week, and even now the lids are
inflamed but for two or three days I could distinguish noth
ing clearly and felt weak and staggering. Now I have lived
and slept so much in the open air that taking cold in
the face seemed out of the question, but what occasioned the
attack otherwise is incomprehensible unless the moon did
it. I leave it to Wolcott as physician & philosopher to decide
whether she is guilty of such offences in reality. The sailors
all swear they have seen men's faces distorted and pas-
[illegible]
[illegible] Klamath
Nor his satisfaction I will [illegible]
noted this winter I send them to him with the map.
What has been done about the journal at Washington. Did
they order it printed, and above all did they order it paid
for. I meant to have sent him the specimens of gold alle
ded in my letter, but alas they were transformed into
pork and flour during my journey. I can however replace
them and when I get a few ounces ahead again will send
them with the 100 $ I borrowed of you. There are some few
other particulars about the mines which I must keep
till my next. Give my best love to the girls and remember
me as usual to all my friends. Tell some of your acquain
tances in Congress to send out what public documents
there are of interest, especially all relating to Oregon and
California. I have neither heard from Alfred nor Francis
since I wrote you. I shall write them both in a few
days. Meantime abuse Alfred vehemently, for I have
no letter from him since he left Panama. Good bye
dearest mother from your son who wishes most of any
thing to see you again

George

Since the above was written I have received your
fifth but none later, also one from Alfred & one from
you, one from Alfred & one from Francis. I will
[illegible] I will [illegible] to Alfred
then [illegible] you [illegible] I will
write again. [illegible]

Kindly direct to Care of Lobos & Fontaine
Son to Alfred. I will answer his letter in a few days