Astoria May 30th 1853

My Dearest Mother

The Steamer arrived yesterday, but without letters except one from Alfred & to my surprise without Em Adair, so that I remain still in office - I presume however that the next arrival will settle that matter, & in fact as it is so soon to be, I am rather anxious than otherwise to get clear, for I want to go over to the sound as soon as the weather is settled, and may perhaps cross to Vancouver's Island, as the trip will cost me little or nothing.

I was obliged to finish my last letter very abruptly for the Fremont returned the day before she was expected, on her way back. I have written to Frank about coming to this country to go into business. You think that he is not mature enough for California. I do not believe that if he remains in New York he will ever come to any thing, for even if employed there he would still be in the way of all the foppery of his school of youngsters & he will not ~~give up~~ resist the temptation. Those of this country are much less attractive to him & I do not think that the grosser ~~[illegible]~~ kinds of dissipation are in his way. If he can contrive to create a business on this side, by all means let him come. The longer he remains unemployed at home, the

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