I have some fears that you have mined of some letters sent
by express to St. Francisco to be forwarded to you. And also that
Frank may find you absent. I hope he will have sense enough to
follow you up to the Dalles. And Father Richmond also when you
will like. He is a Quaerologist Register in himself. By the bye
a number of a work of that nature comes here for you.
I shall pack and send round to China Franks books and Music
he will have some stimulus to keep up the French & Music in
the Society of the French Ministers wife who will reside in Canton
Mrs Bourbaton. She was Kate Mr Cloud. one of the best of
the sex and a truly Amiable and Accomplished woman.
I think you will have received a letter written in advance of Frank.
do keep him up to the letter and spirit of Henry Wolcotts
instructions. as to the languages. Spanish in particular of
which he has a smattering. go over with him every particu-
-lar instruction and impress upon his mind the value of
attention to its requisitions. The letter from him to Henry W.
is recd. dated Panama. This tells well for his obedience
Rankin desired to be most affectionately mentioned to you his
daughter May is one of the most looking girls one can see.
I have just reread your letter to see if there is any thing to
answer. although Mr King did not send your letter to me he
left it with Mr Pilmore at his request. And I am very sorry that
I did not know of the Commission to China which might have
suited you for I think I could have got it. Webster's health
is very precarious. but since you get the Herald you will see
that after all that disgraceful affair in Boston. The Pickle
have got round again. And Webster addresses and invitations
are going round again. Has I do regret the removal of the Pickles
offices to Texas, & Alfred seems quite unaware of the orders to
exchange Mr Smith with Mr Childs. which I should think he
would regret as they are so comfortable there.
Miss Caroline and Miss Lucretia are quite in and they
desire their love to you, Miss Lu. says she is waiting for
you that you offered yourself to her and she accepted you.
The Prudent is giving an old frumpes — ~~Miss~~ James Hovin
is married and settled near us in 8th street. — I close your mother.