

Post Office Wt. Amherburg July 9-1851

Mr Esqr<sup>r</sup> W. Morse

Dear Sir your of 31- May last. I have rec<sup>d</sup>  
I am happy to hear from you & to learn that you  
are enjoying good health & doing a good fair  
business as I presume although you make no  
mention how fast you are getting rich but I infer  
from what I hear that you are doing well you make  
no mention when you think of returning home to your  
dear native land but I hope the time is not far  
distant when we shall have the pleasure seeing you  
face to face Your Friends here are all well & it  
is a general time of health at this time the season  
is cold & backward had but very little warm weather  
as yet but rain in abundance prospect for grain  
very good. in regard to your enquirey concerning  
the postage on News papers sent to you would say  
that the papers that was paid here I was carefull  
to marke them so those you rec<sup>d</sup> from Elbridge were  
not paid here if my memory serves me right the  
Law is that postage News paper shall be prepaid  
but I find it is not strictly adhered to papers rec<sup>d</sup>  
here from California are seldom prepaid but the  
new Post Office Law has now taken effect which makes  
it binding that prepayment must in all cases be made

Respectfully Yours

Stephen Bayley



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