

A. J. Chase

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Friend Morse

San Francisco July 17th /53

Yours of the 8th is at hand. About four weeks ago I got over my Miss & with a ^{letter} for you - put it in my side coat pocket to carry to the Post Office, but by some unaccountable accident it damaged before I got there. The document was ^{so} labored - that I have been till now, recovering from the effort. The "Miss" I received a letter from you with an order for some goods but it did not come to hand till after the boat left by which you would probably expect a return - As soon as the next boat arrived which was on Friday (I think -) I called at Mr Raymonds, but he was not in, On Saturday I called again - & learned by the Clerk that you was in town - I left directions where I might be found - but it seems he did not take them correctly - I called twice on Saturday - but could not learn your stopping place - on Monday I again went down & found the boat had left - enroute to San Diego with Mr Morse a passenger - Inference, he didn't care to see me. The work entitled "Morse in search of a friend" has not been received. If the edition is not all disposed of, please forward a copy -

"Forgotten you" well I havent - "The state of my
mind" - is from fair to middling -
"worldly prosperity" I am on the track after
him - Sometimes I catch a glimpse of him,
then again I don't. My Bro. in law is in
town or work at his trade is doing tolerably
well did not make his "pile" in the mines
Am glad to hear of your prosperity - and I
heartily rejoice with you in your anticipation
of a "good time coming" - Be sure that your
lady comes by the Vanderbilt route, it
is by far the most comfortable & healthy
I should like very much to have my
daughter here - but I hardly think it
would be as well for her at present.
If she was three years older I should
certainly send for her - By the bye I am
getting strongly attached to this country
the climate is "all right" true it is rather
"fast" but I am partial to quick passages
especially in the Steerage -
San Francisco is taking rapid strides this
season - Splendid brick & granite warehouses
are going up in every direction -
mercantile business is quite at a stand
at present - The market is glutted with
all kinds of merch^d - The fall trade will
soon start things again -

I am still in the Laundry business
have been doing the washing of
the Vanderbilt Steamers - but they have
got an offer to ~~have~~ it done for a
less price than I think I can afford
to do it for - So I think I shall let it
slide - Last week I went over to Contra
Costa for a nag, with the intention
of applying horse power to my machinery
the prices are getting so low that we
are compelled to increase the facility
don't think I shall always follow
the business - I hear from home
regularly - I have lost a nephew since
I left home - Bro. Abner Sargent's son -
Giles - he died of consumption
Bro. Fullington spoke of you & of your
friends - they were all well -
Now friend Morn don't let us
again get into such procrastinating
habits - I know it is not my intention
to do so, and I have the assurance
that it is not yours from the fact
of your writing a second letter when
you had reason to expect one from
me in answer to your first -
Did you, or were you elected to the
office for which you was nominated.
Please write very soon - Yours very truly
A. G. Chase

Is the climate as delightful as ever in
San Diego - Why can't there be business enough
started up - to induce a regular settlement
of New England families - Wouldn't that be
first rate - The absence of these inestimable
blessings is the ugliest feature in the
Country - two weeks since I took tea with
a private family - the first time since
leaving home - Sometimes I go desperate
& flatter myself - that I am as happy
as I possibly can be - that those who
have more social privileges, have
other troubles which more than counterbalance
what say you?

A. J. C.

When next in town call at
the "What Cheer" House on Sacramento
Street - & I shall be sure to see you -

July 17th 1853

San Francisco Sep 8/53

Friend Morse

Yours of Sept 2^d is at hand, but not one word about my last letter, in reply to your previous to this, explaining why I did not attend to an order from you some months since &c &c Have you received any such paper. In your next just say yes, in any part of your letter disconnect, bottom-up, or any other way, and I shall know what it means. I have sold out my interest in the Laundry business since I last wrote you & have got into a lodging establishment. The 1st of the present month I got an interest in a vegetable store, Pacific Market, yesterday I sold at an advance. I intended in my last letter to offer my services to buy any goods you might order, but forgot to do so. In my present business I have plenty of time to attend Auction & would be very glad to serve you & do the best I can.

If you should conclude to send
or buy you will please be
particular in your description of
goods as to quality &c

I have just rec'd a letter from
my daughter, she is well I have
not rec'd a letter from Amersburg for
some time - Bro. Pills is still
in this City - he is getting 10 per diem
for his trade - the time for the
departure of the Goliath is at
hand & I must close -

Respectfully yours

A. J. Chase

"I wrote you a letter in July but
I think I directed it to A. J. Chase"
What does this mean?

Wagon necessary
order sent out

A. J. Chase
Sept 1853

San Francisco March 29/55
Friend Morse

Yours of March 21st
is at hand - What is the matter with the San-
Diego mail - The letter of which you speak
cannot be found - I have not only made
particular enquiry at the P.O. but at also
the Express Office -

I should like to buy
your goods - & will do the best I can
please be particular to specify -

The boat is just about to sail

Yours &c

A. J. Chase

A. Chase

Mar 29th
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San Francisco Apr 7/51

Friend Morse

I wrote you the last
boat in answer to your 2^d letter
(the first I never rec^d) & expected an
ans - the boat but did not receive
one - I again repeat that I should
be glad to serve you in any
way that I can my head quarters
are at 61 Clay St.

Yours &c
N. J. Chase

A. J. Chase
April 3rd



San Francisco Apr 18/55

Friend Miss

Enclosed is bill of Merch Ship
per S. American Hay Scaly - only one in market
price \$300. (I think) said to be as good as new

I have sent you the best quality of goods to
be found in the market I could have got what
is called 1st quality China Sugar for a shade
less. but it was sweated - so also with the crushed
sugar - I have taken the liberty of sending
you a sample Bag of Putta - put up last
June I think you will find it a first
rate article - I can sell a very fair article
for 25¢ - I could have got a cheaper
article of Sugar Beans but I know Carpenters
want the best -

If your orders at any time should exceed
your remittances you need not give yourself
any anxiety - they will always be filled if
the goods are to be found

My best regards to Mrs W. & all the
family by the way how many little
responsibilities have you -

Yours very truly
J. H. H. H.

Rec^d of E. W. Morse Three hundred and
thirty dollars \$300 to be applied to the
purchase of Merchandise as per order from
time to time

San Francisco Apl. 18/55
A. J. Chase

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A. Chase
April 18th

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San Francisco Apl. 28/55
Friend Morse

Enclosed is bill of Merrett
as per order - I hope they will give satisfaction.
In regard to attending to your order, I
can assure you in these degenerate times -
small favors are gratefully rec^d.
I am sorry I sent the Blatte - hope you
will not loon on it.

Yours very truly
A. J. Chase

Rec^d of E. W. Morse One hundred & fifty
dollars for the purchase of Goods as per
order
San Francisco
Apl. 28th/55
A. J. Chase

A. J. Chase
April 28th

San Francisco May 9th 1855
Shipped in good order by J. H. Chase
on board Steamship America

- 1 Churn Martind E. W. M. San Diego
- 2 Bales Wickung "
- 1 " Flour Bags "
- 3 Coils Rope "
- 1 Case Merck "
- 8 " Coffee Mills "
- 2 " Chairs "
- 1 bundle Lamp Chimney, in clerk's Office
order

Yours last, was filled by my friend Mr
Preed - in consequence of my being out
of town - He says he shipped the Powder-bar
it was not sent until too late to be sent
on bill of lading I hope you have rec'd it.
Mr Winchata wants to know how you
will have the Saddle fitted up - Texian or
Mexican style - I am sorry the Lamp
Chimneys were not right size - I am
sure these are right

I suppose the conclusion you have come
to with regard to domestic matters is all
right - I only hope that the N. Road of which
you speak will increase your wealth
in a ten fold proportion - and also your
domestic cares & responsibilities in the same
ratio -

Steam has done much for the country
& may we not hope that much more is yet

to be accomplished, Chickens are brot into being -
The big Organ at Isament Temple Boston is made
to peal forth its notes by this all-powerful agent.
And who knows but what the heir may yet be
made vocal by a somewhat similar process.

I have not been able to get any RR statistics
but will do so whenever I can - I should not
object to investing "just in time" before the rise
of property in S.F.

I was satisfied at the time Mr Haley was
in S.F. that he had a preference in some body
else as his purchaser - natural enough of course
I noticed when the big case of Chairs arrived
at the boat - they shook - & the case looks
too large - It was too late to remedy - The Chair
dealer ought to know his business -

The other cases were packed as close as possible
The Chimney Lamps are sent up the of jesser.

Yours &c
A. J. Chan

P.S. There are various kinds of rope you
did not specify for what purpose have
sent you what I thought to be best

The Seals are not new but just as good
have just been sealed - The price of new 100

A. J. Chan
May 9th

Friend Morse

San Francisco May 19/55

Enclosed is bill of Oyster Point.
The Saddle will already rest Boat.
By the by the missing letter came to hand the
last mail all perfectly satisfactory. I will
send you a paper this mail - forgot it the last
time. No news of importance - except what you
will find in the papers - my regards to young
&c. A. R. Road news.

Yours very truly
A. J. Chase

E W Morse

1855

May 19

Prot of A. J. Chase

F 1 4 set Oyster Point - \$20 \$8.00

A. J. Chase
May 19th

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San Francisco June 2 1855

Friend Morse

I send you 4 whole
Boxes of Raisins, ^{none in 1/2 boxes as good,} because they are
cheap - I gave Mr. Kerosen your order
& told him to exercise his judgment
and put the articles as low as possible
whether he has or no, or whether they
are more expensive than you want
I am unable to say - having no
means of comparison.

The Brooms I sent you last were
under the market price - No more of
that lot. Pitta Almonds are worth ¹⁰⁰
per lb scarce or that. I presume it is
more than you wish to pay, from the
quantity you ordered. Have omitted saying
Sugar is improving crushed in large
quantities to arrive is held at 13 1/2 + 14 c

The tendency of flour is downward
I send you the only kind of Coddle Powder
in the market. I hope you will find
the goods all right. My regards to
Mrs. M - yours very truly
A. J. Chase

San Francisco May 31/55

Rec^d of E. W. Morse three
hundred & thirty dollars on a/c
A. J. Chase

A. J. Chase
June 2^d/₀

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San Francisco Jan 13/55
Friend Morse

I am sorry those chairs were so badly packed I called to see the party that I got them of to give him issue but he was not in I will make debt something for damages - I think he will - just make out a bill of damage & I will put it to him

The bed cords I send in place of the missing ones - I got them of a friend who had just rec'd them from the States - & he thinks he called this up by ~~it~~ by ~~br~~ ~~ing~~
I in regard to the lead - You Miller nor no other live man can find it in S.F. (except or one room) for less than 12 & 12 1/2 cts I went into some 8 or 10 houses before I succeeded as to a price current it is not worth the paper it is printed on as far accuracy is concerned - except perhaps for Domestic production - I could not get the exact weight 2 Pys was not enough & 3 was little more I presume you wanted it for

retailing and it would not make
much difference

Yours in a hurry

D. J. Chase

D. J. Chase
June 13th 1870

San Francisco June 16/55

Friend Moss

After all the Steam has
been detained till to day, I forgot
to enter the Paper on bill here it
is

1855

E. W. Moss

June 16

Box of A. J. Chace

58 lb Black Pepper 16 1/2 # 928

P.S.

Steamer just arrived Sebastopol not
taken - consequently the world has not
yet come to an end.

Yours very truly
A. J. C.

A. Chase
June 16th

San Francisco Jun 27/55

Friend Morse

Willow Cradley & dolls
Force pumps 15 to 18 Lead pipe 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch - Booby
1 ct - The pattern of brass did not
appear don't know whether you
wanted Bk. or col. Therefore can't
send - There is no book of either
kind to be found I send you
more than your order because I
think Sagan will be higher it has
already advanced I am again in
the market I sold out to my partner
3 months since but he did not fill
up according to agreement so I had
to take it back - It pays however
tolerably well

Rec^d of E W Morse two hundred
dollars on a/c
San Francisco Jun 27th 1855
S. J. Chase

A. J. Chase

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San Francisco. July 18/55

Friend Morris

Your remittances of \$450 in all are at hand - I called at the express Office as usual for your letter of July 1st but found none - I also went down to the Boat, but did not find the Clerk - & finally came to the conclusion - there was nothing for me - After the Athena had sailed I rec^d notice thro. the P.O. of a letter at Fungo's - My place of business now is Pacific Market - Enclosed is a card -

The "Laura Pevan" sails on Friday next - I shall ship all the Merch^{se} on board of her - The Steam Boat folks have come to the "peenny wise" to charge 1% on all cash remittances - They tried the same game the last shipment - but I would not stand it - from the fact the goods were all shipped ~~with~~ them - They make no discrimination now - whether the goods are shipped on their boat or not.

Will you please tell me the amount of your remittance the last of May 25th or thereabouts - I will try & "do you proud" on the order now at hand

Yours very truly A. J. Kean

A. J. Chase
July 18th
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San Francisco July 28th 1855

Dr. Morse

According to instructions I made arrangements to ^{ship} your goods for Lima Peruv - The day before the steamer sailed I called at their Office but found no one in - but saw a notice that the Peruv would sail for San Diego on Saturday when the time arrived I sent my goods & to my surprise I learnt that they had concluded to go as far as some port because they could not get sufficient freight to ~~cover~~ it pay - I shall ship most of your order by the Sea Bird the mail Co. will put a boat on for S.D. next week when I think the freight will be less I have not been able to find a pretty Chamber vice the dealers are expecting some to arrive soon - I will ship the Sumba next week & also attend to your last order - The store is the nearest I can possibly find to the order I will make out the aff next boat if possible

Yours &c

A. J. Crane

My respects Mrs M

A. J. Chase
July 28th



San Francisco July 30th 1854

Friend Morn

Awful show to day
shall not be able to send Samba 'tie next
boat - after the first I shall be flush -
all bank - I will endeavour to make
our you afe by next boat
Business is good - I am in the
retail vgt - produce business - we
have got a good run of trade -
family custom - pay over a month
if they can - some pay "in a horn"
some "over the left" consequently we
lose more or less by bad debts -
"So long"

Yours very truly
C. J. Chapman

A. J. Chase
July 30th
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San Francisco Aug 16 1855
Friend Morse

I am at a loss what to do - There is no vessel up for your port - & your instructions are - ship by sailing vessel - The Laura Devans only goes to San Pedro - The aft says he has no prospect for freight beyond - That it was more chance that the "Pierce" went to San Diego. That when he refused your freight he did not know or even expect any from government &c &c - You say "don't forget the Colonel" & that is all the order I can find.

I suppose you had the impression it was ordered before - not so - Frank are worth 17 of only Farnum's Force Pump is the article description - Double acting ^{force water} ~~the water~~ both ways is used on board Steamers - price 150 dolls. Hose & Suction extra - Non \$1.25 per foot. It will force water ~~thru~~ 75 or 100 feet size 2 in. it will require about 45 lb Copper pipe at \$4.00 per lb - Cheaper than lead. I shall only ship per steamer as per order. If I mistake not you remitted 100 francs for \$20. as that rate ~~for~~ will leave a deficiency of 3 dolls less than \$20.-

You speak of remitting \$200 by the Capt
of Steamer - I suppose you change your
mind & sent by your friend - I did not
call on the Capt. supposing that to be
the case Oil is very high - I should have
mentioned it in my last. did not send on
that acct - It is generally thought it
will be lower - You are all right
on Coffee it is worth 20 to day or rather
a week since it was from at that price
I generally pass myself up before buying
as well as I can - I was then assured by
a friend in whom I could put confidence
that it would advance - in your haste
Yours very respectfully

A. J. Crane

Regards to Lady

P.S. The Subs got left in S. F.
The Powder & Shox was broe back to
San Pedro. & shipped by the Republic
on ~~the~~ down trip have you rec'd it?
You speak of receiving 1 piece of Journal
I sent 3 folios disc - you not receive
as many - A. J. C.

A. J. Chase
Aug 16th 1888 -

Dear Mother Aug 18/17

F. Moore

The Steam suit
to day worse than I expected
I have not ship^d because
you became with the goods
ship^d by sailing vessel
there is no vessel up as
yet nothing new

Your affectionate
son
A. J. Lohan

W. Chase
Aug 16th 1855-

E. W. Morse
San Diego

San Francisco Augt. 29th 1855

Friend Morse

Yours of Augt 21st is at
hand. I suppose you will hold the
Officers of the Boat responsible for
the missing goods - as they are receipts
for they must "pony up." I think you
will find the remaining 5 boxes of
Soap - on board for I am quite sure
they were shipped

I will only ship to day as per
bill. There is a slight prospect of a
sailing ^{some} going to S. D. then a two wk
for San Pedro with light & heavy freight
If so I will ship more by there
if not - I will try & send by the
Republic - on Saturday - money is
tight - decidedly -
you will perceive that Potatoes are
higher I think they will command
good prices the remainder of the season
I will wait next year & take
more time

Yours own

Providence Green

Regards to Mrs M

I could have sent you an inferior quality of
James's Rum for 20¢ but you order was a 50¢ one, so I
sent you the best I had of it of course

A. J. Chase
Aug 29th
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S. Francisco Sept 11 1855

Friend Morse

Yours of Sept. 3^d is at hand —
you are right with regard to the \$12000.
I will adjust the matter & send a correct a/c
per. Laura Beavens, which sails Wednesday next
for the Port of S. D. at which time I will endeavor
to finish up the back orders — and also attend
to the order per S. Goliath.

I am in the produce & fruit business generally —
at present in Pacific market. Expect to take
a store — Store or temporary (you perceive I am getting
familiar with the Spanish language) our present
place is going to be torn down & a brick building
erected in its place. Business is very good —
but too much on by a good deal —

Pioneers Celebration to day — a respectable procession
plenty of good music — & plenty of other noises
to match — our governor elect arrived in
town Saturday night — was rec^d and escorted
to the Orient — introduced to the crowd —
made a Spanish rec^d rec^d — Country all safe
Especially the Golden State I must close

yours very truly

A. J. Chess

#200. rec^d per Goliath

San Francisco Sept. 14th 1855

Friend Morse

The Republic is in but no letter from you - written by express - you speak of the Soda crackers being musty - I bought them of a friend at a lower price than I could buy them at the factory - with the assurance that they were perfectly good - so much for friends - I don't suppose he was aware however that they were musty - The amt. of bill of Lumber should have been extended \$720, I copied it from the original bill - but find he included \$400 wharf & carting hence the mistake - I find that my friend & customer Mr Benchly occupies store No. 62. Battery St is Mr Belknap a partner in the concern? They are hard ware dealers - In referring to your order for sheeting it reads coarse Cheap sheeting. The article I sent you last. was coarse heavy sheeting ~~is~~ do you want an article for lining, or such as the last - I should send the domestic by this opportunity - but am at a loss to know what you want - No one knows what "Stove pipe heads are" - please explain - also the quality of bleached sheeting

Please say to Mrs. Morse that I have about
concluded to "tie up" in this country - for the
same reason that a convict makes up his
mind to stay his term out in prison - By this
I do not mean that I intend to "tie up" to any
particular person - but to the country generally
my regards - to Mrs. M. - please state in your
letters home - that you hear from me

The Nicaragua Steamer has arrived - lots
of Cholera on board - report says 300 have died
What price Prints do you want?
light or dark - large or small figures -

Yours very truly

A. J. Care

Sept 14th
A. J. Care

San Francisco Oct 1/55
Friend Morse

Price of fare to N.Y. 1st
Class [#] 250. 2^d " 175. 3^d " 100 (steerage)

I am very confident - or rather I did not
understand you to want 3000 \$ additional
to the 3000 \$ shipped Augt 29th

Pierce has a vessel up for San Pedro - but
I cannot prevail upon him to go to S. D.
I therefore ship per Republic

I shall always send goods to the full
amt of your order when I have the
funds to do so - I am differently situated
now from what I was before going into
the market - Then, I had some ready
money - now it is in the hands of
Mr & Mrs Tom Dick & Harry - trusted
out - Mill stone Picks are not to be
had - they can be made to order at about
\$100. per \$ - Nails are in the hands of speculators
price 8 to 11¢ - My regards to Mrs M -
Yours &c J. G. Chan.

A. Chase

Oct 14th



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San Francisco Oct. 15th 1855
Friend Morris

You will perceive
that many of the articles sent are
higher than usual - The market is
stiff in almost every article of merch.
Copper Passap \$150 to 200 I send the
only P.C. Stamp to be found
You & your good lady are not
thinking of leaving these sunny regions
or either of you -? hope not I want
you to wait till I get my pile -
I think in about 10 days will fetch
it - I will write a rec^t for \$290 -
& when I ascertain the value of the
Dust will cr. you - you say in your
letter 700 or 800 Dust & 45.00 coin I
think the coin amt^d to 90. Dollars did it
not.

my respects to Mrs M
You r
A. J. Chan

San Francisco Oct. 15th 1855
Rec^d of E. ~~H.~~ Morris two hundred & ninety
dollars in two packages - ² safe
A. J. Chan

A. Chase
Oct 15th

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San Francisco Nov 3 1855

Friend Worn

The Shs. Measure on Lumber,
did you allow for the 1/2ⁱⁿ stuff, or did
you allow only for board Measure
The Lumber Dealer is sure there was
no mistake. The Prices like Sample
are much higher than your market.

The Sample enclosed can be got for
3¢ I have not yet been able to find
a Paku-willing to go to S.D. will make
further inquiry. I have been waiting
for another furniture order so as to get
an allowance on those Chairs,
I will also get an allowance on the
Putter when I have occasion to buy
more goods of the firm. The all
say (and it is one of the tricks in trade)
we will make the allowance on next
bill. East Iron Pot the size ordered
cannot be found - none but 15 to 20
Gals. in market - "Lebones" not to be had
There is a mistake about the Grammes you
can return the 5 if not wanted.

I may have overstated the order in one
or two instances - but I think you will
find that the goods will do you good.

The Gold dust had a good deal of O.K.
sand in it hence the desert.

The Lumber Dealers don't seem disposed
to send Lumber in com-

I wish you were in S.F. well located
in business - I think after getting ac-
quainted you would do much better here
suppose you try it - Then again Mrs
W. would be much better contented
here - S.F. snacks very much of the
cities of N.Y. Boston. What say you?
12^{1/2} O.K. I am much inclined to "nod nod"
So good night

Yours &c
A. J. Chan

San Francisco Nov 3 1858
Paid of J W Morse Three hundred
dollars on a/c. also Gold dust
amounting to 6 dollars & fifty cts -

A. Chase

Nov. 3^d

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San Francisco Nov. 17 1855
Friend Morse

The Paper Mual cannot be
obtained in less quantity than per Bbl -
the dealer agreed to open one but backed
out - Lumber - is up to 30 dollars per M -
think it will be cheaper next trip -
I have not been able to find the Brazil
as per ^{previous} order - I think I wrote about
the Spanish Grammer they can be
returned if more than is wanted -
Goods are high at present, but I
think after the arrival of some
scores of Clippers, ^{now due} they will be cheaper
I send this by express. as you are
one of the "craft," I suppose it will cost
nothing - Business in my line (produce) is
very good. I wish you were here well
established - in trade - after all San Francisco
is head quarters & the place to operate -
you did not speak of having rec^d the
last shipment - is it all right -

I send you an a/c current - to date,
hoping you will find it all right
I send papers - My kind regards to Mrs M -
Yours very truly
A. J. Chase

A. Chase
Nov 17th

San Francisco Dec 3 1855

Friend Morse

I am sorry now, that I did not send the lumber before but it can't be helped.

There is no sailing vessel up at present I therefore send by steamer I am late in haste!

Yours &c

A J. Crane

A. Chase

Dec 3^d



San Francisco Jan 31/56
 Friend Nora

"A happy new year" to you & all both great & small
 Your goods are all shipped on board the good sea Arno, with the exception of Stryckmann & Ass Candy. Did I understand you to say that the last a/c current was O.K. Did I make a mistake & send you the order on Major Somebody for 46 dolls, instead of Shellers receipt if not I have mislaid it - You ask if the order on Franklin is paid. Do you refer to the 46 doll order. I cr. you with the 46 dolls supposing it would all be repaid when I could see the Major-Rache (is it) The due bills given by R. C. Matthews will be available in about 3 months so he says - shall I hold them or return - I believe I did not charge the money J^r Weller on your bill please notice. Please give me the footing of Dr & Cr. as per bills since the last settlement refers to above - My a/c is a little mixed up - somehow - over

I hope you will find the goods all
right My kindest regards to Mrs W.
Yesterday was New Year made lots of
calls - every body seemed happy as Clary

Yours etc
W. J. Chase

Letters & Receipts

W. J. Chase

Jan 26 1857

San Francisco Jan 2 1856

Rec^d of E. W. Morn Three hundred
dollars in ~~specie~~ also Due bills
given by R. C. Mathewson as follows

| | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | dated | Dec 21 st | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | " " | 53.94 |
| 1 | " | " 22 | 100.00 |
| | | | <u>203.94</u> |

San Francisco Jun 15/56

Friend Worn

The Steamer has arrived
but no letter. The Expressman is quite
sure he bore one but cannot find it.

We are having plenty of rain. Business
is rather dull. Nothing particularly new
hope you have not been disappointed
in not receiving articles you may
have ordered.

Yours very truly
A. J. (San)

A. J. Chase
Jan 15th 1856

San Francisco Jan 30/56

Friend Morn

I have made further enquiry about the 250 doll. remittance, all the satisfaction I can get is, I find that amt entered on the way bill. My further information is withheld.

I also rec^d a package per last steamer purporting to contain \$200. Said package came to me unscaled. I did not notice it however until I had occasion to open it, some two days afterwards. When to my surprise I found only \$159.50 one piece of gold might have been reckoned at \$2.50 which only passes for \$2.00

What does it all mean, I will wait until I hear from you, before sending anything more, because of the fact of the last remittance falling short - may weaken your confidence in me.

I mentioned the fact at the Office but as the package was not opened at the instant of delivery, I do not expect any satisfaction from that source. I remain your very truly
S. J. Chew

A. J. Chase

Jan 30th
11

San Francisco Feb. 16th 1856

Friend Morse

I am very sorry that some of the goods last sent proved bad. The articles you find fault with, were put up by a House in which I have always relied upon - and have never before had any occasion to be dissatisfied.

Whatever articles are unsatisfactory - you will please return them. The Coffee is undoubtedly bad. If you choose you can keep it for what it is worth - only be sure & not allow too much. The Strating I did not purchase at the House I usually buy of - they had none of the right quality. I presume I paid $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. too much for it - I find I can now buy at $\frac{1}{2}$ or less - I have got a deduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. however & will ex. you with the difference.

The Coal is not consisted of much value too light. The other mineral is a sort of Lime-stone - not valuable - when is the

the latter document which I sent for signature

The draft for I presume will be honored

The Pacific Express - prefer to ex. to you for

the missing $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. Main Winchester don't

recollect any thing about the side saddle

Money is worth all the way from 1 1/2% to 4% according to the amt. & kind of security we are effecting a loan on the property of 120 Baker Church @ 1 1/2% - property worth double amt of mortgage
Interest as high I send only 2 shs if you wish more will send next time
Yours &c
A. J. Brown

A. J. Brown 16th
John

Mantle
Cash
Money - interest on

San Francisco March 1/56

Friend Morse

The \$250. has been paid
will please to your Cr. with regard
to the missing \$100. I can't ~~account~~ account
for it - all I know about it is this,
when I opened the package the money
was short \$100 - It is true, I did not open
the package till two days after its receipt
but it was in my possession together with
funds amounting to twice that amt.
therefore if any part of it had been
lost while in my possession, the whole
package must have been lost.

My \$100. does not amount to 50% per
In your letter of Jan 20. you speak of
having \$100. away ^{on that day} and of only
being able on that account to send \$60
may it not be possible that you
forgot to ask for that ^{\$100.} on your book
The wine should have been entered on
bill 22 1/2 qrs. at 40¢ per foot.
it is sold by the foot.

Cheapest sugar is only 1/2 ct less than
that which I sent

Disposn of the Merc or Auction or what
you can give. A. J. Green

Alchore
March 18th
11

San Diego March 5th 1856
Friend Chase,

Dear Sir,

Wag was candy
25^c per lb - usually 20^c - on bill Feb 16th
you have charged me with 90 lbs of
candles this was 5 boxes of 15 lbs each
you also charged me with 247 lbs Ind
Sugars the barrels weighed just that
nothing deducted for tare, ^{they were marked} they was
120 + 127 which was the gross weight.

I send you by Pacific Express Sanders
3^d 4th & 5th Readers they are of no use
to me here I intended to have sent
for Sanders Primary Primer please
send the amount in Primer, if they
will take them back otherwise
dispose of them at auction or any
way.

I send you
and I wish you to purchase a draft
& send to the enclosed address - send me
one of the duplicates. -

Please send the edging
1 Piece Imprima edging, rather open, a
little less than 1/2 inch wide

E W Mason

March 10th 1856

Rec^d of Benj L Savon in favor
of A J Chast Four Hundred Dollars
\$400.

Daniel M. Bredt

San Francisco March 15/56
Friend Morse

Dr. Sir

With regard to
the Candy, I have an ape with the Manu-
slut for it in a hurry, didn't get a bill,
changed ^{it} by guess, guessed 5 ct too much, hence
the mistake, as I perceive by my books.

The next time I guess at a thing, I
will be particular to say more or less

We ~~down~~ Easter you know, are allowed
to be right smart at this game, even if
don't come within a row of Alpha Tins
of the mark provided the result is in
our favor. The Sugar - I had the
same impression you have, that the tax
was not deducted, I went back to
the House of whom I got it, & see
other bbls of the same lot weighed &
found the marks on the heads to be net
the tax is marked on the side of the Bbl
& they all overweighed the amt of the
tax marked on the side, If yours
are an exception let me know &
I will make the allowance.
You wish me to purchase a draft. But
you forgot to name the amt, or to say in

whose favor you wish it written
Whether did you state the amt. of your
remittance - All this you will perceive
by your letter which I enclose.

I delivered the watch to Express the
last Boar. So day the express man came
in with the watch minus the crystal
& said it was overcooled or something
of that sort. I wanted to throw it on my
hands. I told him that the watch
had been delivered, & I had a receipt
for it, & should respectfully decline
putting you to any more expense with
regard to it. Spirits are high

I send you more K & Forks than
you ordered - because I could buy
just that lot much cheaper - or rather
much less than the market price.
Often times find M. I am able to
send you articles considerably under
the market price. But I scarcely ever
speak of it. For instance that lot of
cutlery which I sent you some
time since. The parties were closing
out their stock & I am sure it was
25% under the market. Then again
I may be a little above the market.
This is a very fluctuating market and
it is almost impossible to keep "posted up".

My regards to Lady & all the family
more or less

Yours very truly
A. J. Chase

P.S. I don't think a "huff" of
the manner the express business is
managed to S. Diego
A. J. C.

A. Chase
March 25th

S. Francisco. Mar. 29th 1856

Friend Morse

Your order is attended to,
to the best of my ability. The Books
were sic - If you weigh the Tobacco
you will find the marks on one side
is not. & that the tare also is marked on the
opposite cor - an unusual way of marking
but such is the fact, as you will see by
the box sent to day Salt - not knowing
what use you want them for, I have
only sent 100^{lb}. There is an article
called (I believe) Globular - which come
50% less. The Due bills given by Matthews
for 50 - 53. & 100 each have not been paid
no funds - Potatoes are high I think
they will be lower next steamer
I can't account for the Dr. Wright on
Rope. Will make it right

Enclosed is 1st & 2^d Drafts in favor
of J. B. Hill for \$100, Spingler (red wood)
6 dollars - Marble Slab 18 dolls as
per denomination - my regards to Mrs M.
yours very truly
A. J. Mason

A. Chase

Mo 29th

Red wood Shingles \$6.00

Marble Slab 18.00