

Mr J. F. Hubon.
Benicia Cal.

On Board Steamer Tennessee Panama
Bay April 20th 1851.

Dear Fred

Here we are safe at Panama
once more. we arrived last evening at 5 o'clock, after a
short and pleasant passage of eighteen days minus
one hour. I have been very fortunate indeed and
have given entire satisfaction to all the Officers
and the Capt. told me this morning he would
like to have me continue on as Quarter Master
in the ship on wages but I very respectfully
declined his offer and shall probably go on shore
this P.M. or tomorrow morning to cross the Isthmus.
after we left San F. we stopped at Monterey, San Diego,
Magatlan, San Blas, Acapulco and then comes to
Panama, as I was Coxman of the Capt's gig I was
the first on shore in every port so that I saw all
that was to be seen. Two or three days out I had
the fever come on pretty severe and twice liked
to have dropped down at helm. I called one of
the quarter Masters to relieve me and went
down into the mess room where after using the
vinegar bottle pretty freely I felt relieved in
a manner and took the wheel again. But ashore
at Magatlan and also at San Blas I was quite
sick. I was obliged to put myself under the care
of the physician of the ship, and he helped me

City of Nichols. During the bell pulled the rope and down the fell

I do not think I left the country any too soon after all. Though my health appears to be first rate now and always when pulling ashore in the boat I jump out up to my middle in the surf and am wet through nearly all the time but do not feel any bad effects from it at all. I have lost fifteen or twenty pounds of flesh and I suppose am all the better for it. Neither do I have such a ravenous appetite as I use to have. Though we have lived finely ever since I went into the mess room. The duty of the quarter master is to steer the ship keep ~~them~~ selves as clean as possible do nothing but go in the captain's boat when in port. Take care of the Colours, set them and haul them down, heave the lead and last though not least keep the quarter deck clean and see that the Lady passengers do not fall over-board. Very fine Mr Ferguson as Frost (alias Fuller) and I were in different watches and lived separate and ate in separate places we saw very little of one another during the passage but he has enjoyed first rate health and had a pleasant trip of it. He is on board yet and we'll perhaps go on shore together. I have a very unpleasant place to write as I am on the forward promenade deck under the awning and quite a little breeze blowing my paper about. My hands are not as clean as

they might be and the skylight I am writing on
is covered with coal dust so you must make all
allowance for a steamer letter. Enoch has just come
along and says tell Nat he has not time to write now
but will give him all the details as soon as he reaches
the City of Peace. — I should like to know how
many dividends you have had since I left
Benicia ha. ha. wonder if Sam. Eats as bad
as he used to he'll be as fat as a hen in the
forehead by and by. I suppose John will grow
poor trying to figure up money on paper
that is, enough to get home with. Well
good luck to you John my. I'll have to
do the same when I get home. — Wonder
if the City Marshall, has mitted
to Friend Dodge yet for letting people tap his
liquor barrels. Well good luck to you all.
We had three or four Carpenters work their
passage down and you must look out for
such a chance when you come through they
had a fine time of it. — Wonder if Smith has
got the post holes all dug yet up to the
baracks. Tell him to keep a stiff upper lip
not be squandering his money all away for he'll
want it all when he gets home. I hope he won't
run away and leave his wages on interest in the
hands of government officers. But give my love to
all our kind friends in B. and believe me still
sincerely yours Henry J. Habon

Mr Stephen A. Hubbon

in care of

Messrs Hayman & Jarvey

Benicia

Cal'ia

per favor Mr Gibbs



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**CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from Henry G.
Hubon to his his brother Frederick, 1851 April 20**



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