

San Francisco May 4th 1857.

Mr Moss

Dear Sir - My notes have been examined and approved. and they with the accounts will go on to Washington tomorrow.

I can see no reason why the money will not be here within two months and a half from this time.

Col. Plansom Chief Clerk in the land office here - is my agent empowered to receive the money when it comes. any order drawn on him by me payable when the money comes will be accepted. and should you and the rest of my creditors deem it of any advantage to have such an order you and they can have it. I would have borrowed money enough to pay my debts. but for the high rate of interest exacted by those who have it to loan on such security. Yours &c
H W Groom

P. M. Groom
May 4th

San Francisco Nov 19th 1853.

Dear Leighton

From all I can learn of the probable course Mr Mandeville intends to pursue in regard to the prosecution of the Public Surveys in the future. Your chances are good for work down there. The last talk I had with him he intimated to me that he intended to divide the State into districts and then whatever work he might have done in any district should be given to faithful and competent Surveyors residing in such district. If such a course is pursued we will stand at least some chance of getting a little d-n-d. hard work whether we get paid for it or not. It might be well however if you give him an occasional punch under the short ribs of his memory which would have a tendency to stir it up and keep it in healthy action. I wrote to Perkins at the river to send my Book (Encyclopaedia of Science) in to Mr Morse if it has come and

it up by giving address it to the care
of Dr Matthewson No 79 Montgomery
Block. Send also by the same my ^{travelling}
and Tripods and if ^{you} should have any
use for that small compass it is at
Cochran's Bills. get it in if you have
an opportunity -

I am gathering gradually and slowly
a few political stumps by which I hope to
be enabled to "make my mark" in that
"Honorable Body" next winter - a forlorn
^{hope} no doubt - for as I view the prospect
glimmering in the distant future my
reason forces the conclusion that if
the diffident - humble - ignorant "Hon
B W Groom" should make any
mark at all it will be damned
but whatever be the consequences - let 'em
come - if I live I shall be in the
mess - and acting as I shall be, under
the conviction that I shall not soon
be placed to act in another such a
mess I shall therefore vote as I "dam
please" disregarding the consequences
touching what might be termed my
future political welfare

My first Measure is the division
of the State - if there is no chance
for that - then my next object will

be to go for any and every measure
which in my opinion would have
a tendency to diminish the unjust and
ruinous Taxation which the South is
made to pay - but enough of this for
the present - So I will dry up -
give my respects to Morse - Geo Pen-
dleton & Mags - Yours &c
M W Groom

P.S. You said in your last
something about the Trustees keep-
ing back that bill for my Room
rent next mail I will send you
a Private bill which I have against
some of the leading members of
that body - so that you can probably
get even with them - If I ever get
my money I will make it all right
M W G

San Francisco April 5th 1849.

Mr Morse

Dear Sir.

I saw your man

Mr Chase and paid him the

30 dollars that I had of you.

I will raise some money for

you Pendleton Goldman & ^{Sanchez}

if I can without paying too

much interest.

Yours &c

RW Groom

Groom
Apr 5th

Dear Mother

I am well

and hope you are the same

I received your letter of the 2nd

and was glad to hear from you

and that you were all well

I am writing you a few lines

to let you know that I am still

well and hope you are the same

and love you all

Your affectionate son

John Smith