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E. W. Russell Esq

Santiago

Cal

Recd March 4th

Union Vill Dec 29th 52

Friend Ephriam

We have just rec'd yours bearing date Nov 16th and it gives us much joy to hear of your good health and other good folks of New Sandiego we have heard from Sam he wrote in Aug he was in the Southern Mines with an old Miner he did not tell his name his health was poor he said he would come home in the Spring risk or poor I am afraid he will not live to see the Buggy bills of W.G. again but there is not much need of Borrowing trouble it will come fast enough we have just heard that S. F. Sacramento and Stockton is burned I hope it may prove a false report Dec 25th I have ~~[illegible]~~ gone from the shut got Fany sick it raining some I think we shall have a jolly time when he gets along I have lots of wood and Bark to draw but there has been no snow of any amount yet but we got a good rate time to do it with if there should come some sleighing intend is Hinton D. Smith and who did Jerry Thomy tell Houstons I am sorry his business would not pay I think I could make it pay and save to boot where is Vaness I wish you would write to Wm White and ask him where Henry Bowman is if he is alive as his friends are very anxious to hear from him have not heard from him since he left that place he may know where he is if he is dead they

want to get the Insurance // see his sister was here last night if you should find that he is dead and would get two Persons to give their Oaths that they saw him ~~time~~ die and buried and the Oath of the attending Physician if they had one they can get that amount of money with those articles it would not be difficult to get those if you was sure he was dead it is singular he has not written for so long a time I am quite busy at this time getting in logs it is pretty hard work get them in in ~~in~~ with oxen mostly I dont make them down by their horns as that Wanley did those fine letter that brought us through that muddy but fine Country neglected in everything that can make them comfortable I would like to live there if I could have any society What was good I am sick of this cold and changable Climate I was much pleased with that part of your letter where you spoke of your Wife cherish those sentiments as long as your life is spared ~~to~~ and you will come out right if I could live my life over I should try and not be so homesick I often think of the pleasant rides we had in that distant land particular the night in the Cat Patch and the many trying scenes we were in Coming home I hope you will be more fortunate both in time and money be sure and have warm clothing and if you feel the chills coming on take plenty of Cayenne and Hot drops they are sure of driving them on the beginning excuse this hurd letter write every week Selvis Pa i Amego G. H. Leech

Union Village O
March 23
1859

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Mr. E. W. Morse
San Diego
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Rec'd May 25th

Union Village N.Y. March 1st 1850

Friend Morse

I received yours from your Fathers in which you stated you would sail on the 20th Feb. I answered it and directed it to Galesters N.Y. did you get I just received a letter from Simeon & he states that Cattan on the death of Shuck took an inventory of the Goods and shut up the shop I felt better as that looked honorable I hope you will find all things right and get through and return to your anxious friends as soon as possible I begin to feel quite anxious to hear from you I have written to your Father since I got the letter from S. I hope he will come with you as he says his health is not very good Give my best Respects to Jack Hinton Levey Mr Sullivan D. Marick and all who may enquire for me I have been wearing one of the Black Coats he does very well rather better than some of those Bridles I drove after dinner didnt I look sublime with that old C. Coat on, Hat & after think of it that Seneca Coat is made in into quite a decent garment, I immagine you will be more anxious to get

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home to that good little Wife you left
behind you I hope you may have the satisfac-
tion of meeting her soon as possible how is it
now do you get any Waters Frets on Sandy
Cardinity or Giant Mary Dunn I like to know
how the Doctor gets along fearting on the
fat of the land I often think of that Old
lump of Sheet Iron going across the Deck of
the McKim how Grand he took it the Old
thing I suppose is running on the Pacific now
God help the Old bulk and the Dr Stanna
I think they must need it by this time I hope
you will get through before the fall rush
for home commences you can come so much more
comfortable I shall ever remember the happy
hours we have spent together leaving a lasting
impression on my mind more especially your
kindness to me in that far off land when I was
broken down in spirits and nearly penniless I
owe you debt of gratitude that I should be very
happy to pay the interest you have but hold
know how I can serve you and

I am yours ever

Mr E. W. Morse Esq

F. H. Little

Union Village O
Aug 3

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Bro E. W. Thorne

San Diego

Cal

Recd Sept 12th

Union Hill Aug 1. 1852

Friend Morse

I recid your good long letter and was pleased to hear that you had so fine a time getting to Cal same difference between yours and ours have I have no other excuse for not answering it before but buying time we have got half through our grass is very light not over half a crop the weather is very cold and dry I have not heard any thing from your family lately I was glad to hear that Adam had done so well and was coming home this fall he had better not come in a rush it will cost double besides the inconveniences I hope you will get through and come with him he may be sick on the way or if you should he will stick to you till the last I have not heard from George etc I will write him he lives in Carrollton Carroll County Miss he told me I was sorry to hear of Dicks death George will feel very bad I have been trying to sleep but there is no use the flies are so thick flies here flies with you I have been working rather hard for me feel rather tired my health has been quite good most of this summer I was sorry that your father

business in so bad a state Letter bore
proof himself what I thought time to
be nothing to him but spoiling he understood
that very well I am sorry that Sam could
not have had the management of
your affairs he would have saved some
more of the wreck but you will do well
yet I have my prayers if they will do
any good and I have no doubt they will
the prayers of the righteous avail much
the worst of it is being so long from your
Wife and Friends but keep up good courage
it is a long road that never turns so thought
I coming through Central America last
fall I suppose you have given Sam a detailed
account of our journey home it would amuse
him much your finding your affairs in the
State you describe reminds me of my young
My Father in Law did not do as he would
be done by I think I will tell you more
when I see you I have not yet been able
to get a settlement though I have asked
for it a number of times of self the moving
ballance shakes its world right adjusted
and so goes the World each trying to cut his
way through but some of their knives are
rather dull if I have my health I can
get a living and gain some by the time
I get ready to live if I live to the common age
of men I shall be ready to die I was long to
see of your Hintons poor health also Lizzy those
Consent Spring have ruined to many good
men but as the Duchessa said only just
not but then fits again and they would hurt
your own little Girl says give my love to Sam
and Mr Morse I should like to see them very
much tell Sam to come down here give Cordie
to him and tell him we heard from our oldest
Brother as about two ago he has six children
and doing well I must close by wishing you
health happiness and a quick return to your
Wife and anxious Friends is the wish of your
ever anxious

Mr E. W. Morse Esq

George H. Lister

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Mr. E. W. Morse
Sandiego
Cal

1857

Rec'd May 5th

P.O.

Mr. E. W. Morse
San Diego
Cal

Union Vill. V.T. March 9th

Friend Ephraim

I have just heard yours of Feby 2nd it is strange you do not get my letters you do not get more than one in 3 or 4 that I write I am sorry to hear of your hard luck in that everlasting Estate I should have rather gone to war and made twice as much a curse seems to follow every thing that ill fated man had to do with I was in hopes you would be able to wind once thing from it and get back before this & then there must be something money about the Pickining Estate but as goes the world or most part of it I was much pleased with that part of your letter where you speak of your Wife the anguish of mind on being seperated from a beloved Wife so long is almost to much for a sensitive mind to bear but do not let it undermine your health hope for the best It is a long road that never turns I have been drawing wood this Winter to the Copperas hill have drawed 156 loads I had a letter from Seven the other day he said he was at Mr. J. he thinks we had better come out to Col and make it our home he is much pleased with his bargain I think his chance is good I hope his health will be good I wish we were settled on one of those Claims I will wait till I see you if you can leave your Parents I will go with

to any part of the Earth you think best provided there is good Water and Climate My health has been quite good for this hot Climate it will take me a year or two to bear up my business here to advantage I have just closed up my Dunning write in your next when you think you can get away I hope it will be soon by the by we have just had our Daguerotypes taken in one frame quite a sight four of us we got sick thanks there ever my neither heathen face would comment Dons hadly turned our little wee Lady hawks very nice with her foot in her mouth I would like to have the pleasure of handing it to you soon I wish I had yours if I had thought as much of it last winter as I have since I would have had it Remember me to your Wife and all who may enquire for me and accept the largest part to your Dear self

Mr O. W. Morse Esq

George H. Latta

Unionville Conn 10

Sept 20

1852

Mr. E. W. Morse

Dear Friend

Received Nov 5th

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Union Ville Sept 16 1852

Friend Morse

I've just received your
letter dated Aug 15th and I was so much
excited on reading it that I could eat no
supper so you have chartered one out of
the boat but never mind I wish I could
be chartered in that way twice a month
you said that Dunn had left and you
thought he had some home but did not
state where he had gone to we have not
seen or heard from him for some time
feel quite anxious about him he may be
sick on the Isthmus I am sorry that you cant
look to settle that Business I am afraid that
you will get sick there in that land of Pirates
I hope if you should you will not fall into the
hands of such fiends as we did going to Cal
I was in hopes you and Dunn would come home
together dont let your bad luck in settling
the Estate weigh down your spirits but be
cheered by the thought of once more returning to your
Friends in this nugget but get hospital time
and when you do return I hope you will lose
no time in taking your Wife and making us a
long visit Tell Mr Fallman that if he dont
pay that money to you he is just such a man
as my Aunt one man at all pretty fair or fast many

if you can he always has money I am supposed that he did not, but I am on your asking him for it there are plenty in the Company that have money he could borrow if he wished his credit is thought good as also his word take it, he can pay after pay day if you sure then he will have harder work to dodge you I hope you will have the good luck to get through before six months I write you to N. York on my giving up going back not thinking you to sell your ticket and go home and let Hinton settle your business but I think you did not get the letter I wrote you three or four times at San Diego I hope you will get this and immediately answer it give best respects to Jr Hinton & Christ and all who may enquire for the sake that dove the male Jenn and accept the warm wishes of

Yr G. W. Morse Co

G. H. Tate

P.S. When is Rufus Willard this all the fashions you in the Voice we hear goes

Union Vill. Dec 1. 1852

Friend Morse

I have nothing particular to say to you except that Lew has not got home but went to the Southern Mines we have not heard from him since August he was not very well he had his partner took out $22 in three days. he did not like the mines coming home in the spring I am afraid he will not stand it but hope for the best I am sorry he left you I was in hopes he would come home with you I am sorry you have so poor success in settling your business dont be discouraged or let your heart broke weigh down your spirits but I could help it when there there is no place like home my prospects are not very flattering though I have done well for this country there's quite a contrast this year compared with when I was absent but enough of this kind of talk I dont like to live backwards the more I have to do with mankind the less confidence I place in them in the language of Burns I'll not then are Villains all the rest hardened wicked wha have no check but human law is to a free restricted but Oh Man kind are weak and little to be trusted if self the wavering balance

Shakes its rusty night adjusted I hope you will get through as soon as possible and have more good visit together I am most out of patience our little one grows finely she is quite a lump of California Gold the folks say I must close by wishing you good night for I must go to the Mill and saw awhile Give my love to J. Hinton and all who may enquire for me and accept the warm wishes of your George

Mr E W. Morse Esq

Please forward this to Rockford

Petaluma July 17th 1853

Mr. E. W. Morse

Dr Sir

I received your favor of June 17th and was glad to hear of your prosperity in San, Diego I received a letter from George a few days since he expects you are on your way home and intended to come out with you if you should come to Cal again when I saw you in San Francisco last winter James Rundlett was in Petalauma when I returned to P. he had gone to San Francisco and at work at his trade so I thought it best to inform you of the fact before going to any expense as the expense of going to San Francisco and looking him up would eat a good hole in to 25 dollars of it and that would not pay in my way of thinking

give my best respects to all who enquire for me and except a large quantity to yourself

Yours Respectfully

E. W. Morse

Samuel T. Elliott

Sam.l C. Little

1853

Order on Rumsell

G. H. Lisle
Nov 13. 1854

Union Vill Nov 13th 1854

Friend Morse

We have just read your kind long ~~long~~ letter and be assured it gave us much joy to once more hear from our old friends, hope nothing unpleasant that will interest you in particular except that I have come to the conclusion to come to Ill next fall if nothing should turn up to prevent had I received your letter sooner I would have done this fall but I cannot do it without to much loss I was offered One hundred dol for my trade in the Sept Fair in the summer I might have gone that I had taken it times are not quite as good as they were last year Money is rather tight but not as tight as in your place according to papers and Sams letter he is still at Petersburg he was trying first Oct to sell out and come home he is foolish to come here at this season to meet the horrid Winter I dread it more than ever have but I must try and freeze my thoughts in snow banks and go to work at something that will bring the filthy lucre and let time roll on I dont give a Damn of Attorney last Spring have

you ever received it I may never regret that
I can't go out this fall Frances doesn't like to go
so far from her native hills She has had a narrow
escape from Consumption one more such a trial
would be in this climate would be carry her to
her Grave It is the Climate and to be with
you that has determined us to come out
I can make something more than a living
here but I am sick of working five months
to keep the Animal the other 7 I have
been rather unwell for a few days past I am bound to
go with the Consumption if I stay here and I
presume that by time that I get to your place
that all the best Chances will be taken and
we shall have to wander up and down like
the poor Natives and live on tripe Wm Butchers
now in S.D. give our best respects to your Wife
tell her we should be glad to help you to assume
this lady written letter remember me to Doctor
Hunter and all who may enquire for me
and I remain your truly & sincere
E. W. Morse

G. H. Lobb

Union Hill May 24th 59

Friend George

I received a letter from you written in jan ~~last~~ April I answered it on the receipt of it you will believe me when I say that I was overjoyed to hear that you Wife had joined you that you are determined to be separated no more in this dreary world though not without some bright spots the Winter has been very hard and long the most tedious I ever knew even in this climate I think sometimes that I will sell out what little there is left and go back to the Eldorado but stand on though I have no reason to complain of bad luck since I ~~got~~ came have I have cleared one thousand dollars it is in a farm on the Connecticut River besides the rise of my land. here I rent the house at the Depot and the Pasture for 53 dollars the tenant is curied on ~~at~~ the bulbes planted to lease the Hay I shall Cut I found that I could do better to take this house than to move on to it

this year have you heard any thing from
Sarah he wrote in June that he was living
house in Busch that is the last we have
found him my fingers are so stiff that I can
hardly hold the pen so good night
May 29th here I am at the old desk trying
to say something that is new by the time
you ever heard from Henry Brown his friends
think him dead what has become of Mr Neal
your cousin I have not got my corn planted
yet hope to by June I think some of selling
out and going to Cal. in the fall please
give us your opinion the ~~matters~~ waters here are
so high I dread to face them I met every one of
them last week there was some hard days
I assure you May 30th ~~today~~ this morning it was hot as
a Tropical Clime this afternoon it is cold
enough ~~to~~ for a frost and there will be one
if the wind goes down but we have plenty
of wood in the stove and so ends this chapter
how planting corn to day shall finish in the
morning so once more a good night to you
May 31st well we got it without rain though not very hard
every thing here is very high Potatoes are
worth 75 cts to $1.00 per bush Corn $1 per bush Flour $11.00
per bbl Oats 50 cts Beef 8 to 10 cts in markets

every thing else in proportion humber is doing
quite well also Horses I have a span of Boys
to sell worth same over $200 have a yoke of
working Oxen that I have been offered $130 for
Enough of this now for politicks the Nebraska
Bill has passed by thirteen majority a bill
that will break down the Slave power more
than any Bill that has passed for the past
half Century in the opinion of this Humble
I dont say after take much interest in such
affairs but the Fugitive Slave Law was
bad enough without adding insult to
injury I should make a bad slave dealer
I think it the greatest Curse that ever
was perpetuated on any Country especialy a land
that Boasts of its free institutions and would
be if the Destroying Curse ought be forgotten
everything it Boasts
I would not have ~~with~~ Negroes on any condition
whatever they never ought to live among the
Whites but if they must be in this Country
let the United States be Write it
pretends to be a free Country the Cause
of God will follow this Country or any
other that attempts to enslave his fellow
being the European War is getting he rather

rather exciting & think they will have Bloody times before they get through more so than they have seen for a long time and hope it will end in bringing about a complete revolution & make a better form of Government than they now have I think you will say that George is getting rather tedious I won't blame you for saying so this is something new for me to write so longer letter

Give our best respects to your Wife and all enquiring and accept the same from your Old friend

Mr. E. W. Brown Esq. George

Geo. Dick
May 24 1854

Norwich March 13th 1854

Know all men by these Presents that I George H. Leitch of the Town of Norwich County of Windsor and state of Vermont have made constituted and appoint Thomas Wheeley of Hardwinge California my true and lawful Attorny for me and in my name place and stead to collect the sum of nine dollars and interest of the date was expired ~~[illegible]~~ 1852 of Lyman of Hardwinge Cal giving and granting unto my said Attorny full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personaly present with full power of substitution and revocation hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorny or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of March one thousand eight hundred fifty four

George H. Leitch

Norwich March 15th 1854
then Personally appeared George Leitch and acknowledged this to be his free act and deed before me.

Joseph Bellows
Justice of the Peace

Union Vill ~~Feb 12th~~ March 5th 54

Friend Morse

It is a long time since I have heard from you at least by letter have had some few papers have you got so engaged in business that you cant get time to write to your old Friends in Ct, I hope I shall hear from you as often as once a Month in future I have nothing that will interest you to write unless I give you a long yarn of my own business I have Bought a farm on Housatonic River the first at Pawpaunoosuc Depot for $25 00 I have dug over three about my farm there is 17 acres of it Meadow the rest Intervale so in the whole it will take me six years to pay for it if I dont sell here I am now drawing Wood to the Copperas Hill with a pair of Bays that will go some if you ask them I have named them the Lightning Team By the way I sold those Blanks I spoke to you I left at home for $2 62, or in Any I could talk a week with you and not exhaust my subject is worth thing I have just had a letter from Sam he is coming home next Month I wish you was with him Give my best respects to Jack Winton and all who may inquire for me and accept as large share yourself

Yours Truly, E. W. Morse ~~by~~ G. H. Litch

G. Litch
1854

I have just read yours bearing date Jan 17th
I deeply sympathise with you and your
joy in meeting with your beloved Wife I
hope your days may be prolonged and not to be
separated again in this World Same is our lot my
time I had delayed this letter in hopes that you
would come with Lydia but I am so glad that your
Lydia has joined you that it just pays for the
long expected ~~pleasure~~ disappointed hope of seeing you two years last
month we parted in Boston expecting to meet in
N.Y. in so short a time I did not meet you
I have several apologys to offer the largest is now
running round the floor playing with her older
sister now and then she gets a bump then
comes a squall sometimes she gets a punky
then her little lip turns in the pride of Baby hood
I enclose a power of Attorney to your Partner the given
name of Johnson I have forgotten I have left a blank
you can insert it I think it C.B but am not certain
I have put in the Interest but if you get the Savings
do you will do better than I think you will
the Winter has been very changeable here so
much so that I wish some times that I was in your
City tell your Lydia that I may conclude to come
out there in the fall if you should think it
best I am doing first rate for this rough Country
Give my best respects to your Wife and accept the
regards of your old rough but ready
per C. W. Morse Esq

George H Little

Compas Depot Feb 17th 55

Friend Morse

With a sorrowful heart I commence this letter by informing you of the death of my beloved Wife She died the 8th of this Month of Consumption leaving me with three small children the eldest five the youngest 6 months are buried here the Middle of Dec. Picture to your self what my feelings are on leaving one so near and Dear to me the last letter I wrote you I told of our intention of joining you in the Eldorado in the fall but death has blasted our hopes I do not know what course to take but shall try to do that that is for the best I want to see you very much I wish you and your Wife would give me your advice my business affairs are not in a deranged Condition I had a letter from Dave in Nov he was well I have had two papers from you lately if I could run in and see and talk with you it seems as though I should not feel half so lonely but here I am in Cold K. and you Far away For the Brethrens I hope the time may come to meet your again in this cold and heartless World but every thing is so uncertain there is no reckoning on anything but hope dont fail to write me a good long letter on the reception of this you see by the Penman of this letter that I am in low spirits

Wm E. W. Morse Esq

Yours truly George

G. H. Lilith
Feb 17th 1855

Pompa Depot July 4th 1855

My Dear Friend

We received your kind and sympathizing letter if you knew the thrill of joy that runs through my veins on receiving one of your Friendly epistles you would write often I was married to a Widow Lady the 15th of June so that my prospects of domestic happiness are not so bad few Orphans Children have the luck to get so good a Mother in Law as mine have what is the chance for schooling Children at your place I still wish to join you I put up at Publick Auction last fall over three thousand dollars worth property intending to go out in the fall but knowing my Wife frustrated my every plan and put me back 42 dollars at least My Wife says she will be ready as soon as I write and let us know what the fare is from N Y

it is something of a job to pull up stakes and leave ones native hills, but I hope it is for the best mate, whatever things it would be best tending unto us I think, as though I was coming out immediately I would be glad if it were to be so but I cannot tell how soon it may happen. a valuable job a farmer dont shift his residence so easy as men of other occupations we have had a great deal of rain here lately, Grass looks finely, Corn is rather late owing to so much rain, Flour is worth $12.00 per bbl, every thing is in proportion it costs more to support a family here than in your place according to the papers I think. We can get a living if we have our health, some how I should like much to see Hinton give him my best respects when you see him and accept a large share yourself with affection

Mr C. W. Moser Esq George Hoffman

P.S. I have not seen any one that knows how much those Hoy scales cost here I will find out soon I did not get your letter till yesterday it was dated May 9th direct to Pompa Depot

G. H. to G

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G. H. Lith
July 8th 1855

Tampa. Sept Jan 16 '57

My Dear Friend

It is with a heart fully sorrow that I try to say a few words to you when I saw the superscription how my heart leaped for joy but like everything of this world doomed to the bitterest disappointment I can sincerely sympathise with you in your loss of your Dear Wife two years ago next Month I buried My Dear Frances I have three little Girls left that and constant attention to business saved me till I became gradually more reconciled to the loss we must try to be reconciled we must for the sake of our children our friends and our future we must submit to the will of Heaven nor will I try to conceal My feelings of Sympathetic Grief on reading yours

I felt like like child rev
de I think it unmanly but but by
honest ourselves as well as possible
I wish I could be with you if I
could sell. I would come to your
place but My Wife's health is not
very good our oldest Girl Lea the Lake
Nash is quite sick we are working
through one of our hard New England
Winters the Thermometer 26 deg below
zero in the Morning some time since
in Oct he is not very well my Mother
died this fall of Consumption Aged
70 years the only thing that binds
me to this part of the world if you
do not come to New England I shall
sell out the first opportunity and
remove to San Diego our Winters
here are so hard I would confine
my mind to acting business as soon
as possible it is your best course
there is nothing like it

Yours as ever

Geo H Fitch

G. H. Leith
Jan 16th 1859

Answered Mch 9th

Pomfret Depot Aug 31 1879

Dear Ephraim I wrote you the first of May at the time my Wife died I have had a letter and a paper from you since that time isn't you ask me if I am coming out there is such a rush for the West that it is next to impossible to sell out for a fair price I lived or rather stayed here to the 19th of July I was then united to a fine young lady by the name of Sarah W. Preston of Stafford. I'm a rather narrow time to splice but we will try and do the best we can until now my Dear friend if I can render you

give any advice in this part
of the country in the same
line of business and I think
a man or Woman cannot do
better than to connect themselves to
an amiable companion it is
so natural for us to want ~~the~~
some one to sympathize with
us in this troublesome World if you
will come N.Y. I will do all in
power for you and if after you
see how I am situated you can
judge better what you think it
best for me to do I really wish
you would come and bring
your little Edward since I
wrote this I have received your
letter I thank you for the kind
sentiments so nicely expressed
in your letter dont fail to come
this fall and if you think
after seeing how we are situated
you can judge better my Wife told
me this morning if I thought it
best she would go to Da Digge
now Efraine I have a question
my Mind that appears the
most like your Dear Lydia
of any Person that I ever saw
she is my Wifes Sister this
is the first time in my life
that I have tryed to make
a match but if you will come
to N.Y. you shall have a chance
to judge for yourself nothing
but the strongest interest in
your Welfare and happiness
would induce me to write
thus excuse this hurt scrawl
on Waiter

G. H. Lotch

George H. Little
Aug 3d

Ans Oct 5th

Pomfret Oct 31 1857

Dear Ephraim

I received your kind letters one by the last mail the 20th of this month also one by the mail I hope you will do well in your mining but risk to much last summer fore seen accident may destroy your hopes I have sold out place am making every effort I can to come to your place this fall or winter my health is quite good the rest of the family are well write in your next what I had better bring out with me I may not get away until spring money is very hard here now

but I think it will not last
more than 3 or 4 months at
most I was married in July
but it does not prove a happy
union she dislikes my
children she looks upon
them as useless rubbish I am
not the man to live with
such a woman at the time I
received one of your letters she seemed
in serious mistrust for fear that
I loved your letter than I did her
what folly I have had two prizes
and one blank and such is
life my love now is for my
three little Angels the Sisters
of their Mother My Prayer is
they may become as much like
her as possible If I want till
Spring I shall come by the Overland route

I will go to your Fathers before
I start and get your little
Boys Degerotype I am quite
down spirited at leaving my
children behind but I hope
it is for the best hope what an
action for two Mortals to
cling to have many hearts
would break entirely if it
was not that I will try and
get the best works on Mineral
for you there is a Copper Mine
six Miles from us they are
smelting most of the time
the head Man is an old
Friend of Mine I will get
all the information I can
on the subject I remain as
Ever Yours G. H. Little

George Leith
Oct 31st

Answd
Dec 21st

Pomfret Depot May 17 39

My Dear Friend Rose
Affliction upon sorrow
My Dear Wife is no more
She died May first of
Consumption She caught
a severe cold the day
we were married and
had a Cough ever after
Here I am one alone left
with three small Girls
amiable little Angels
the Picture of their Mother
an Old Lady keeps house
for me I think seriously of
coming to San Diego in the
fall the same insinuating
Monster that has taken the
Amiable Companion from

me calls loudly for me and
if I stay in this climate I
must go that may it is the
prevailing disease of New England
I will decide on something in
my next my health is not
very good this spring I shall
not I think write here
any more I received six letters
from you yesterday am glad
to see by them that you
as well as San Diego are
going ahead this place is
dreadful to live in if I think
now I have more hopes than
I have enjoyed of it hope
what a Beautiful word if not
for that Bright word how
many Hearts would break
never to heal again

hope on my Dear Effie
try to govern ~~your~~ selves as
well as you can there all
the Honor lies fortune in
them has over a small difference
made but few there are only
sympathize with us the
the kind endearing words of
sympathy are dearer to me
than all else of Earth with
after By every mail if possible
My children join in my love
to you and yours

Truly G. H. Ir

J. H. Lilly
May 17th "

Answered July 9th "

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Friend Morse I received your letter bearing date Nov 21st last night and was much pleased with your kind interest in our welfare I am sorry to disappoint you in not being with you at an earlier date than I can leave I cannot leave till they I have sold out but the money is not due till the first of Apr we now live on the old place so you can direct to the place where this dated it I shall get them sooner than at Lafayette I have not time to get the information that you desire in regard to Lafayette before this

Mail but I will in my
next there is a Copper Mine
3/2 miles from here they
get out a great deal of Copper
I never have been into their
Furnace but have been past
it many times I will get
all the information that
I can in regard to it I have
had a severe trial with my
Wife my life was rendered
so miserable that I carried
her to her Fathers she came
back the next day and acknow
ledged her fault since we
have lived more happily I will
tell you the particulars when
I see you I praise you are
my Wife and Children wish
you a happy New year

Mistaken about snow
here we had our first snow
Storm to day the Weather for
this Climate has been quite
mild so far but such Winters
as we have had here for 3
years past are awful to
think of Snow is in Wisconsin
in a Mill the same
old sixpence has gone adrift again
how much he cares I cant
say not knowing my Wife
said when I send your letter
she might see more than
if you knew how anxiously
I secured that mistake the time
goes slowly I assure you
I shall write every Mail till
I start I must to bring my family

do you think it best have
much are pantings worth per
yard in your place and what
other articles can I bring that
will pay the best Yours as ever

G. H. Litch

P.S. I shall go to Amesbury
before I start

G. H. Litch
Oct 29th

Salem
March 9th

Union Vill Jan 31 1858

Friend Morse

I have been to the Copper Co at Stratford and they say that the copper Co at Boston by Ore by the per cent but the price of copper governs it refined copper is worth 16 cts per lb at this time but usuly from 20. to 27 their estimates are at 22 they have a furnace in operation most of the year their ore averages per 4. to 15. per cent it is strongly impregnated with Sulphur they have to roast it three times the Co has learned to Annalyze the Ore it costs about $100 to run and get the aparatus besides the time I thought I should be pit

for the business I would learn to find the different parts of Copper Ore but my Knowledge of Chemisty is to limited the Copper Company at Baltimore pay the highest for Ore I am told their profit if the Ore is correctly analyzed is in the grain weight 2352 for a ton that is their practice in buying to get that is considered a Miners ton it costs $8.00 per ton to smelt Ore at Point Shirley near Boston that will cover all expenses it seems to me that if your Mine is rich it would pay to put up a furnace this one that I visited cost $25.00 I wist you would write more particular how many per cent your ore contains of Copper and other parts.

I am quite impatient to join you in the Land of Mines and Flowers I never had time well so slow but once that was when we were in the Warren I cannot close up before spring money is very hard here at this time I am selling as fast as I can but very low never all well at this time the weather is pretty cold to day is the coldest of the season

Sam is in Wisconsin taking charge of a steam Mill at a salary of $700 per year all join in their love to you give my regards to Jack Hinton and all who my enquire for me yours as ever G.H.L.

Geo. Little
Jany 8th