

Merrimac May, 29, 1876,  
Mr. E. W. Morse,

Sir, We want  
a little money, and if you  
have sold the Carriages,

Please send us a Check  
for about 500, a Dollars—

A Company of us, are going  
into the Shoe Business,

Capital 20,000 thousand  
Dollars, send us a Check

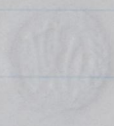
that we can use, about  
the first week in July—

Yours &c

A. B. Morse,

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May 29. 76



Sunday, July, # 1, 1849.

Cousin, Ephraim W. Morse, I have taken part of this Day to write you, and as I have kept a journal of events (in fact) I will give you the news as we have received it,

The Steam Ship Falcon, arrived at New York, from the Isthmus Thursday the 17 of May. Left Chagres the 8, bringing

news that neither of the Steamers California or Oregon had arrived at Panama, the 4. of May. The latter was letter & posted Monday the 14 of May. They probably met in the Falcon May the 25.

There were plenty of Merch however at Panama to take all the passengers to San Francisco.

The braving seasons had commenced a Chagres, & the Steamer Oras could run up as far as Crucis,

The Falcon sailed from New York May the 25,

May, the 25; We have news by animals this week, from San Francisco to Nov. 21, which states that the Steamer California, made

land in a few days for Panama, with about 200,000

thousand Dollars, in the Gold dust. The richness of the Gold region is fully confirmed. General - Worth, died in Texas

leaves a Wife & two daughters. A. Minster in Maine has

run away with another Man, Wife, Valour C. Coolidge

died in Sweden, Ernest G. Dudley, the Minister was hung in

in Warrick, N. H., Wednesday the 20. Washington Goode

was hung in Boston, Friday the 25. Daniel Gault, Father

was hung Sunday the 27. Mr Josiah Tuggerth died May the 31. Sea - Abbott has been appointed Post - Master at Andover, Phillips removed. (Phillips has opened a Law Office in Newburyport.)

Sunday, June, the 3. We have had plenty of news the last week from California. The Steamer California & Oregon had

sailed for Panama, arrived at San Blas, the 22 of April, arrived at Panama May, the 5. They bring 400,000 thousand

Dollars in Gold Dust, so.000 thousand to the care of W<sup>m</sup> Barrett Esq. Lieut Edmund Beale of the U. States Army, & W<sup>m</sup> Barrett Esq, being a great amount of information, Beale came in the Oregon the Notes that the Oregon arrived at San Francisco April 16, that the crew were put on board, the U. States Ship Ohio, & left in 1846 until the evening before she left for Panama, the crew were paid \$100 Dollars the Dr. & the Cooks \$150

There were 750 vessels in the Harbor of San Francisco & with few exceptions, the crews desert immediately on their arrival, the snow was most gone, & Conterys was leaving early for the Gold Diggings, Fare to Sutter's Fort 25, to 50, Dollars, Lieut Beale, went out last Nov, as bearer of Despatches from our Government, by the way of St. Louis & Santa Fe, & the river Gila, he brought home one lump of Gold weighing 80,2 it was found in the Dry Diggings, We should not call it very Dry Diggings here (I guess.) Beale came through from San Francisco to New York in 44 Days, he crossed the Isthmus in 17 hours, so you perceive we can come out next fall in 8 weeks, & if the Gold holds out we shall be on the spot with our Spade & Working apparatus.

A weekly paper called the Placer Times, was soon to be published at Sacramento, The United States Schooner of War Sale, sailed for the United States March 20, took on board 200,000 thousand Dollars in the Gold Dust, There were about 50 Women at San Francisco, 20 of them American.

John Tyler jr, son of John Tyler, of Boston had opened an Auctioneer, that & was doing a good business, Mr Barrett Esq has been making scientific examinations of the Gold Regions, he tells larger stories than any

before him, The richness of the Dry Diggings made make your eyes water, New Places are constantly being found and marked, In some places they have dug 4 feet, & found it nearly as plenty, as at the surface, Some Mines of Silver have been found very rich, Platinum exists in considerable quantities, One diamond about the size of a Hen's Egg, was found in the Sacramento Valley, The Miner asked 180,000 thousand Dollars for it.

Emeralds of large size are frequently found, Several rich Silver Mines have been discovered, One very rich not equalled in the World, One Volcano to the North East of the Sierra Nevada, is in active operation, <sup>There are great Hoys, but we hope you will tell us the truth, in your letter.</sup>

June 16, The Cholera has arrived, in New York, Boston, &c, it creates some excitement, But is not very fatal, We have had news from the Cleveland routes, Cholera & Fever among them, Some have returned, one man died, Boston has come out for sail, and makes quite a stir, The Washington Union is published under the control of Thomas Ritchie, & Edmund Burke, It's thought it will be a good Independent Paper, The Democrats of Cleveland, Ohio, have issued a call for a Mass Meeting of all opposed to Slavery Extension, to meet at Cleveland on the 13, of July, the 52, Anniversary of the adoption of the Monarchical Declaration of 1787,

Capt. W<sup>m</sup> Nichol, is agent appointed to the Custom House Norfolk, — Blairdell at the Mills, for Port Master in the room of S. Rogers, Lieut of Norfolk has got an appointment, (but I have forgotten which,) he takes Robert Brewster's place.

Sunday June 17. The daily times of Friday has the following news, The Steamer Ship  
Essex City, arrived at New Orleans June the 19, 6 Days from Chicago  
128 Passengers, Bringing news from San Francisco as late as the first  
of May. Previous statements of the Gold regions are confirmed  
Mr James Lindair of New York who was returning from the diggings in  
the Essex City did at New Orleans of Seachoo, had a great amount  
of Gold dust, made his Will to, The Essex City brings about 1,000,000  
Million Dollars a Gold dust, part of it is consigned to Robert Person  
the balance belong to Passengers returning,

The Steamer Panama had arrived at Panama, & with the Oregon  
which arrived from San Francisco the 7. of May, had sailed for  
San Francisco taking all the Passengers that had been waiting at  
Panama, The Oregon sailed the 29. of May full of Passengers,  
Gen. Edmund G. Harris did in New Orleans of Cheloa June the 8 did about  
2. hours. The Mate Steamer Ship Lexington which sailed from San Francisco  
Nov. 27. Valparaiso March 1 & Rio Janeiro April 21. Arrived at  
New York Monday June 11. She brought 1218 lbs of Gold dust, &  
left 458. lbs at Valparaiso, Whole Value 370,000 thousand Dollars.  
One of the Sailors had 9,000 thousand, & another about 7,000 thousand  
which they dug in a few months.

June 24, 1849. The Steamer Falcon from New Orleans, arrived at  
New York, Tuesday the 19. Periodic letters from the Pacific Steamers  
by the way of Panama, give us glowing accounts of the Gold  
regions, The newspapers steep full of the reality,  
Capt - Forbes, who come in the Steamer Californic says the  
Pacific Ocean, is beautiful, very free from storms, calm, &  
smooth, slight fogs & seldom of long duration, Good Provisions  
more scarce, Horses at the Gold diggings are scarce, 3 to 4 oz  
is a days make at the diggings. One of the lucky ones that arrived  
in the Essex City at New Orleans was a Man, that sold his old  
Kessel, to some Passengers bound for Californic, for 50000 thousand  
Dollars, clean cash brought it with him. Horses are being sent out  
from New York, one way, with a tide coming, for the roof with a coat  
of the Ohio Mutatic Paint.

Further Orders arrived in New York Thursday the 28 of June,  
The ~~Cassini~~ City, Steamer Falcon, <sup>or Cassini City</sup> sailed from New York for  
New Orleans June 31, 220 Passengers. Fare from \$15.00 down to  
\$8.00. Slaves -- Beales returns in her with Government  
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to the first of June, is estimated 1,300,000 Dollars,  
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that sailed in Nov. served in San Francisco in April  
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Cassini Mr. Clay & Cyren Greene, of Identriday had a fight, &  
Greene has since died

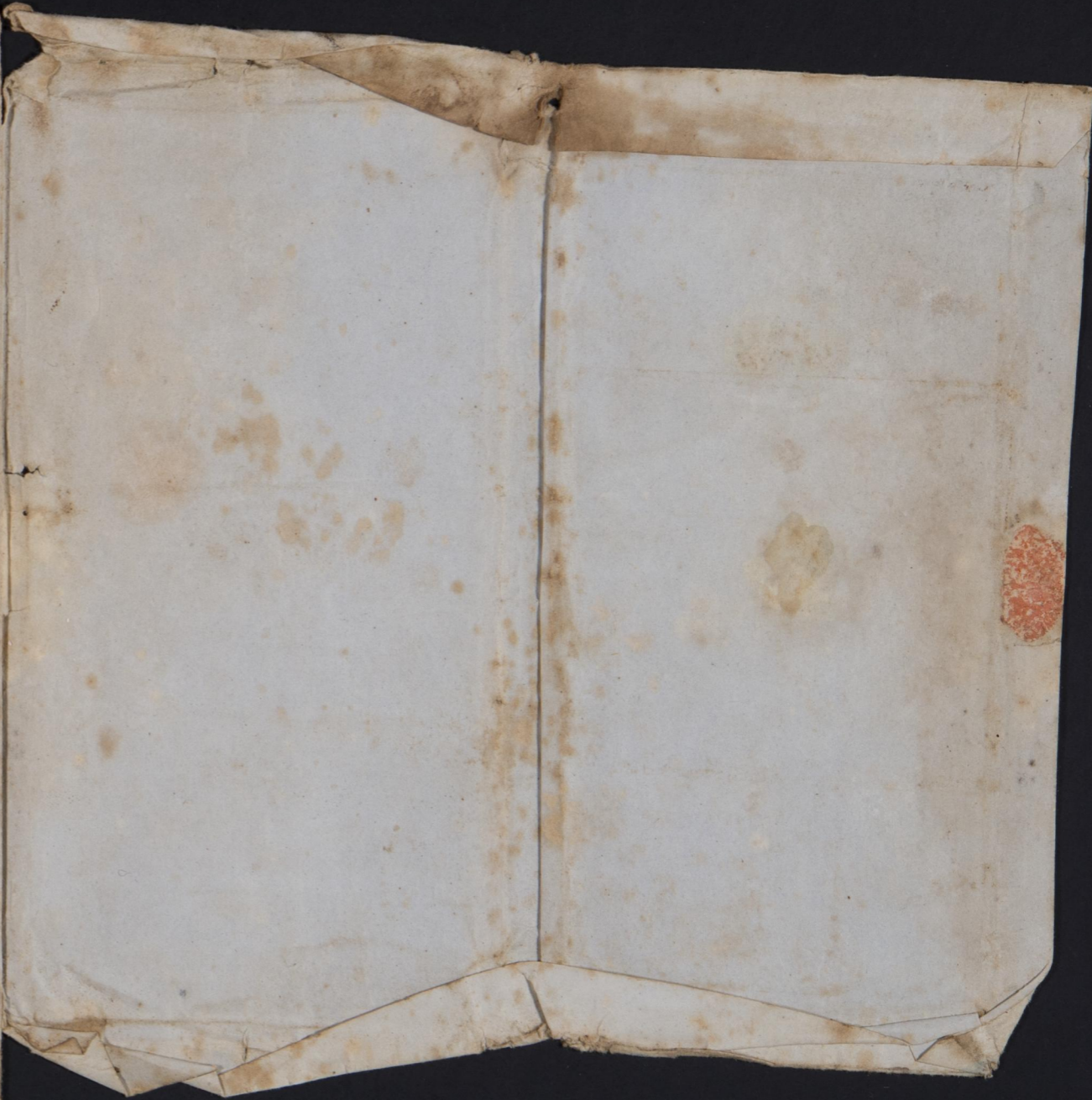
Col. Angles & his Surveying party come Passengers in the  
Falcon to New York, the Rail Road is to be built immediately  
the North is all taken up, it is to be built from Panama  
to the Chagres River. In two years or further we may  
expect a good road, & line of British Steamers has been  
put on the route from Panama to Valparaiso. Bituminous  
Coal has been found on the Isthmus, to supply the Steam  
ships, General Taylor, has recommended the first Friday in August  
to be observed as a Day of Fasting Abstinence & Prayer, that God  
would "in his own good time - May the Globe which is spreading its  
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to San Francisco called the American Making 4. Leaving  
every 15. Days. Samuel T. Bulknap, the great Pacif-Road Contractor  
has failed, & died, at Minneapolis N.Y. He owned 600,000 Dollars  
in the New York Central Rail Road, James W. Polk, said June the  
15<sup>th</sup> Money is easier every week, & Business is growing better. Elbridge  
Downs the New York June 21, & the British Russia the London Hanse

The 27, some Munities appreciated in Leaving the Covent Store.  
Coen & Potatoes are growing finely July 1st, Demain Small House near to  
Ames Mud was burnt down June 25, No one home in it.  
Three articles of Letters from Prio Junior, have been received, but  
none from you. John O Greene from the Mills has written a  
little letter to Prio Junior, published in the Mills. Paper you send me,  
A Mr Gale that went with last year in one of the Order Notes Verdict  
has Aug. one 2, Masses Dollars, <sup>say he</sup> shall be at home by July 1850,  
with from 10 to 15 Masses Dollars.

July 22, I shall send this letter tomorrow, We have had no  
letters from you as yet, We are all very anxious to hear from you.  
From the 19, to the 23 was terrible hot, in June, & the 12 & 13 of  
July it was 102 deg. We have heard of 90 that have died of the heat,  
yesterday we had some rain but not enough to have had it 10  
days ago. It has <sup>been</sup> very dry, not more than half crop of potatoes  
this year. The English Hay is about all in good time in England.  
We have had two Steam Boats on the river the last week, the Great One  
from South to North was finished the first of July. A Mr Dalton has  
bought the Stinking Place above us, on the 14 of July, W. H. Williams  
& Sally Wright, were Married last Thursday, & moved into Mr O.  
Ellis's House, I will send you the Emancipator of July 5,

Letters from Chaez to the 28 of June, have been received, The  
Steam Ship California left Baltimore for San Francisco the  
24. full of English & Portuguese.  
I had to cut out some  
as it exceeded the half oz.

The Cholera is very fatal at St. Louis & Cincinnati, But  
few cases in Boston as yet, & a general time of health with  
us. Our Boy will be 6 months old the first of August, he is a  
smart one, sit alone like a little man. G. W. Sargent they say is  
Carrying Samuel Dencey's daughter, Mrs - Madison Swid at her resi-  
ence in Worchester July 11. & the only son of Horace Greely. Arthur  
Young Greely, died of the Cholera, No more at Dorseth.  
Respectfully Yours W. D. Moore



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 in the New York Central Rail Road, James H. Polk, died June the  
 15. Money is scarce every week, & Business is growing better. Elbridge  
 Davis the New House June 27, & the Baptist Assoc the Newbury House

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Mrs. Ephraim W. Prosser,  
 San Francisco, California,  
 Phil. Leonard, Assessor H. Greene,  
 Mr. Drake



West Amherst, Mass. July. H. 24, 1849. We sent your letter & Ken Cooper yesterday, & yesterday's Mail, brought the news of your arrival at Valparaiso, Coast of Chili, 111 Days. May 12, & sailed from there May the 17. We were right glad to hear from your vessel, & shall expect a letter soon. One Mudgett Thomas & Mr Lunt, had a knock down yesterday & the Mudgett looks a little the worse of the time. One Book will not pay us much this year as usual, Ellidge is long out of the house, & cannot tend work. The personal beauty of James Nichols was sold yesterday, his widow has broken up house keeping and gone down East, with a beaute of hers.

A. M. - - Tomning has hired the house & stable, and opened a Linen & stable keeps, & is doing a good business. Mrs Nichols of North Hill owns the building, & has been there with in your title. Samuel Collier and Mrs Woodcock the 25 of July called at Hopton, been on a hunt since the foreth. July 29. The Steamer Alabama from Chagres has arrived at New Orleans, bringing news from Chagres June 29. Mrs Rossiter bearer of despatches from Dulhuise, came passenger in her. The work from that place to the Gold diggings was great, Fare 80.00 Dollars. Immense quantities of the Gold dust had arrived, been melted, even into bars, & shipped via Panama for England.

July 31. We have had this day a smart rain, & it is the first we have had for a long time, every thing was drying up. It has been first early May weather, & a good fall. Aug 1. Many markets in large places is easy. Scarcity in the Country, but business is probably improving. Most of the Apples fell off the <sup>two or three</sup> trees. Potatoes & Corn are priced some. Some few Elections come off this month, & if anything takes place of importance I will write. Father <sup>Mathew</sup> is doing a good business in Boston, one your names, have signed the Pledge, A - Orrell from East Highton that next week of the Brothers, has written home, Letter dated Jan Decr, was on shore, with many more debts much out of money, & provisions, had diffied every thing but death, but was determined to risk his through, if they had to foot it on the sea shore. Aug 11, 5, has been appointed by the President as a Fast to pray that the Lord would stop the Cholera, in his own good time. Very singular people, & I doubt whether they will stop one

Case by Baying. The Cholera is not stopped in that way, or by that means —  
Sunday Aug. 5. The Steam Ship Ceres City left Chargers July 15. 5 Days after  
the arrival of the Steam Ship Panama & arrived in New York Sunday the 27.  
The Alta California papers as late as the 20. th of June were received.  
Lumber for building purposes was in great demand, 3. to 4. hundred Dollars<sup>m</sup>  
The news of greatest importance is that, which relates to the Government  
of the Territory. The people are dissatisfied in the failure of Congress  
to establish a Government for the Territory. A Public Meeting has been  
held at San Francisco, & among the Speakers, was the Hon. T. B.  
King of Georgia. A Convention is to meet the third Monday of Aug —  
to form a temporary Government, & a Constitution for a State Government  
to be submitted to Congress at its next Session. &c. &c. —  
The Ceres City brings 251,994 Dollars. George H. Gould of Residence N. O.  
died on board the Ceres City. No riches at the mines, & more than  
20,000 thousand at the diggings.  
The Steam Ship Panama left San Francisco June 20. 100 Passengers, &  
500,000 thousand Dollars in Specie, & Gold Dust. The Customs House reports  
7,000,000 Gold Dust Exports, & about 1,000,000 Million gone that  
was not Exported. This Steam Ship arrived at Panama July the 11. Making  
the Passage done in 21. Days. & is to sail again the first of Aug.  
The Steam Ship Oregon was to leave San Francisco July the first  
& would be at Panama not far from the 22. of July.  
And we shall not expect a letter from you, by this Steam  
as you will not get there, until towards the middle of  
the month, But the next Steam Ship after the Oregon, we shall  
look out Shack. Death of the Texas Senators, & the Hon. Dr. J. Walker  
has come out in favor of T. H. Denton. Antislavery A little more  
trouble is expected with the Florida Indians. Aug. 12. It rained  
yesterday & last night a heavy Rain thunder thunder, & today a steady  
rain, which gives us a great plenty. People are now getting their  
salt Hay. Wax falls are coming the New Harvest this week. The Baptist Meeting

have proceeds finely. & will be done in Sept. Wages & Elliott are to visit  
business this fall. A new paper has been started at New York called the Spirit of  
the Age. W. H. Channing Editor. It goes for reform, largely. & I guess will  
be first rate. We have received a little more news from California the  
last week. The Steam Ship Falcon arrived ~~at~~ New Orleans & from  
Chargers Aug. 3. bringing 55. Passengers 169,055 in Gold Dust & a large quantity  
The mail the last in 6 1/2 Days. The Oregon arrived at Panama July  
the 23. bringing news from San Francisco to July 2. the Day she  
left. She brings 50 Passengers. & the usual amount of Gold Dust.  
naturally estimated? She got aground at one place, & injured her  
some, & it was thought that she might be detained at Panama  
a week for repairs. The Steam Ship Panama was getting ready  
& would sail the first of Aug. 5 thousand were at Panama, 3. of them  
bound for California. It is reported healthy in California, & many kinds  
of goods are cheap. Wax rent was high, & lodging. Gold was  
plenty at 15. Dollars the oz. & 15 Dollars in Gold. A City Government  
had been established at San Francisco. Lincoln San Francisco at the  
mines. Shack 100 Vessels in the Harbor. Sailors were scarce, &  
wages from 100 to 200 Dollars in Month. D. O. Wood has been living  
in Real Estate. Bloomer goes up North after. Becham he has not been  
here in fully. They say <sup>now</sup> the Woods begin to grow. Mr. Perry & Mr.  
home settled one low land. The Cholera in Boston is making some  
noise. Less harm than 20 die in Day, and nearly all Foreigners  
only a few Cases in the Country. Henry W. Thuman has been appointed  
Collector at Newburyport. Thomas G. Clarke of the Mill. Special Agent.  
& one friend Oliver G. French has died of Fever Sick only a few Days.  
Aug. the 20. Albert Gallatin of New York. died last Monday Sept. 87.  
He was born at Geneva in Switzerland, Educated at the Geneva University. Came to  
this Country when he was 19 years of age. Married a daughter of Commodore  
Richardson of the Navy. Over 40,000 thousand have signed. Father Matthews, since  
he arrived in this Country. Henry Clay has arrived at Springfield from

Saratogo, but comes shortly for Newport, to stay a few Days with Mr. Saml Sears of Boston, at his Beautiful Cottage there, Last Thursday Night, the Madens Shop, Car Shop, Paint Shop, Return Shop, &c. of the Dorset & Main R. R. Cars at Lawrence was entirely destroyed by fire, (supposed by an Incendiar) Loss exceeds 50,000 thousand Dollars. Some young men that left Boston last January, have written home, to their friends in Boston, that they have already got 10,000 thousand Dollars apiece, they went by the way of the Isthmus, Their names are James Ponder & Augustus Dale.

Mrs. Amesbury. Mass. Dec. 23. 40

Mr. Ephraim W. Morse.  
 San Francisco.  
 California.

This makes three letters we have written you, the first was sent May 25, the second July 23, the third Oct 1. There is not much system about these letters, it is a mere out cast of steam, that is, if there is a chance to get each, & we had to turn our minds out by the way of the Isthmus, yours &c. A. B. Morse.

Monday April 12. The Steam Ship Empire arrived at New York last evening, the 13. Large amount of her crew returned to the city. She has been the California vessel at Boston since August 15. She has been to the city since she left the coast, the Boston dinner & drink were excellent. She has been to the city since she left the coast, the Boston dinner & drink were excellent. She has been to the city since she left the coast, the Boston dinner & drink were excellent.

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Sunday, Oct. 30, 1849, Week before last we went down East on the Thermaleo River.  
Franklin has a contract by the name of Wynner. They are carrying a large business,  
have got the California Fever a little. Down Ship for California, one Coach, &  
Waresmen, one Waggon on board the Boat James A. Thompson. Capt Murray.  
The Coach is Letter Morse & Wynner. Several Vessels are loading on the  
Thermaleo. The People are alive since those last Settes.

Three vessels at Kimbyport & one at the Point, are now being fitted  
out for California. Some of our folks are going in them, One here  
Shoji Elling Batchelder, Charles Ellis, and others say they mean to go.  
We want to hear from you, at the Diggins & find out what we can  
make a day, then Phillip says we can tell whether it will go to  
go. Shinball of Worcester has died, made a Will, & given his property to  
the Innsane Hospital at Concord N.H. Parson Winger & Quinn Collins,  
have got home, went as far as Rio, discouraged Home Sick, had the Blues,  
sold out their Birth Sights, to two others, & Ship for Boston.

Even is good, Potatoes are setting, Few Apples, Little Cider, Pine Wheat,  
Cyess, Wynn is most done, Elling, & Better will probably more this week.

Both of the Steam Boats on the Prize have been sold, to go to California.  
The Brig Arch of Southard sailed Tuesday the 18. 34 Men, & 2. Boys.  
They own the Brig & Cargo. Shares \$400. Each. My Wife's Mother  
Eleanor True, goes in her, & is Part owner. Capt. Jabez Stevens.  
Secretary Clayton, & the French Minister, M. Cassin, at  
Washington have had some Sparing of late, Franklin is exultant  
unless the French Government, Apologize. The Burguain a Worster  
for the Acres, but the Day of their redemption will come.  
France is in a very unsettled state, Louis Napoleon is  
about to marry the Daughter of the King of Sweden, Miss Charlotte  
Eugenia Augusta Amelia Albertina, Born, April, 24, 1830.

Jan Father Daese is Dead, & he is now trying to buy another,  
Our Boy grows finely, eight Months old tomorrow the best Day  
of Oct, & we have our Pig which completes our family.  
Ellice thinks it not best, to buy the Portage on this, no more  
at present. Respectfully Yours W. J. Morse.

W. Amesbury Mass. Nov<sup>r</sup> 69

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Mr. Ephraim W. Morse,  
Benicia, California

West-Indian Map, Oct # 1, 1849

I send this Tuesday Evening Nov. 11. The mail closes at New York, Tuesday Nov. 13, at 2 P.M. Mr. Calcutt's terms were yesterday, all age. We are hoping for fine weather for the season. no more at present.

Cousin Ephraim,

Elbridge & Father Moore into the Ken

Home Tuesday Oct 2, Tremendous North-East <sup>Storm</sup> the 7. Some vessels were driven ashore. The Ken. papers are figuring up for the next Congress. The S, F, W, are about equally divided, & in order to get the Speaker, are dependent on the Free-Soil Members. The rush for California is so great, that Politics are a secondary affair in the papers. The Steam Ship Falcon, Capt Hartstein arrived at New Orleans Oct. 5, Left Charges the 1, had 70,000 thousand dollars in Gold Dust, & a Large Mail, from 1. to 2. hundred passengers. The Steam Ship Ohio, Capt. J Finlay Schenck, Left New-Orleans for New-York, the night before the Falcon arrived, met her at sea, took 59, passengers, & the Mail for New-York, that came from Charges in the Falcon. We shall look for Letters by that Mail. The Steam Ship Panama arrived at Panama Sept the 22, Left San-Francisco Sept. 1, brought 50,000 thousand, in Gold-Dust, & 159 passengers. The Asthmus of Panama, was quite healthy, & the roads, from Charges to the Pacific Coast were good. The Steamer Senator, had arrived at Panama, was detained 2. months in the Straits of Magellan on the account of Guel. The above California news was by Adigraph from New-Orleans. There is now on the Pacific Coast 5. Steamers, viz, California, Panama, Oregon, Union, & Senator. The Senator sails Oct. 1, & the Panama on the 15.

The Empire City arrived at New-York Tuesday Oct. 9, She brings in Gold-Dust \$440,989.10 and 50, to 60, Passengers returning from the Gold regions, with from 3, to 10, thousand dollars apiece. You must recollect these are News-papers. <sup>But I believe they are nearly true, more than double the amount of Gold has been sent to the States.</sup> Mary, has gone to England, that has been there

Oct. 15, Your Father received your letter to day. We were glad to hear from you, & that you were doing so well. But we hope you will find some little rigging, get at some of the Big limbs, some Bellows that went from Hullomell, that I am acquainted with, are getting their \$40.00 per day. The day however that it depends, a good deal on luck. We shall not start on the strength of your letter but wait for another. Wiggins says he will go with 3 or 4 of us, as soon as you say the word come. There are 25 vessels in Boston wh for California, & there is probably full as many going now as ever. The Steam Ship Ohio arrived at N.Y. Sunday, the 14, not much Gale dust, The Empire City having brought it. 50 Passengers came in her <sup>hommes</sup> with plenty of the Gale dust. Howland & Aspinwall have purchased for the Pacific Line, the Steamer Tennessee. She starts shortly, through the Straits of Magellan. Adams & Co, No 9, Canal St, Boston, have established an Express from Boston to San Francisco. An agent goes in the Empire City. The Baquet, James A. Thompson, of Augusta, Me. sailed Tuesday the 9, Morse & Wymann have a Coach, Wagon, Harness, &c. on board.

Phillip B. Davis of Boston has received a letter from his son, on the North Fork of the Sacramento River, 80 of them, had turned on of the Steamers, average \$200. Dollars per day for each Man. As your Cash is large, you had better save in the Mari River, get a few Cash loans, & come home. Winchester Willis, formerly of Cambridgeport, Mass, has a son that enlisted in the Mexican War. Was discharged, went to California, has got between 30, & 40, thousand Dollars. <sup>Has sent his Father 7,000 thousand Dollars for one of his Brothers, who started immediately.</sup> Wednesday Oct. 17, was the day for the sale of through tickets by the Steamers for San Francisco, 500 hundred for the Dec Steamers, men run off, as fast as the money could be paid off. & 1,000 hundred for the January. The rush is great, many returned by the two Steamers Empire City & Ohio, Independant which has put new life into the people. Hundreds of letters have been published, they get an or a day, & more, &c. &c. &c.

Oct. 25, Oh Meeting House is done, but not being done according to the agreement they have not accepted it. Are trying however to come to some settlement. Mr Ezekiel Downs is published to Roxana Sargent, & Albert Perrine to Sarah Sargent, daughter of Boston. Joseph Currier, Old Mountain is dead & John Shaws of Kenton. Noyes & Elliot are settling in. Closing business, will probably be minus a little. Smiley is building a Brick Shop. Thomas Langley, has bought that Old Shop above Abster & Colby's, & built it on Smiley's lot, & is to do his Blacksmith Work. Capt. Short has built a Barn, & resided at his house, & moved the Widow Ploncus of South Norwotton. Col. J. Colby, has raised up his Barn 2 feet. James B. Hart is building a house on his lot, close to O. Elliot, Mills Burgess has moved into J. C. Sargent's house. Samuel Stevens is building a Barn. Moses has sold his house to Mrs. Burman & bought his another. Your Father has not bought yet. <sup>Nov 4</sup> Samuel Stevens has been in Cambridge with Carriages, has brought home 3. Horses, with a he had before gives him 5; he got home last Friday night, won 3. weeks within one day. Your Father took one of them yesterday, on trial, has been to the ever to meeting with it to day. Sack Red, Short tail, very good horse. I have been to the Barn today Mr - Brinkham preached. One Nov. Election, comes a week from tomorrow. The Democratic & Free-Soil Parties, are writing together to choose Senators to the State Legislature, enough can be chosen in this way, to change the Senate. The House being Whig will send up the names of G. N. Briggs, & Bantrell, or Phillips the Governor will then be Bantrell, or Phillips. The Times goes in for this movement strong. N. H. Thanksgiving is the 15. Nov. the 29, Capt. Bailey of Newburyport. Conn. 600 Dollars for a ticket from New York to San Francisco, has gone to purchase some of the ships at San Francisco. No. of vessels sailed for San Francisco 573 | arrived 167 | no sailed in Oct 657 |



There are now up for California in Boston 30, New York 27,  
Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 4, New Orleans 8, Newburyport 5,  
New Bedford 6, Bangor 3, &c. &c. The Brig Arct. of Newburyport  
sailed Nov. 11, I send you a list of the Passengers, 19, go  
from Amherst, Ellbridge Batchelor, & Leubris, Son in Law,  
goes Stewart, and his name is not among the Passengers.  
The Crescent City sailed at New York Oct. 28, The Steamer Comarca  
left for San Francisco Oct. 18, taking all the Passengers.  
The Union & Senator had both sailed, New Bedford has  
sent 40 Vessels to California. The smallest 28. <sup>2/3</sup> the Cons  
Brother sailed about 16 days ago. The Thos Socaco Capt. James  
M. Cranston, manned by 4 Seamen. For freighting on the river  
Sacramento. The Brig Colorado sailed from Boston about the same  
time, took 20 Men, 5 Ladies, who intend settling at Brenicia  
took with them every thing, with which to build their Houses  
and furnish them. A Man from Lorrell who came home, the  
last Steamer took one with 15,000 Thammas Dollars, & Glories  
of Wash Kenley who brought home several Thammas, are  
going back immediately. The Contract for grading about  
half of the Rail-Road across the Isthmus of Panama  
has been taken by a Span in Philadelphia, They are to  
commence the work the first of Dec.

The amount of California Gold received at the United States Mint  
Philadelphia is 3,100,000 all of which will be Carried, in the  
Month of Nov. Mr. G. W. beam, of Cambridgeport Maine, arrived  
at San Francisco July 23, had been very successful, sent home  
one Thammas Dollars by the last Steamer to his Wife. A Span  
San Juan Chats, in a letter to his friend, says California is  
the meanest place that Man, ever of sovereign, & the meanest climate  
not fit for a White Man to live in, Idaho, Utah, Smoky, Ark, Calif,  
& Nicholay, and if you know, when you are well off, stay at home.  
T. B. King, who was sent out by the Government, for the purpose  
of making a survey of the Mining District, has sent to Washington  
an Official Report. And it is reported that his Statement, is  
that one hundred thousand Men, cannot exhaust the Gold in one  
hundred years. It extends one eight hundred square Miles of territory.  
These are great Things, & it will go to discomf the half at least. This  
is the San Francisco Letter T. and Ellbridge here sent. <sup>Write by the way</sup> you shall not get half of them. Respectfully Yours. W. Morse.

The brig Ark, 297 tons, Charles Marsh, master, sailed yesterday for San Francisco, with 113 passengers, whose names appear on the list, besides two or three who were taken on board from boats in the river, which put off from the Salisbury shore, and one who was put on board outside the bar. There are three ladies on board, one the wife of a passenger and the others unmarried ladies—one a young and intelligent looking girl who came in from the country, and engaged her passage, a day or two since:

Of the passengers there are from Newburyport 19, Newbury 3, Amesbury 18, Haverhill 17, Portsmouth 17, Salem 10, Andover 6, West Newbury 1, Salisbury 1, Lynn 4, Boston 4, Methuen 1, Dover 1, Great Falls 3, Hampton 3, Charlestown 1, Ipswich 1, Lawrence 1, Rhode Island 1.

Religious exercises were performed on board in the morning, by Rev. Messrs Pike and Emerson. Probably one thousand people were present on the wharf and on the decks and rigging of the vessels around, to witness the departure of the brig, which was taken out by the steam tug R. B. Forbès. She has no doubt had a good run for the first 24 hours.

The following is a list of the passengers:

Thomas McGlew, and wife, C. Louisa Govern, Jeanette Mc Kenzie, Richard S. Caldwell, George Brown, Wm. W. Stickney, Jos. Hunt, N. D. Plumer, Wade Hisley, Wm. M. Ellsworth, M. Eldridge, W. E. Ellsworth John Marsh, Wm Marsh, Walter Bricher, D. H. Smith, Thomas Mills, Wm. J. Griffin, of Newburyport. — Paul Plumer, James H. Small, Michael Garrigin, of Newbury. — Benj. W. Gale, Jacob Thompson, Chs. W. Houlton, Thomas Scott, John Christian, N S Morrill, J D Huntington, Wm. H. Corliss, John Morrill, John P. Porter, Richard Osgood, Amos M. Currier, Edwin M. Currier, A W. Huntington, Jacob Goodwin, Timothy C. Locke, Chs. E. Gilman, Jona. C. Grant, of Amesbury. — James Cromack, of Salisbury. — Geo. Cross, of West Newbury. — Sam'l Foote, James Palmer, George Davis, James Ramsdell, Henry L. Putnam, E. Summers, Justin T. Cook, S. A. Kelley, John S. Fuller, Wm. H. Carpenter, Henry C. George, Chs. E. Norton, Chs. E. Wheeler, G. K. Davis, H. Davis, Jos. French, Jeremiah Lewis, of Haverhill. — F. F. Downing, G. L. Bradlee, Geo. W. Barker, Sam'l Merrill, John Bradlee, of Andover. — Geo. W. Jeffs, Edwin Cox, L. Floyd Walker, F. L. Dunbar, James Sanborn, Wm. Carr, Stillman T. Jeffs, J. Woodman, Nath'l S. Patten, James Rundlet, Andrew J. Buncute, Joseph C. Perkins, James L. Pierce, Johnston Cleghom, Octave Leighton, David G. Lester, John H. Sanborn, of Portsmouth. — Geo. E. Radcliff, J. H. Munro, Chs. Chesbrough, Chs. P. Farwell, of Portland. — Dennis Howarth, of Lynn. — Eben. C. Hurd, G. W. Campbell, J. P. Butler, Chs. B. Chandler, of Boston. — Carolus Ingraham, of Providence, Jos. Hutchinson, of Methuen, Wm. Ordway, of Dover, T. L. Wright, of Charlestown, Wm. H. Ryan, of Lawrence, Wm. Newman, of Ipswich, Andrew J. Bryant, of Effingham. — John W. Foye, Wm. H. Foye, Jos. B. Twombly, of Great Falls. — John Perkins, J. H. Williamr, J. D. Dearborn, of Hampton. — Joseph Neal, Charles Neal, Rufus Neal, Varnum Merrill, John Jackson, P. Daniels, Justin E. Tenney, Benj. W. Carr, Richard Baker, Wm. K. Farrar, of Salem.

West Amherst Draft, Feb. 7, 1851,

Dear Ephraim,

Yours of Dec. 18/51, was  
Recd. Jan. 27, Monday. We were glad to hear  
from you. But should like to hear more of the  
Particulars, what you are about, and how much  
you have increased your Pile. We continue in  
the same old business here Building Coverages.  
that is, most of us, John S. Hickey, & some few  
others have gone to San Francisco.

John Stuart, has moved to Worcester, & opened a  
Coverage Depot. B. F. Sargent has hereafter his  
place, Maria and Moore in Lark mouth.

Alfred Allen, talks of mooning to Portland, and  
going into the Lumber Business. Amos Sanger is Maria's  
moone into the Old Home. His Father board with them,

He Maria a girl by the name of Hann, & probably  
lives on her some this winter. Saron Sanger  
to the river, has moved to Lowell, John Morse

has gone with him. George W. Sargent (they say) is  
conecting one of Richard W. Sargent's girls.

Phillip, Works to the river, for Ephraim Goodwin,

Beard, upon the Hill, goes by here every morning  
and I sometimes get a slight ride up to the  
Corner, May Levi, <sup>Sargent</sup> is not conecting much yet, I  
believe, Miss Elizabeth H. Blotcher, that keeps our  
School was Maria's Lark Ball, & James M. Sambor,

East-Whigston N. H. She sends her Best Wishes to you.  
She always enquires, when I see her, how Ephraim is  
doing. Our Boy, Walter Herman Morse, was two years  
old the first Day of February, He was Born, when  
the California Fever, first began to rage, and his  
Middle Name Herman, I took from Herman A Greene,  
Capt of the 5000 Ship, Leonore.

This letter has been got up, hastily is very imperfect  
thus far, You say in your Letter that there is quite  
a Demand for Colts Revolvers, and should like to have  
us take the hint and send out a few Doz. of them,  
We showed the Letter to Phillip J. Davis, had a  
Meeting at Elbridge's, agreed to put in \$50,000 apiece  
Phillip J. myself, went down to Boston Tuesday the 4,  
of February, Colts Revolvers are scarce, but we succeeded  
in finding enough. But before disclosing <sup>me</sup> went to  
Adams & Express Office, to see what the Freight would  
be, Adams himself was not in, and the Agent told  
us that it would probably cost \$40,000 for the Freight  
This somewhat knocked us in the Head, In about  
one hour, we called in again, and saw Adams  
himself, He said he would take the Box for 25, to  
thirty Dollars, and leave it on the Wharf at New  
York. Saying No Agent there, would not  
guarantee your getting it. The Box might be brought  
in any time during the week, must be well  
packed, and secured in a tin Box six nights,  
said We could get them insured for the full  
amount if we chose, He thought it a little risky  
and so did we, I said to him that I thought

the Freight rather high, As an offset he said he  
had paid \$50,000 Dollars for a thing in the street  
and \$100 Dollars Freight, and then doubled his  
Money. We saw he still had symptoms of the  
California Fever, and I think the Fever will con-  
tinue as long as there is Money to be made.  
I have but little Faith in the Honesty of the  
Business, and considering the Cost of the Revolvers  
\$18,000 Dollars, the Enormous Freight Bill, and the  
Liabilities, we came home and brought our Money  
with us. We can buy a very good Revolver 5 Barrel  
5 inch for eight Dollars, Phillip bought a lot of  
Kovels, which he is going to send by Mail.  
Now, if on the receipt of this, the Revolvers or any  
other articles, are in good demand, and you  
are well satisfied they will buy, you can  
write us, and we will send to your order,  
But you must have somebody at your  
place, to take charge of them, without Fail.  
The People are pretty - Scary now Days, and  
a Fellow wants to get up early and  
look sharp,  
Elbridge will write next Mail, we shall plant  
those seeds this Spring, We have had good "Shaking the  
Winkles, Great Doings in Boston now, at Sunderland,  
People talk with Spirits in the Future, as familiar  
as Friend talks with Friend, New Ideas are  
being developed every month, No more at present.  
To, E. W. Morse, Esq, Respectfully Yours A. J. Morse,

W. Amherbury, Mass. February, 7

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Mr. Ephraim W. Morse,  
New-San-Diego,  
California.

Augusta, Me. Sept. 19, 1851.

Care of E. W. Snow.

I started yesterday morning for this place found Franklin and his family all well (they have 5 children,) pleasantly situated and has been doing a good business, &c

Mr J. C. Wynn, his brother, one of his sons, Miss Huntington & Wife, and a Mr John G. Child, a harness-maker start next Monday morning for California.

Wynn & Huntington are first rate fellows. Both blacksmiths. they may call on you as they go up, should the boat not long enough. If you can help them on the track to make their pile, they would undoubtedly be greatly obliged. A good many thermometers are there and most of them have done well.

The West American folks, I suppose you have heard from so often, that I cannot tell you much news. Child's says if you come home this fall he shall go out with you, and the general opinion here is, that the prospect is better than ever, the certainty that the gold is inexhaustible, will make business in California good for a great many years. West American grows a little every year. George

Littles has bought 13 acres of Land on the  
Hill Back of Jan<sup>ts</sup> B. Sengers House  
Is going to build him a House this fall  
Has sold one Lot to Strin Waterhouse  
who built a House next season

John England has moved from West Kennedy  
and built a House this fall. Mr. Thomas  
Langley, built Houses, nearly opposite the  
Corney House (Tommy's Street)

Mr. John Brewer & Enock Orgood are building a  
House for Tom Corning on a Cross Street leading  
from the Corning House, up to the Dock near  
Mr. John Sengers. Business has been tolerable  
good the last year. Some one 1000 Carriages  
have been built, and mostly sold,

A good many changes have taken place since  
you left us, some have died and some have  
been down into the World, but, whether the  
World is any wiser or better on the whole  
are questions, that you may chance once  
at your leisure.

Sept 11, A few lines more this morning and I  
close this letter. By reading it over, I find I  
have not written just as I should, you will have  
it taken me as I mean in one place, and  
not as I write. I think of nothing more at  
present, only that you may keep yourself withstand  
from the World, and come home when these  
Days with a good pile of Gold. Respectfully yours  
O. B. Moore

Red Spring 52

Mr. Ephraim W. Morse.

San - Diego.

California,

By the politeness of  
My Friend Huntington.



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Mr. Ephraim W. Morse.

San - Diego.

California.

Recd Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

Paid

Sunday July 17/52

Cousin E. W. Morse.

Dear Sir, Yours of  
June 1, I received, thro' our Cousin, & July 16 a Packet.

I was glad to hear of your safe arrival  
at San Diego, and that the State of <sup>your</sup> affairs was  
no worse, Hope you will get a good pile,  
soon, and come home, as May as home, so far  
and now for business, I may not <sup>perhaps</sup> be  
able to give you much that is new or  
interesting, as you here may correspond with  
this section of Country.

A President is to be made this fall,  
The Democrats & Whigs, have had their Conventions  
made their Remanding, and are now seeking  
their forces for the contest, The real difference  
between the two Parties is less now than  
ever before, The Resolutions adopted at their  
Conventions, as for the Compromise Measures in all  
these parts, are opposed to any <sup>interference</sup> agitation or  
alteration, &c. &c.

Our Convention is to be at Pittsburgh, Ohio  
the eleventh Day of August.

The Caliform we have had down must  
finally prevail, The Corner of the General  
Government must be brought back to  
the support of Liberty instead of Slavery  
In 1840 we made our first effort for  
a Credit offered to Slavery to, Cost a  
few thousand Votes, In 1848 more than  
900,000 had joined the Free Soil Society  
This fall we shall have about 500,000  
and the time is coming when Slavery with  
its evils, will have passed away,

Our New Signal Law goes into effect next  
Thursday, on similar to the Maine Law. We  
shall probably succeed in stopping to a  
great extent, the low Grog Shops, and  
diminish the amount of Signal Drinks, one  
half or more

Our New School House, is to be built  
by Robert Fowler this Fall. The Location  
is just above the Short Bars so called  
in the Corner lot of Benj<sup>m</sup> Morse, near  
by the Oak Trees.

Mr. Doctor & Subin, the two Agents of  
the Manufacturing Establishment at the Mills  
Leaving last season, and two new ones  
were appointed this Spring, John C. Seely  
supplies Mr. Doctors Place, Mr. Langley  
Subin, Mr. Seely soon after entering under  
his Duties, but on some new restrictions  
and the Opponents about all left,  
Mr. Langley also, (We suppose by agreement)  
thought he would try his hand, but with his  
Notice, and they all have left and the  
Factory has shut down, and they  
have money yet long I assure you  
Sept 12. 1852.

The above I penciled about a month ago,  
and I think it high time it was sent  
Perhaps you will say better late than  
never. The season has been rather dry, in  
other respects very good. All well, fine  
weather, the Political Parties are now  
mustered their forces, Peace & High. Sects  
& Gidern. Hale & Julia, are before the  
In State Affairs. The Friends of Free Soils  
will probably write.

A. H. Wells Dear B. Morse.

West Amherst Mass,

Dec. 10, 1873,

Mr E. W. Morse,

Sir, I have  
been waiting several days  
for the bills of Lumber.

I will give you the bills  
so far as we have them,  
and in a few days probably  
a correct list of the whole

Price of Carriages as follows,

1, Phaeton Carriage	215.00
1, Box Top Buggy	215.00
1, Shifting top "	215.00
1, Open "	160.00
1, Concord Waggon	130.00
	<hr/> 935.00

This being the cost of  
the 5 Carriages, 25.00

was allowed them as

Net Profit,

	25.00
	<hr/> 960.00
1, Concord Waggon	150.00
Total	<hr/> 1,110.00

Amount brought over \$ 1,110.00  
 Trade & Labor C. & Munt. —  
 Boxing boxes — 15.00  
 C. M. Moore Lumber & Nails — 22.00  
 C. B. Batters Spruce Nail, — 2.50  
 Williams Colby, Boxing — 15.00  
 Trucking to Esqet, and  
 freight to Boston —  
 Bunkage across the  
 City of Boston. —  
 total —

you will find Bills at  
 your end of the route  
 as follows.  
 Freight from Boston to New York  
 Insurance on 1200.00 at 2 1/2  
 per cent. 30.00  
 Freight on Carriages  
 3,530 lbs at 7.50 the 100 lbs.  
 7.50  
 1765.00  
 2471.6  
 264.75

We sent by our Express the  
 money to pay the Insurance,  
 but they don't make one bill  
 of it, pay at San Diego.  
 We thought best to forward  
 this, and you would get  
 near the amount of  
 the bill.  
 Yours,  
 A. B. Moore,

I received the Postal Card from  
 New York, all right.  
 Our sleighing went off  
 in New York. Good wheeling  
 now, and not very cold.  
 A. B. Moore  
 Before mailing this letter I did  
 the bills of Lading. Inclosed  
 you will find one of them.  
 I notice Expense 78.42. But  
 this at present I do not  
 see through.  
 A. B. Moore,

shall meet again in a  
few days.

Mr. Moore  
Dec 18/73  
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West Amosley, Mass,  
April 26, 1874.

Mr E W, Morse.

Sir.

A Memorable  
Snow Storm, keeps me at Home  
to Day. Yesterday in the afternoon  
it began to snow. Wind bloweth  
North East, the wind continues  
to increase until about 2 o'clock  
this morning. We got up at  
2 o'clock in the night, to see  
the things, not knowing what  
would be the end.

It was an Old Fashioned Snow  
Storm with more Wind than  
usual. To Day it snows, but the  
Wind is somewhat abated.

The hope this is the last Snow  
Storm this Spring, the season is

badman Farnes have done  
but little yet.

Coverage Business, we think  
will be pretty good this  
season. Shoe Business, is  
rather dull, to many in the  
business, and one may say  
the same of many other kinds  
of business. It is over done. —

The Americans love everything  
as long as it will last,  
and sometimes longer. —

The facilities now, in most  
branches of business, are such  
that one can fill the market  
with goods in a short time. —

And my opinion is, one shall  
never see business, in all  
its branches so good, as it  
has been for the last 40  
years. Business matters, and  
stocks are not so good  
as they appear in the

reports. As a Nation, as  
States, as Countries, as  
Communities, as Individuals, we  
are living faster, and spending  
more money than we can  
afford. The student man fore-  
sees the evil, and hideth him-  
self, while the smith hammers  
on and all perish.

This is an old saying, but  
there is much truth in it.  
Habit is strong with us,  
it is catching.

We like to keep up with  
our neighbors, and go ahead  
of them if we can.

Ambition is a good thing,  
but it needs wisdom, judgment,  
to direct.

The Principles are all well  
I believe, so far at present.  
A. B. Morse.



Monday Morning, Cold, Run  
Down to the Shop on the Snow,  
frost had enough to bear,  
Ice  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch thick.  
Very much like Winter.

W. B. Munn  
Apr 25/24

advance of A.B. & E.W.M. \$1174.40  
 Interest for 1 year @ 7 1/2% 88.08  
 \$1262.48

Expense adv by E.W.M. \$408.87  
 Premium on gold 8.08  
 Interest on adv say 52.50  
 \$469.45

Sales of Phacton + Concord  
 Wagon 725.00  
 Premium on Gold 72.50  
 \$797.50

Deduct for E.W.M. 469.45  
 Paid to W. Amosby \$328.05

say 1/2 of W. Amosby

at W. Amherst  
Nov 17. 1874

West Amherst, Mass  
Dec, 17, 1873,

Mr E. W. Morse, Sec.

Gentlemen,

In my last I gave you  
the amount of bills so far  
as we know?

Clment, J, Smart, bill — 975.00

A. B. Morse, Concord Virginia 150.00

E. W. Morse, Sumner, J, rails 22.00

G. B. Butler Spruce Rails — 2.40

William Colby Bowring. 15.00

Bright ~~Account~~ City of Boston, 10.00

\$1,174.40

In the bill of Saving you  
will find freight bill 264.75

Insurance 30.00

Expenses 78.42

This bill of Expense is more  
than we expect, It includes  
all the Expense, from here

to New York, except across the  
City.

In fixing your price  
of the Carriages for sale in  
New York, you must value  
the Carriages about 250.00 each.

We bought them (as you know)  
for 215. each. Which may just  
the cost. I say cannot afford  
to do business in that way,  
and we shall have to pay  
about 250.00 Dollars.

Except when we find a  
chance, when they are  
hard up for money.

The carriage value \$180.00  
is the one when there was  
an exchange made. you will  
know about this.

You can arrange the  
proportional Expense, of each  
Carriage in your sales. —  
That is, but a little more  
of the <sup>cost of</sup> freight, Barring so, on

The Carriage, Value 215. Dollars  
then on the cheaper one. —  
I enclose you will find the  
Bill of Clement & Smart,  
A. B. Morse.

We hear that our Cousin  
Jacob E. Morse, of East Kingston  
is dead. Have not learned  
the particulars.

A. B. Morse

Dec 17/74

Cost freight

West. Am. Agency, Mass  
Dec. 29, 1873,

Mr. E. W. Moore,

Sir,

I thought I would write you a few lines, but sleighing left about the time you left for San-Siego. And we have had very good Wheeling until now. Yesterday, Saturday, it commenced snowing & we have plenty of it now. Sleighs will sell this week rapidly.

If the Concord Waggons will sell, you had better order 6, or 8, as we can get them out this winter several dollars less.

our Cousin Jacob Eastman Morse  
of Exeter, Kingston N. H. died  
Dec 17, 1870. Aged 48. Sidel  
only a few days.

Annals from the Old House,  
He was a smart Business  
Man, and will be quite  
a loss to Community,  
and also the Family.

Was not married, and the  
Morse race will run out  
in that Family.

Prof. Louis John Rudolph  
Agassiz of Cambridge died  
Dec 14, 1873, Born in  
Strasbourg 1807.

One of the most Scientific  
Men of the age.

In the case of a West,  
The jury rendered the following  
Verdict, "Came to his death  
from some cause unknown  
to the Jury."

Jonathan Bailey Sargent,  
was carried to the Insane  
Hospital Saturday.

He has been insane for  
a few weeks, and the  
Family could bear it no  
longer. He will not probably  
live long.

Monday Morning, home to break  
paths to day. No more  
at present. Just do.  
A. B. Morse,



AB Morse jr.

Dec 29/73

If covered Wagons  
will sell order more  
as they can be got up  
easier in the winter

Westbury, Mass.

Feb. 15, 1874

Mr. E. W. Morse,

Sir, To-day is very fine, have had good sleighing until within a few days - since Thursday came in, we have had it very cold.

You will see, from a piece I cut from a New Paper this is not much like some-thing. In one of the papers I saw from you, the temperature appears very even in your place.

Now with us, was colder than usual, but the winter has been rather mild.

Most of the sleighs that were built are sold.

Mr Jonathan Bailey Sargent,  
has been carried to the Insane  
Hospital.

Mr Thomas Goodman has died  
of the Burn. Judkins & Goodman.

The Panic grows less, and business  
is starting up, but money is  
scarce, there is too much  
showing Notes. The money  
must get among the people  
to make business good.

The Prospect in the Carriage  
business looks small.

The clear state of things in  
the Money Market, has driven  
us to look after things some-  
what closely.

We have to get our  
Longitude and Latitude  
occasionally. There has been  
4 failures at the Mill Village  
This may be made too much  
business is done on other

Peoples Money, and too much  
invested in Rail Roads that  
cannot pay, there is such  
leisures enough, to make it  
pay. Old Men like Jay Cooke, &c  
sometimes get taken in.

I'm inclined to think that  
freight on Carriages will  
be less by San Francisco.

You have found out by  
this time, the difference in  
the two routes.

I think one can send for  
Cash, a good Wagon for  
130. Dollars.

Enclosed you will find a  
few slips for Mrs Stokes.  
Tom Nipe is over to Bear Hill.  
The Wood is very cheap, and  
the friends are all well &  
believe me yours &c.

W. B. Moore.

A. B. Morse

July 15/84.

Can build Wagon for <sup>\$</sup>130.  
overland cheapest thinks

West Amsterly, (mas),  
Feb. 22, 1874.

Am E. W. Moore,

Sir, Yours  
of Feb 9 me received this 17 th  
very glad to get so soon  
and good a letter.

On reading it, we think  
the Prospect Books very  
good. We don't know but  
you are putting too much  
price on the Carriages —

We want your people  
to get their Carriages  
as cheap as they can  
be afforded and pay us  
the firm E. W. Moore, & Co a  
fair profit.

We should like to have  
you order about 1/2 doz  
Concord Waggon, different

Wagons, But Waggon that  
will do good service.  
Can build them, from <sup>7</sup>100,  
to 150. Dollars each.

And it may be as well  
to send one Sett, by the  
way of San Francisco, if  
you can find some Reliable  
Man there, to look after  
them. We can ship them  
from here, Clear through,  
and I think at low Expense,  
But of this matter, you  
will be the best judge.

You may be able to make  
some arrangement with the  
Freight Agents, at your place  
to reduce the Freight on  
Carriages from San Francisco  
to San Diego, if we will  
send them that way.

These are Suggestions, and  
you can do as you think best.

The snow is most gone,  
and we have plenty of Mud  
your Wife has made in  
a call, since she came back.  
We are going over next Tuesday  
and the dinner is to be strict.  
hope he will submit to his  
fare cheerfully.

My  
Wife is not very well,  
but coughs terribly, but luckily.  
Perhaps we shall have to  
move to a milder Climate  
Nothing more at present.

Yours Dr.  
W. B. Moore.

A. B. Morse

July 22/74

1/2 Doz Concord Wagons  
\$100 to \$150.

West Amherst, Mass.

March 8, 1874.

Mr. E. W. Moore.

Sir I Recd a  
letter from T. S. Bartlett & Co.  
Boston Mass. saying they had  
put the freight on Carriages  
450 the ton from Boston.

This will make quite  
a difference in the Expense.  
Also, the rates of Passage  
are reduced.

New York to San Francisco \$50.00  
to 100 Dollars Gold.

And to compete with the English  
Peninsular & Oriental route, they  
have put the fare as follows

Yokohama to San Francisco \$150.00  
" " to New York. 250.00  
" through to Liverpool — 300.00



They offer to bring tea, from  
~~San~~ San Francisco to New York  
for 40.00 the ton 2000 lbs.

If we could sell a few  
carriages in San Francisco, for  
tea, we could double our money—

But it may not be ad-  
visable, to get so much business  
on our hands.

Elbridge, is one of the collectors  
this year, also collector.

Will have about as much  
as he <sup>can attend to</sup> ~~manage~~ of business, this  
year.

Jan. 20.

A. B. Morse.

I send this letter by a neighbor  
of ours, Mr. Allison Sanborn, a  
Carriage Maker.

He is going to try your climate  
at San Francisco, for his health.

Has bought his ticket, for  
San Francisco, but will stop  
at some place for a few  
days. is a good, reliable man,  
has been a good singer, and  
taught singing schools until  
late, but his voice has  
failed him. yours &c.

A. B. M.

A. B. More

Receipt \$4 50

from Boston

West Annesburg, Mass

March, 8. 1875.

Mrs. & Mrs. E. W. Morse

Dear Friends,

We have heard nothing direct from you since you left. Except Willie had a News Paper.

Things remain about the same. We have had good sleighing all winter, 43. or 44. Days in Succession only 2 pleasant Days in the time. Stringing Cold Weather.

Thursday & Thursday, 3. & 4. th of March we had an Old Fashioned Snow Storm. The roads are all full of snow & traveling is not very good. Comm Meeting March 1. 1875. Via Sledsman O. S. Bailey & M. Morse, J. S. P. Walsh, Collector. Bailey Sargent.

Most of the Carriage Establishments  
have made up. So many failures  
last Fall. There was nothing  
made with the Carriage Makers  
last year. Hope to do better this  
year. You have read most  
likely of the Piermont, N. H.  
murder. Moses B. Sawyer (Brother  
of Leonard Thomas William Sawyer)  
has been arrested, & is now in  
jail. You think here, that it was  
accidental, by Emerson, or Sawyer,  
and most likely Emerson, and for  
fear what might be the result  
of confessing it. Have done it.

The Mining Business at Onto  
remains is creating quite an  
excitement. Companies are being  
formed, and some is sold at  
high prices. They find Gold Silver  
Copper & Lead. And if you may  
believe the News Papers. It is  
equal to California.

The Kimball Brothers, have failed  
Manufacture at Oetlow's Machine,  
oppositary in Boston. Liabilities  
100,000 Some some here, and  
some at the Mills. Probably will  
pay as little on the Dollar as  
they can. Business Men have become  
exceedingly Corrupt. Competition  
in Trade, drives Men into sharp  
trading, Dishonest.

The Gospel of Jesus, has but little  
influence over a majority of our  
Business Men.  
Something will have to be done  
before long, or all confidence  
will be lost in each other.

Gold is up to 115 & Perhaps now  
is the best time to sell those  
carriages. Elbridge thinks so.  
Mr Richard Dargent, our Neighbor  
Said Sunday March 5, been sick a  
long time.

We had a New Corner at our  
House last Friday afternoon.

A little daughter, Walter's Wife.

Weighs  $\frac{5}{8}$  lbs. Anoidupov. —  
All pleased. Because it is a girl.  
This has made quite a change  
in our Family.

We have Grandfather, Grandmother  
and Uncles.

M. J. Morse

Monday Morning Snow Storm,  
A young man was found, Gorse  
Stiff, near Daniel Driscoll's

Saturday night. Had been missing  
about one week,

M. J. Morse  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1875

Wedge Arrowhead Mass.

April. 5. - 1875.

Mrs. E. W. Morse.

I received 3 Papers,  
full of good matter.

From most game, home  
had a long & cold winter.

The Robins, made their  
appearance yesterday.

To-day, <sup>Sunday</sup> we are having a  
smart rain, all day,  
rather cold, Fire seems good,  
season rather backward,  
slightly game, but considerable  
snow in the Wood.

Ice firm in the river, and  
more than a foot in thickness.

Elbridge has been sick with  
the Erysipelas, is some better.  
Lumber remains about the same.

The Gold & Silver excitement  
at Northing, and the Corn  
market, is still on the increase  
a good deal of property  
has changed hands, & money  
has been made by the owners  
of the land, and the owners  
are said to be rich.

His sheeping mill returns  
whether the owner, will pay  
to work. The Breeder's account,  
will continue, & makes the paper  
sell.

Wednesday evening. All gone out  
of the area. Part of the  
Newly put bridge gone,  
no more at work.

Jan 21 A. B. Moore.

A. B. Morse

May 9/75

Genealogy

Next number made

May 9, 1875

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Morse.

Dear Friends,

It is Sunday & having a good  
time to read, & write letters,  
Our Spring is a little late,  
People are beginning to blough  
& melt.

Business as a general thing  
is not very good. It is overdone,  
Carriage Business is as good  
as over. People will ride,  
even if it is on other Peoples  
Money

The Scarlet Fever has made  
its appearance, and several of  
the Children have died, & quite  
a number are sick.

The Schools have stop'd.



Aunt Nancy Turkesley, died  
May 4, 1875, Aged 90 years,  
6 months, & 18 days. Born Oct-  
16 1785. She was sick only a  
few days. Had the doctor once -  
Died Sunday May 6, at 8 AM,  
Burlington near the Furnace.

Aunt Turkesley, is the last of  
the family, of 6 children.

She never made any public profession  
of Religion, never joined any Church,  
But she was one of the quiet  
Reverend Women, naturally good, it  
seems easy for her, to live in  
accordance with the gospel,  
The teaching of Jesus, & her  
Example is worthy of imitation.

Patience is now left alone,  
and it will be a great loss  
to her, they have lived so long  
together, so peacefully, & happy.

I think Patience will make  
it her home, at Nancy, & Pleasant.

I will give you, a little record  
of the family it will be handy  
for reference.

Uncle, Enoch Turkesley died, May 12, 1850.

Aged 69 years. Emily Turkesley  
died Nov 30, 1848, Aged 27 years -

She 6 children were as follows  
Peter Mace Born June 1777

died Nov, 26, 1821

John S. Mace, Born March 18, 1786

died Sept. 16, 1872

Benjamin Mace, Born June 24, 1782

died April 22, 1859

Nancy M. Turkesley, Born Oct. 16, 1785

died May 4, 1875

Mary Mace, Born

died Nov, 14, 1836.

Thomas Mace Born April 30, 1796.

died Oct - 17, 1869.

Our Grandfather John Mace

Born June 21, 1750,

died April, 23, 1822

One Gardner, Patience Sargent  
Mass. born in the year 1754.

Ed. June 19, 1846

Dear Sir,

W. B. Moore,

See the Carriage, & take a few  
more arches.

Walter May Allen has a little  
daughter. Born March 5, 1875.

My horse bought the Horn Ball  
the side of G. W. Nichols, & are to  
leave this year. Were carried over  
the Ball. A Horn Ball Ball  
one. One last Ball Ball Ball

A. D. M.

Wob. Amosley, M. A.

June 15, 1875,

Mr. E. W. Morse,

Sir, How  
time to send a draft,  
as Gold is High.

Great time in Boston  
the 17 of June, one hundred  
years. Celebration.

All well, business fair,  
Beautiful weather, and  
the Gold fever, at Newburyport  
will last on,

Yours &c.

A. B. Morse.

A. B. More  
June 1875-

Wet Wednesday Oct.  
Oct. 12, 1875.

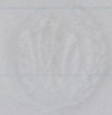
Mr. E. W. Maese.

Sir, Good is  
w. Good time to send  
Checks. all well.

The Farmers are nearly  
through Harvesting. Good crop  
of everything. Except Apples.  
Fine weather. Carriage  
Business fair. Shoe Business  
improving. Am going to  
Siber mine at Kewburg.  
is doing a few business.

Our best respects to your  
Self & Wife. Should like to  
come to San Diego this  
Winter, if I could get  
into business to make it  
pay. yours &c. A. B. Maese.

A. B. Morse  
Oct 12/75-



West Amherst Mass  
Dec 21 1875

Mr. T. Jones, E. W. Mass.

In down  
gen mill the temperature of  
the 19. 2. 20 of Dec.

Today Tuesday it is 40  
above zero.

Are Pruit are all well  
so far as I know.

Business quiet, but all  
doing something.

Eastern Rail Road. about  
closing up -

From holders, will have to  
take the road.

Share 9/10 see list.

A. B. Mass.

A. B. Morse

Dec 21/75



Wm. A. Morse  
1878  
West, Amesbury, Mass.  
Feb. 28, 1878,

Mrs. S. W. Morse & Wife.

Dear Friend,

Inclosed you will find a form  
of account of Moses B. Dyer, &  
the Texas Rail Road.  
The jury did not agree &  
he is out on bail.

We are to have a new form  
of the American. Have petitioned  
the Legislature for a division.

Have had a very mild  
winter. A little sleeping  
just now. Business very good,  
at present. Good many failures,  
hope we shall strike better  
this season. & commence next year  
in good earnest. Mind all well  
I believe. Yours &c. A. B. Morse.

Alden B. Morse  
July 28/76

Wade Arnoldy (neph)

March 20 1878

Mrs. J. Mrs. E. W. Morse.

Dear Friends,

Inclosed you will find an account of the Storm we have had. It commenced to snow on Monday Night. Relatively most of the night. In the morning it began to rain & blow from the South East —

I got ready for the Shop, but it was so severe, I concluded to stay at home, for a while at least, I finally stayed at home all day. And we had as much as we could well do to keep the water out of the House. We have had severe Wind, but this was Wind & Rain together —

It even comes, by our House  
in the Row of India Dal —  
It sets up about 3 o'clock  
in the afternoon.

This morning, I saw <sup>and</sup> heard a  
Robin sing. This indicates  
Spring with us, & one are  
glad. Am come in to be  
Divided, & you can visit West  
Amusing no more. Merimac in  
the name. We have a right  
out gift of a Corn House,  
worth 25 or 30 thousand Dollars —  
from William C Sargent of  
Boston, the Pattern Society, Son  
& James or Vitalis, another  
native of this place, gives  
us a few thousand, for a  
public library. So if our  
friends help us largely, we  
may be able to live.

Iniquity abounds with us, even  
in high places. The Moral

Principle in the People is  
exceeding weak, and we  
shall never have any better  
state of things, under the  
present religious teaching —  
The present Gospel teaches  
that I can steal from  
Robert Bode, or anything else,  
or commit any kind of an  
offence. And on Adherence  
Thomas, God, & faith in Christ  
I can be saved.

And men will venture  
very largely, on so great  
a licence. We have yet to  
learn, that the soul that Smith  
shall live, & the soul that  
death will, shall live.

We must at present, all  
well I believe.

Yours & A. B. Morse.

I receive from you occasionally,  
Son, San Diego Annon.

Mrs. Moore  
March 23/76

Merriam, June 17. 1876

Mr. E. W. Moore,

Sir,

Not having heard from you, has induced me to write again.

We have taken Note in the Merino shoe Manufactory.

The next 400. Dollars, due, the first of July, are short just that amount.

If you have disposed of the Carriages, send us that amount, I oblige.

Respectfully yours,

N. B. Moore,

Alden B. Morse  
June 17/70

East Epping, Camp Green.

Bro. E. W. Morse. N. H. Aug. 1, 1876

Sir, I have written  
two letters, with regard to some  
moneys, on those Carriages.

You will please say, if  
there is any coming, and  
how much, & how soon.

I had to hire some money  
the first of August for the  
shoe Manufactory.

Please answer without  
delay. yours so.

A. B. Morse.

The Corner Stone of our New  
Cotton House, was laid by  
the Masons July, 27, 1876.



A. B. Moore

Aug 6/76

E. W. Moore.  
San Diego.  
California.

Meximac Mas. Oct. 8. 1875.  
Mr. E. W. Morse.

Sir, Yours of  
Sept - I recd.

I have talked the matter  
over with Elledge. I he  
thinks. Perhaps it may be  
as well to take the Pay  
from the Summer Sales  
here. Please send us a  
statement of the Sales, and  
I am the matter stand, I  
we will see what arrange-  
ment can be made —  
Yours &c. A. B. Morse.

Our Form Book is nearly completed,  
the Calendar is receiving fine  
Our Maine Shoe Manufacture  
is doing well. Next Spring, of

Business is starting up.

We have an abundance of  
Apples. Potatoes small crop,  
owing to the dry weather —  
been very good. we had a  
week when it grew in night  
& day. Hot. Hay crop good —  
Oat. Large. Bark, about the  
same as usual.

Respectfully Yours,

A B Moore.

Mr. B. Moore  
Oct 8/76

Meximmo, March 7, 1877.

Mr. E. W. Morse.

Sir I have  
been waiting a long time,  
for you to make a return  
of the Carriage Business.

I want to settle with Elbridge  
and get my money.

He has sufficient funds in his  
hands to settle with me, with-  
out your sending a check from  
San Diego. I wish you would  
attend to it, as it has been  
standing a long time.

Yours, S.

A. B. Morse.

A. B. Morse  
July 7.77

Cont Epping Camp Ground  
N. H.

Mr. E. W. Morse.

I have written  
you with regard to the  
Settlement of our Carriage  
Business. But get no return.

It is of long standing, &  
I want it settled up.

It seems to me, you might  
make a Statement of the  
Business, to Elbridge. I have  
him settle with me.

Yours &c. A. B. Morse.

Sicut jenny, A. B. Morse.

Messinae Map

Genes Field is Haying, with good  
weather. May good crop. Harvesting  
fill the new barn.

We have finished haying, and are  
staying a few weeks at the  
Old Camp Ground.

It is a quiet still & pleasant  
place, about 50 here now,  
with additions every week  
up to the Camp Meeting, which  
is appointed Aug. 27.

Many of <sup>the</sup> Ministers & Families  
take their vacation here.

Press among us. A.B.M.

And I wish DeLoe had no  
Cliff Ocean. from his place.  
Owen and Bickley, and  
Van Barks, from Off-Office.  
Van der Broek, Van Sily, and  
Van Com from New, Van Dorem,  
Preserve in many place

Merrimac Mass. April 30 1879  
Mr. E. W. Morse.

Sir. If you  
are not coming here this  
Season, I want an Account  
settled up. It is 6 years this  
fall, since we sent the  
carriages. And as you have  
an account with Elbridge  
I thought perhaps you could  
make an arrangement with  
him to pay me.

Clear figure up, and let  
me see how we stand

In Account here stand,  
as follows, only 2 Carriages  
had been sold, when you  
were here, you had paid all  
the bills of Wright & Co. & Co.



\$  
one year in 1808, 09. And since  
then saw 3 Carriages to sell -  
Please write what can  
be done for you.

Yours to A. B. Morse

The season is badman with  
in, the business will begin  
the first week in May -

Education is <sup>in</sup> the British business  
fact about 14 Corn.

Carriage business is good, and  
most every kind of business has  
made up.

Carpenters have not much  
to do at present, as we have  
kitchens & stores enough.

If you could find a few  
that want Carriages, of a  
certain kind and order them  
without so long credit.

Undoubtedly it would pay to  
send them, but to be of any  
in getting round, is to blow

If you can send me an order  
for <sup>an order</sup> say what kind, and  
I will write you what I  
can get them for here.

I think the British prospects of  
the country are good,

There is an abundance of money  
and the people will do

business. If they fail, they  
will try it again.

There is no such thing as stealing  
a garret. One should be  
yourself & wife.

Yours to

A. B. Morse.

A.B. Morse  
Apr 30. 79

Merrimac Mass. June 22 1879

Mr. E. W. Morse.

Sir, I have not received any answer to my letter of April —

I want a statement of the condition of things immediately —

I can make an arrangement with Ellidge if I know how the account stands —

It has been running a long time, and should be closed up.

A letter is only about 11 days from your place here —

Yours &c A. B. Morse.

—over—

Mean all well, Business is good -  
and the tendency of all things  
is upward.

The Home Trade is down, and  
shall now rise.

The People had got short  
of almost everything and  
are now ready to trade with  
the appearance among the  
Farmers is favorable.

A. B. Morse  
June 27. 79

Merriam, Mass, Oct 6, 1879,  
Mr. E. W. Morse,

Sir,

I'm ashamed to write again  
but the Business seems to  
demand it,

We have heard nothing  
from you since July 24, The  
Postal Card.

The Account is 6 years  
standing, and we shall have  
to sue it next month, unless  
we hear from you something  
Satisfactory.

I think you are decidedly  
to blame, in keeping us in  
waiting so long —

Enclosed you will find  
another Postal Card is to

be built going through to  
the Pacific,

And we learn also, from  
the New York Tribune, that  
Mr Thomas Scott has secured  
funds in Europe, sufficient  
to cut through your rail-  
road to San Diego.

Respectfully yours  
W. B. Morse,

W. B. Morse  
Oct 6. 79

A. B. Morse  
July 10/42

The Old Farming Barn

Went down as I meant to send

Merimac Mass July 10 1842  
Mr. Phrain W. Morse  
Dear Sir.

Not having heard from you  
for a long time, & having a little  
Business matter, Concluded to write.  
The suppose you learn from some  
of the Friends, and are posted in  
the Business Affairs, &c here

Mr Asa Carter Morse of  
Cambridge Port. Mass. came out  
here to see the Old Morse House.  
and stayed with us in June.

His Grandfather Samuel, & our  
Grandfather John, were Brothers  
born on Great Hill, sons of Benjamin  
who moved from Old Norbury  
Mass. about the year 1736,



We went over the Old House, from  
Collin to Garrett, and we found  
under the Eaves, in the Garrett, an  
Old Warming Pan -

It is very Ancient, by the looks,  
somewhat out of repair, and its  
real value but little, but he  
wants like to have you make  
him the Owner of the Old  
Warming Pan - And he will treat  
it as a Relic of the Old Mass House -

I said to him, I would write  
you, and if you said Yes -

I would take it up, & send  
to him (I hope you will feel  
disposed to grant his request) -

He is a Very Capable Man -  
Worth 100 lbs - A Man of Property,  
and President of one of their  
Banks -

With regard to the Old House,  
I would suggest that we keep  
the Old Thing standing as long as  
we can - It is more than 200  
years old, and occupies a Space  
of Land of no Value, and with  
a little Repairs occasionally -  
Will Stand a Long Time -

It is Strongly Timbered, but it  
needs Shoring to keep it from  
Decay - Our Father Some Time There -  
our Grandfather, & Great Grandfather -

It is Probably the First Mass  
House in Amherst, as there is  
no record of one earlier than  
Benjamin from Old Amherst -  
It was an Old House, when  
Benjamin moved there, and he  
made some repairs - The Second  
House he was a Man of Property,  
as he kept buying Land of his  
Neighbors -

Dear Day. What you will do  
and oblige: yours or  
A. B. Morse.

If you do not feel like doing  
anything for Jepson, I'll you will  
give Elbridge & myself. In Old House  
and the shot of Sand and the  
right of money, up the same to  
it. I think you will be, or  
make provision that the Old bring  
shall stand another 100 years —

Those old Sand trucks, are valuable  
and in City, have to go. But in  
a Country Place, like this, they  
can be kept.

B. G. Sargent & Wife, Mrs Sargent & Wife.  
John Novice & Wife, went on the Excursion  
to California, gone 2 months, got Home  
last Saturday. Cost 450, Dollars cash —  
and all Bill, paid. I have not seen  
them, to hear their report, But Elbridge  
says they are well of Western Life.

Merimac Mass January 22/84  
Mr, E. W. Howe,  
Dear Sir,

It is now more than 4  
years, since you have made  
any report, of our Carriage  
Business in San Diego.

We should not have  
waited so long, (for other parties)  
but our Family Relations would  
prompt us to give you, all  
necessary time to Close up the  
business.

Your last report,  
Sat. Oct 19 1879 made due in  
\$818.91 etc, This with Interest  
for 4 years, makes us feel  
a little anxious for a Settlement  
of this sum 125 Dollars you  
said was somewhat doubtful.

This matter, had better be  
settled by us, than left to a  
long litigation by our Children

We know all the Facts, &  
Circumstances of the Case, and  
see ~~nothing~~ no reason why you  
should delay the matter.

If you are poor, and we can  
be satisfied of that, we will  
divide the loss in some way  
satisfactory.

If you are short  
of money, and cannot settle  
with us, we will buy the  
Farm on Bear Hill, and  
pay you the Balance Cash.

The Farm is worth 5000,  
Dollars, for any good Business  
to be on.

A Good Home, & Barn, needing  
but little repairs for many  
years. 100 acres of Good Land,

12 acres of fine Growing Wood.  
A Good Location, and a  
Good Market, for all that can  
be raised. And if you  
expect to make San Diego  
your Home, a Good Chance  
is now offered, to dispose of  
the Property, settle our affairs,  
and get you money.

The Property might not  
bring more than 4000 Dollars,  
at Auction. But it is one  
of the best Farms in Mexima.

You can take Edward with  
you in San Diego. He is a Good  
Steak Boy, of Good habits, Good  
to make. But he never will  
make much money, unless  
some one with brains can  
manage for him.

With the Competition now in

Business, he could not make  
a living. If you were to give  
him the Farms.

Please write immediately  
on the receipt of this, and  
say what can be done

Hopedfully yours,

N. B. Morse,

Jan 22/44  
N. B. Morse

In Reply to your letter Mr. W. may  
come out in form of the Great Extension.

Merrimac Mass March 24 1845

Mr. E. W. Morse.

Dear Sir

We hear very little from you —  
Our letters are not answered & it seems  
you are not very anxious, for a settlement  
with Ellbridge on the Barr, or with us  
on the Carriages —

In putting off a settlement,  
of our business, for one hour to close  
up — is kind of mean business.

We can settle the matter better  
than others, and if you think that time  
& distance will cut off all settlement,  
and ~~release~~ release you from all  
moral obligation, you will find  
yourself mistaken —

Your property here is all holden for  
the balance due Ellbridge on the Barr —

and California Farms, cannot out Law  
or release you from Honest Debt  
in Massachusetts.

Elbridge's Claim, on the Real Estate is  
good, If you have Privately or  
Clandestinely sold it

If you have Done this, the title  
is Progn, & will be Contested unless  
you make a Satisfactory Settlement  
Our views are, that if you sold that  
Property, saying there was no incum-  
brance, it was not an honest business  
transaction.

In whole account, of Cutting off  
the Wood, & Selling the Timber, and  
building the Barn was unsettled  
and the Balance Due, with the Interest  
will eat up the whole Farm, if it  
continues many years.

your immediate attention to this  
matter will save Cost & Troubles  
This is one view of the matter, If there  
are good & Sufficient reasons for Delay

we can wait. There may be some  
things not known to us.

Please write & explain matters  
Yours & A. B. Morse,

—over—

see copy on file  
A. B. Morse

March 24, 1885

A. B. Morse

I suppose Edmund, of the Gray Family  
keep in Boston on business affairs  
Here Amos & Gilten has died on Beauvoir  
left the Farm to his Wife & two Sons —  
Joshua Curran has died, left 30,000 Dollars

Joshua Cally has died left 15,000 to  
William P. Cally, only Son, and he is  
one of the best men we have

John P. Dargent died left 15,000 Dollars

Alfred E. Guerin died left 40,000

William Furniss died left 40,000

John D. Boyer died 200,000 Wife & girls  
& two Boys. J. B. Dargent died left a

Brother Thomson — Patten Dargent died  
left 80,000 He had divided some of  
his Property with the Children years  
ago — George W. Nichols has died, left the  
Farm to his Widow one Son and two  
girls —

The old Settlers, that have or are  
Cyrus Dargent John Clement Chewyer  
Pullinger — Born in 1800,

Some are about 80.

No more at present

A. B. Morse,



A. B. Morse  
May 24/85

Merrimac Mass May 24, 1885.

Mr. E. W. Morse, & Wife.

(Dear Friends)

Yours recent, and we were right  
glad, to hear from you & the Wife.  
We have been on the anxious seat  
for a long time. We were hoping  
for the best, and that all things  
would come out right.

But the long delay in the matter  
had caused us much anxiety —

Your letter, under the circum-  
stances, seemed to us satisfactory  
and we hope to meet again  
at the Old Homestead, and renew  
our former good friendship.

Let the past be forgotten as  
far as possible.

I will write you again, when  
I'm more at leisure —

Ellieges Don Benjamin has  
settled down in the Corner of Cambridge,  
Southern Nebraska, Bought 160, Acres  
The Climate is mild, No Snow for  
Winter, and he can make a living  
there easier than here —

He married a Western Lady, That  
understand Farming — They don't  
have to dress up in the afternoon  
and make calls. Life is more  
like our Grandfather's & Grandmother's —

He left here the 29 of April,  
has been at Home about one  
year. Carriage Business is good —  
a good many buildings, have been  
erected since you were here —

The World moves, and traveling is  
cheaper every year. 100. Dollars will  
take us through to the Pacific, &  
Back in a few years No more at  
present, Our Despatch to A. B. Morse,

Merimaac Mass Aug 12 1886  
Mr E. W. Morse Esq

Dear Sir,

Yours of Aug 2, was received  
we were glad to hear from  
you, and as you request we  
submit the following statement,  
of the Carriage Business, as  
taken from your report to  
us, Oct 19, 1879

In that you say there  
was due us, 818. Dollars and  
91 cts. We have figured  
the interest to Oct 19, 1886  
7 years. At 10 Per Cent, according  
to a written agreement, made  
at the time, Nov 25, 1873,  
which you have in your  
possession.

Whole amount due Oct 19 1879	818.91
Seven years Interest added	573.23
total	\$ 1,392.14

We have made our figures,  
and wait an answer from you,  
to see if everything is satisfactory.  
Respectfully Yours,  
A. B. & E. M. Morse.

A. B. Morse  
Aug 12. 1886

These statements of  
the Carriage Bureau

Merrimac Mass Dec 22, 1885

Mr. E. W. Morse.

Dear Sir,

We received the Check of  
1000. Dollars, and have got  
the money.

Very do A. B. Morse,

We are glad, that the matter  
is being settled up, and that  
all unkindly feelings will  
be forgotten — and the future  
be one of kindness & friendship

We are all well, and I  
shall write you & our  
Wife a good Letter when we  
get all straight out  
Our respects to yourself & Wife

A. B. M.

A. B. Morse

Dec 22/86

A. B. Moore  
Feb 20/87

Intend to  
make them a nice  
present sometime

Merrimac Mass Feb 20 1887

Mr E. W. Moore

Dear Sir,

I wrote you we had received  
the check of 800. Dollars

Making the Account stand as

Follows Principal — 818.91

Interest — \$ 573.23

1,392.14

Pa by Cash Dec 22 1886 1000.

Pa by Cash Dec 16 1887 300.

1,300

1,300.00

92.14 due

We did not receive the Interest  
from Dec 26 1876, to Oct 19 1879.

When the last Carriage was sold

Here was a year and ten months

we could not be certain, the

use of the Money, would any more

than pay you for your trouble

Did you in making up the

Amount due us, Oct 19 1879

Allow us any Interest During

that time In looking over

the matter, if you think there is

anything due you can say so

The Interest for that time, would  
be a little more than 800. Dollars

This matter, we leave wholly  
with you, to adjust as you may

think best, and we shall be

Perfectly Satisfied you have had  
more trouble in the Business than  
we have.

We bought the Carriages on Paic  
for them. Had them boxed & shipped  
and that ended our mark

Since then we have <sup>had</sup> some  
anxiety, as to the result of the Business.

We have both concluded you  
were largely interested in Real Estate

and if San Diego starts in Business

(In your life time) as you expected

we should be pretty sure of our pay



But if not, Our Case would be  
Somewhat Doubtful

The Carriage Business was entered  
into in Good Faith, and we have  
no fault to find with you

We have waited Patiently  
for many years hoping for the best

It has been a long Pull  
The Carriages were bought Nov  
28, 1873, More than 13 years ago

We are Glad after so long  
a time, you are reaping the  
result of Faith & Hope mixed  
with good Luck & Courage

One of Good Business Prospects in  
the Future

Our kind respects to yourself & Wife  
hoping that some time in the  
Future, we may all meet together  
on Bear Hill, The Old Homestead,  
and have a Good Turkey Dinner

Yours to A B Mearns,

As to the Lot of Lane, we have  
concluded to wait a little longer

A. B. Buss,

A B Morse

born in }  
1810 }  
March 14/87

I have written another list, and do I think

Merrimac Man March 14 1887

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Morse.

Dear Friends, }

Most of our letters have been on  
Business matters - The Friend - Social  
Element has been in the Back ground  
but it should be Predominant

Life is Valuable, only as we make  
good use of the time we have

All of us Come Short, and in some  
respects are unprofitable servants.

But if we do the best we can, under  
under the Circumstances, we have not  
much to fear. I was Born Nov. 11, 1810.

I have been young, and now I'm old.  
but I have been very careful through  
a long Life. - My Father once said to  
me (more than 50 years ago) that a  
Man Lives about as long as he takes Care,  
of himself.

My Experience and Observation leads me to believe that from sin, in accordance with the Will of God most People shorten their Days by Bad Habits.

Old Age is the Natural Death, Disease is Physical & Moral, and the result of Our Separate, Ignorance, and Our Foolish Habits. But to break off our Sins, by Righteousness, to Cease to do Evil, and do well, is no easy matter.

And with all the Different Cree, and Plans of Salvation, I have found this to be true, that to Love the Law & Keep his Commandments, and follow the teachings of Jesus, so far as one can understand them, is Safe for this World, or any World.

With all our Facilities for Education we have not learned how to live.

God has Subjected Man to a Physical and Moral Law, and has made Obedience the Condition of Happiness & Salvation.

And the nearer we can come to the

Perfect Standard, the better.

I have Read much, and Studied Closely for the Truth & Right, and my Opinion is that Whatever a Man or Woman, sees that will they reap.

That to <sup>be</sup> Careful, Watchful & Prayerful, is an Assurance of Success, as anything can be, taking other things into Consideration.

My Cree is very Short, Faith, Love, and Obedience, comprehending the whole.

Obedience to Law is always Safe, but Disobedience never. It is a Loss, Obedience a Gain. To do Right is better than to do Wrong. God has not so arranged things, that one can do Right or Wrong, and the result be the same.

This would confound all Distinctions between Right & Wrong, Good & Evil.

Law is at the bottom of everything and Obedience is sure of Success.

The Form of the Law is perfect, and as we understand it and Obe, we are Saved.

The Present thought, of the leading Men  
of this Country is, that we need Rightness  
More than anything else

We have reversed somewhat the order  
of things putting Money Property First  
First Rightness, then Money - God Judgment  
God Sense God Management - and the  
World would be redeemed from most  
of its Evils & Wickedness

Respectfully ours

N. B. Morse,

We have a big job, to get out of Slavery -  
We have got a bigger job, to <sup>get</sup> rid of Whiskey &  
Obacco - Roguery - Gambling - Licentiousness -  
The Hoaxers - Stubbers - Gramps, &  
3/4 of our Taxes, has to go, to support  
all this Knavehood - Schooling & Teaching -  
Footwring - and all our meddling matters -  
and Moral Influence. Does not hurt  
an Estoppel on the Business

But, in reading the History of the World,  
I prefer New England to all  
places I ever visited - But being  
my Home, it makes some difference, N. B. M.

E. W. Mason.

The Rail Road fare is getting less  
every year, and <sup>probably</sup> we should like  
to make the trip to California.

We have friends in San Francisco, and  
stop with you a few <sup>days</sup> weeks, and  
look over the country.

We should like to come out  
and stay a month with you —  
and when you & the Wife come  
here stop a month with us.

This would make us no  
expense, except the Rail Road fare  
<sup>only</sup> (most to us, to move West, but  
California seems to have some  
advantages over the States this side.

The Climate on the Pacific is  
better than the Atlantic, and  
there is enough good land for  
the next thousand years.

We have had great offers this  
winter, to go down to Florida.

If we buy 10 acres of Land paying  
100 dollars, they give us a title corner  
& back. Price of bid at 35.00 dollars.

Several of our Merivac People  
own Orange bees - Here the Reges  
to take care of them

The Climate, <sup>is more southern</sup> is an objection

The Winter is very fine, and the  
Northern People, may prefer many  
years - on a little place - and Winter  
there - The expense of travel, is less  
every year - And a Cold Winter -  
can be got rid off for a few

Dollars - I have received several  
Papers, and one Tramplet - Southern  
California - <sup>I thought from you</sup> On Page 12 - 4 Miles up  
the Bay is National City -

It reads as though it might  
be a good place, to buy Land  
and Build -

<sup>of course</sup>  
Most of the Old Settlers, are gone

Mr John Clement lives on Beare in 1800.

Mr, Ebenezer Pullinger, lives in 1800, John Hoyt - 1799

John H Sargent, 1803 - Mark 1 -

We have had a Cold Winter - but good Clear  
weather - very little Sickness - but we shall have  
the March Winds - shortly -

A. B. M.

I Paid for our Paper Called  
The Merimaas Budget. To be sent  
you from March 1 1887

I thought you would be interest-  
ed to learn (once a week) what is  
going on in Merimaas

Since you left, there has been  
quite a change. <sup>you can send me a Paper</sup> occasionally

We have some good smart business  
men. H. G. & H. W. Stevens, Sons of Mr  
Samuel Stevens James Carnes

They build the best Carriages

John B. Quicker, builds a good Carriage  
Messrs G. Clément

The above are all reliable Men.  
Then we have other Business, that  
go on the Principal to get all they  
can More or Less. The Moral Principle  
is a total wreck

The Funeral of Mr John Hoyt is this  
afternoon Sunday. Private Burial in 1899  
No more at present

ours & A. B. Morse,



Merimaac Inan April 19, 1887  
Mr. E. W. Morse,

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will please find  
the different styles of Carriages,  
of J. A. Lancaster & Company,

Merimaac Inan

And also the Cash Prices here

No 1. Break Wagon open Carriage 2 seats  
110. Dollars. Canopy top \$ 125.  
Full Extension Curtains do do \$ 150.00

This is a fine Carriage & Cheap

No 2. Open Phaeton 75. Dollars  
Canopy top \$ 85. Full Extension Curtains \$ 100.

No 3. 75 Dollars

No 4. Double Seater \$ 100. Canopy top 115.  
Full Extension Curtains do do \$ 140.

No 1. Buggy Cart. 75. No 2. Buggy Cart 45.  
The Extra Cart 50. Dollars

The Ely Cart 50 Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

No 100, Single Cart 50. Dollars

No 100 Double Cart 60 " "

The Elmure Cart 140. Dollars

The White Chapel Cart 60. " "

The School Cart 100. " "

Any of the above, we will send  
you at the above prices,

These are Private Prices to you,  
The freight on Carriages, since  
the Inter State Law went into  
effect, is not fixed.

I am going to write you  
soon, about the Lot we have  
in San Diego - No more at present.

We are all well - Spring time  
has arrived and the birds sing  
Sincerely Yours  
A B Morse,

A. B. Morse

April 19/87

The 1st Cart 50  
The 2nd Cart 50  
The 3rd Cart 50  
The 4th Cart 50  
The 5th Cart 50  
The 6th Cart 50  
The 7th Cart 50  
The 8th Cart 50  
The 9th Cart 50  
The 10th Cart 50

not yet answered

Any of the above will be sent  
you at the above price  
These are prices which to you  
the freight on Commission since  
the date that I saw work will  
effect, is not fixed.

I am going to write you  
soon about the 2nd one here  
is when I see it or more at present  
we are all well. The day  
has arrived and the Bird  
Wednesday June 12 A. B. Morse

Merimaeanan, April 25 1847 -

Mr E W. Moore

Dear Sir

I want to use some Money,  
and I offer to sell Ellidge  
by half of the Lot of Town  
we have in San Diego for 500. —

He offers me 400, what you  
consider it worth is one of  
your letters to us —

Now, if you can afford  
to pay me 500, you and  
Ellidge can come it together —

Or if you write me that  
it is worth 1000, Dallas, he  
will probably give me 500.

We do not want to take  
the advantage of Each other,  
in the Business.

But as I want some money  
now I should be willing  
to see for 500.

Yours, J. B. Mosse,

I would like an answer by  
return of mail, if convenient

May 2/87  
I have now written  
the fifteen hundred  
dollars  
your \$20 =

J. B. Mosse  
April 25/87

Merimac Man, May 8, 1887

Mr. E. W. Morse, Esq.

Dear Sir

Your Belogrom of good news I  
received Saturday about 11 o'clock A.M.

A reach month from 12. to 15.  
hundred Dallas

We are right glad that  
the Carriage Business we entered  
into in the year of 1873 — is  
coming out so well.

Sometimes it only to wait —

Please keep watch of things,  
so that we can sell, about the  
right time

The Season is rather bad and  
the Business are planning —  
Yours &c A. B. Morse,

Ednaed, has Marie, has Done  
well, and they will run the  
Milk Route - Cherry Hill Farm -  
Bear Hill - The Home of your  
Father - grandfather - John Morse,  
our Great - grandfather Benjamin  
Morse who came from Guilford  
Main in 1729

Receipt  
+ Generation of farm

May 2/87

A. B. Morse

Our friends accept, to amount to little  
Drinking in Chester every year - we  
may cover the Continent -

Merimaac Mass Sept 10 1887.

Mr. E. W. Morse,

Dear Sir,

We have nearly finished the  
Biography of your Father  
will send you a copy soon, for  
examination -

The Old House, cannot stand  
many years, without repairs - and  
perhaps it may be as well, not  
to keep it, as a House of the "Olden  
time" - I had an Artist taken  
to the Old House, in August, and shall  
have some good Pictures, & Photographs.  
Will send you one or more when  
finished up -

We found in the Attic, of the Old House,  
two old Flag bottom Chairs, probably  
belonged to Grandfather John Morse, or



Great Grandfather Benjamin Morse. He  
Came from Gule Newbury to Amosburg in 1728.  
He asked Edmund, about the Chairs, He  
Said they were young, but he did  
not want them. And I have taken  
them to keep, as no one seems to be  
Interested in the Old Relics. But if ever  
you want them, you can have them.  
They will be Painted Red, Preserved  
and kept in Perpetual Remembrance.

The Old House is about 200. year old.  
it was an Old House when Benjamin bought  
the Farm. The place was mostly surrounded  
with Wood, - Only a little Land under  
Cultivation. Our Grandfather John Morse, was  
born June 21 1750. Married Patience Sargent  
in 1771. She was born May 17 1754.

After making some alterations, & repairs,  
they occupied the Western part of the House  
and lived there until they died.

Grandfather died April 23 1822 aged 72 years.  
Grandmother died June 19 1846 aged 92 1/2 days

When Grandmother moved in, there was  
an Old Fairy in the other part, that  
was over 90 years old. And she lived  
when a girl every House & Family in  
Newbury (Newburyport.)

The Pilgrims Came in 1620. Anthony  
Morse, Born in Marlborough, Wiltshire England  
in 1606. Arrived in Boston June 3 1635  
and Settled in Gule Newbury the same  
year. 252 years ago last June.  
And we can trace back in the Old  
Country as early as 1177. And also in  
1358. in the reign of Edward the third.  
Their Coat of Arms, was very significant.  
"In deo non sumus fido."

I trust in God, not in Arms.  
Edmund Burke Once said, He only  
Deserves to be remembered by Posterity,  
who treasures up, and preserves, the History  
of his Ancestors.

From the Morse Book, by Abner Morse of  
Marblehead Mass. Published in 1850.

And Coffin's History, of Gule Newbury, from  
1635, to 1845. And the Parish Records,

of Amesbury West Parish, Beginning 1725—  
We can trace the Morse Family, Correctly  
Down to the Present time, 1887

I think we may be Proud, in one sense.  
There is a grand Record of the Past—  
They are More than an average, of Integrity.

a little in regard to business, and I  
doubt. In our last figuring to you,  
we made due us ————— \$ 1,392.14  
The home two 1,300. ————— 1,300.00  
————— 92.14 due

We did not figure any Interest, from  
Dec 1876 (When the last Carriages were sold),  
to Oct 19, 1879, when you figured up  
what was due us. — Here was 2 years  
and 10 months. — And we were not Certain  
you could allow us for that time,  
As Perhaps the use of the Money, would  
only be fair pay for your trouble.

This matter we leave with you,  
to adjust as you think best. — We shall  
be Satisfied. — The Interest for the time, would  
be about 300, Dollars, if figured as we did  
the first Phillip, thinks of going out this  
fall, to look over his Land Down to A B Morse,

Merrimac Man, Dec 14, 1887

Mr E. W. Morse,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you sometime ago for  
a statement of the Carriage Business  
But perhaps you have lost  
the letter, having so much  
business to look after.

I believe the account was as  
follows,

due in on Settlement	\$ 1,392.14
Cash Paid 1000.	
Cash Paid 300.	1,300.00
<hr/>	
due	92.14

At our last figuring, We did not  
figure the Interest from Dec 1875  
when the last Carriage was sold,  
Oct 19 1879 2 years & 10 months  
As we were not certain you could

allow us Interest for that time  
as perhaps the use of the money  
would not more than pay you  
for your trouble.

But if you had the money invested  
in Land, and some had good a cent  
you can allow us something  
if you please. We leave this matter  
wholly with you.

If this is satisfactory you can  
draw checks for the balance,  
and this will close up the  
Carriage Business.

It has been a long pull, but  
on the whole, we shall get out  
pretty well.

Ellisridge has charge of the House  
Lot, and is expecting to leave  
shortly.

Yours &c A. B. Merse,

The home had an Artist, to  
take a View of the Old House  
Will send you some when  
we get them finished.

The Old House is to far gone  
to repair.

I want you to make me the  
present of the Old Cupboard.  
That stands in the South Corner  
(unless Edmond were like it)

The Cupboard is in my good mind  
but will be spoiled when  
the Old House goes down.

If taken out, it can be preserved  
as a Relic of the House, which  
is nearly 200 years old.

Great grandfather Benjamin Mose,  
of Old Newbury Mass. lived in  
about 1728 - and it was an old  
House then - He lived on the place about  
60 years - died in 1785. Grandfather John  
Mose, died April 23 - 1822.

Grandmother Patience Jaeger Mose, died

June 19 1846. aged 92 years  
 John Father John D. Mess. died Oct. 16  
 1872. aged 92. years 1 / month

Benjamin Mess. Will is dated  
 July 19 - 1782 -

The Inventory of his Property is  
 dated January 28 1785  
 Real Estate 486. 10. 0  
 Personal Property 64. 8. 10  
 Total 550. 18. 10

He was among the Wealthy  
 Class of those Days

- Peter Mess. died Nov 20 1841. aged 84
- Benjamin Mess. " died 29 1859. " 77
- Moses Mess. " Nov 14 1856. "
- James Mess. " Oct 17 1869. " 73
- Mary Pillsbury " Wife of James died Oct <sup>also 30</sup> 1 1879.
- Mary Mess. Tutwiler. died May 2 1875. about 90.
- Ezra Tutwiler. died May 15 1850. aged 89

Mess. Agents at the Corner  
 Corner is the only reason left  
 of those, - say 60 years ago -  
 and A. B. Mess.

Merriam Mass Feb 9 1888.

Mr. E. W. Muse.

Dear Sir,

We were down to Phillips  
yesterday —

They are now calculating  
to start Tuesday Feb. 21 —

They are hoping Samie  
will be well enough to  
go. He is gaining every  
day and perhaps he would  
be as well situated in the  
Cave as at home, but he  
ought to be smart when  
he gets there, if he expects  
to see much of the Country —

Elbridge said to Phillips  
to have you sell the land  
in February. But as they

will not there, until the  
last of the month.

This will give you two  
months in advance, to Hunt up  
a Customer, if you have not  
already.

Elbridge has bought a  
Farm in Nebraska for Benjamin  
and I suppose made like his  
money.

We have got over our cold  
snaps, but lots of snow,  
to much, so be good sleighing.

You will see by the Budget  
that in Walter's Family, they have  
an addition. And have named  
him "James Gillespie Blaine Morse."

J. G. Blaine, Residence, and my  
bro, B. G. Morse, Jr., and Walter  
was down there, got acquainted  
with Blaine, and said to me  
Blaine was the Smartest Man

he ever saw, and would  
have been our President  
but for some Political Temporary  
Voters and Managers.

But I should have some  
more news, considering the  
Circumstances.

We have at present

your A. B. Morse,



A. B. Morse  
Feb 3/88

Phillip to start 2nd  
best lot

The team got over our Cole  
road but later of course  
to think of the good history  
you will see by the road  
that in Wagon Family they form  
an addition. Now have moved  
from some specific place  
I S. Blaine Residence on  
the 25th Street from our Wall  
was down then got together  
with Blaine. One said to me  
Blaine was the youngest son

Mureimac Man, Feb 1, 1858

Mr E W Morse

Dear Sir

Your letter recd last Evening -  
and with it quite a lot of documents  
from the Papas, Maps &c I  
think think to El Cajon Valley -  
would be a good place to locate  
mountain Spring Water - and not  
having to Frigate the land and  
deed Architect the sale of Siquay -

This would suit me, as  
about 1/2 of my last every year  
is in consequence of Rum & Tobacco &c  
that foolish habits the people  
follow - Yours &c A B Morse,

Elbridge Dem Daniel Garrigues - thinks  
he will never see California -  
but is some better - It is a great  
disappointment to all of us -

To Phillip Morse, a relation of  
ours.

I have 3 sons, Walter, William  
John, and if I was satisfied  
our situation would be made  
better, I should be for selling  
out here and locating somewhere  
in your section.

I have about 20,000 thousand  
dollars worth of good paying prospects  
here. When Phillip gets back, if  
he is in favor of moving, perhaps  
we all will come out  
for some probably help us  
all to your location.

We were at Crosscut,

ours to A. B. M.

Memorandum Man Feb 15 1888

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Morse

Dear Friends

I went down to see Daniel  
O. & Wife yesterday

I find him looking very  
well - is gaining every day -  
and feels none by the way.  
He shall be able to start

His Wife is now not so  
well prepared for the journey  
as before Daniel was taken  
sick - The Disappointment & Care  
of Sidman, has taken the snipe  
out of her - But I see no  
reason why they will not  
be able to start as they now  
anticipate

Phillip Morris, Hote Fe

go alone, after so much talking  
and Planning - and Reading etc.

Our kind regards, Hoping that  
we may on the Atlantic side  
hit down to a good Turkey  
soon, and rehearse the Jones  
of the past

Respectfully yours  
A. B. Morse.

A. B. Morse

go along after 20 Feb 15/88  
on Planning and Reading

can find regard getting that  
one way in the Atlantic

via some to start 28<sup>th</sup> they  
know and increase the terms  
of the pass

Respectfully yours

A. B. Morse

Merrimac Mass Aug 9 1845  
Mr & Mrs E W Morse  
Dear Friends,

Yours of Aug 2.  
was recd, Glad to hear  
from you, and glad the  
Day of Settlement of our  
Carrriage Business, is to be  
closed up.

The mill figure up, &  
report as soon as convenient.

Yours &c. A B Morse,

Perhaps I will write you  
next Sabbath of the State  
of things here.

A. B. Morse  
Aug 9/86



Will send the other sheet next week  
A. B. Morse

W. W. Morse  
A. B. Morse  
Oct. 7. 88

Merrimack Mass. 6th 1888

{ Notices of } Mr. E. W. Morse,  
{ People of Amesbury }  
Dear Sir,

Not having written you for some  
time, and being a rainy Sunday  
gives me a good opportunity to say  
some thing I would like

Our Carriage business, is an Established  
business. It is compact, well managed  
not much competition, with each other,

Carriages are sold to outside Parties,  
at a Fair Price, and we sell all that  
we can build, to advantage

We have good Rail Road Facilities,  
and the Horse Rail Road, is very conveni-  
ent for the People.

We can get to the Mill Villages for  
15 ct Newburyport for 20 ct to  
Merrimackport 25 ct and to Haverhill in the  
Summer, by Steam Boat for 25 ct

We have a good Class of Men & Women  
And the place has grown Wonderfully  
Since I went to learn my trade in  
the Spring of 1827—

I know all the Boyses, or  
then. We have a fine Tom  
Gift of William P Sargent,  
Sargent, Both Dead now.)  
masters remain. Mr. Patten  
was a man temperate in all  
and lived to good old age

His son was a diving busi-  
ness and died early  
He was a Director in the  
Came out from Boston and  
was always interested in our  
affairs. He left two sons, but  
business talent of the Father.

Mr Joshua Colby, Born on Dear Hill, in  
1795. Died

He left one  
son, William P. Colby, He married Miss  
Bancroft at the High Land

A fine girl, but she died many years  
ago—

Please say how soon, we  
may expect the money on the Land.  
A. B. M.

They had two Children, the Boy was  
rather poor, and died at Salisbury Beach,  
Several years ago.

The Daughter is not married, keeps House  
for the Father. William sold the Homestead  
to Isaac B Little, and he has put up a  
Brick Block on the Old Homestead

The Col, left most of his Property to William  
and he bought a lot in Gunnison Wood,  
built a nice Betty Cottage House, and  
he and the Daughter live together.

He is man of good ability, good judgment  
good sense. Neat. Will have nothing  
office, in form or government.

Is not much interested in Religion or  
Politics. Just Back Bone enough to keep  
straight. Good Citizen. Good Neighbor.

He is somewhat strict with the Money.  
doctrine. Do mind your own business,  
Look after your own interests, and let  
other people alone. He spends no money  
foolishly. (Except a cigar occasionally)

If all were like him, our Expenses

We have a good Class of Men  
And the place has grown  
since I went to learn my  
the Spring of 1827—

I know all the Borses, or  
then. We have a fine Tom Horse, the  
gift of William P Sargent, son of Patten  
Sargent, (both dead now.) But their  
marks remain. Mr. Patten Sargent,  
was a man temperate in all his habits,  
and lived to good old age.

His son was a Driving business Man,  
lived fast and died Early.  
He was a Director in the National Bank.  
Came out from Boston Monday.  
Was always Interested in our business  
affairs, He left two sons, but not the  
business talent of the Father.

Mr Joshua Colby, Born on Dear Hill, in  
1775. Died He left one  
son, William P. Colby, He married Miss  
Bancroft at the High Land

A fine girl, but she died many years  
ago—

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rather Weak, and died at Salisbury Beach,  
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Look after your own Interests, and let  
other People alone. He spends no Money  
foolishly. (Except a Cigar occasionally)

If all were like him, our Expenses

would be but little -  
no State Prisons - Gaols - Courts, Houses, Poor  
Houses, Reform Schools, and Whiskey <sup>Expenses</sup> ~~Expenses~~  
to Support Our Own County & State <sup>affairs</sup>  
would be small

I furnished the Facts, and he wrote out the  
Biography of Gene Father -

Our Cousin C Osgood Presse, left Vermont  
and went <sup>to</sup> Boston. He lads for Moral Principles.  
He is a Democrat and that takes in a good Deal.  
Our Cousin Sam in Putney, remains about  
the same. He Commenced in Politics very  
early, spent his time and Money to no good  
purpose - A Man to be Successful, and  
make Money in Politics, or any business,  
must have Talent Ability first Class -

Garret, the Son, is stead, good habits,  
lives on the Farm, is married and I guess  
make a living - Eliza Dox & Wife, live on the  
Homestead, Let the Farm, to the Son in Law,  
Home, married Abigail Presse.

They have a Milk Route But it is a good  
Deal of make, for the Money they get -

They ought to have of it the year round.  
I must finish on another sheet -

Merrimac Mass Feb 17 1887

Mr E. W. Morse Esq

Dear Sir,

Yours of Feb 6, we received, with  
the check of 300. Dollars

We are glad you have  
weathered the Cape, and that the  
prospects will be favorable for  
the venture.

We will write you more fully  
in a few days.

Rec the Golden Gate, and suppose  
it becoms you. Strange things are  
published in this age, but Progress  
is the Law of Things.

I sent you our local Paper this  
morn. No more at present.

Yours S. A. B. Morse,

A. B. Morse  
Feb 17/87

A. B. Morse

May 5/89

Merrimac Man, May 5 1889.

Mr E. W. Morse,

Dear Sir

You will please bring, when you come, the written Contract or Agreement, we made when we engaged in the Business of buying and selling Carriages.

It may be necessary in the final Settlement of the business.

Enclosed you will find a Copy of the Will of Anthony Morse, the first He was Born in Maclhuro Wiltshire County, England May 9 1606 Emigrated to this Country in the ship James, with about 20 others landed in Boston June 9, 1635. and from him & his Brother William

have exceeded, most of the houses,  
in this part of the Country —

This Wine was found among  
the Salem Records, by asa Porter  
Morse, of Cambridge Mass.

Our grandfather was Dr. Porter —

It is valuable to us, as it  
enables us, to correct us, the Records  
of the Past —

The season with us, is Early  
Pear Trees in  bloom — Apple Trees  
will be in  bloom this week —

They put the corn to Carters  
the 10<sup>th</sup> May this season —

Business is good, and all things  
are moving finely — under the  
Present Administration —

Yours &c, A B, Morse,



A. B. Morse  
May 30/89

Trusted and  
Coping of the Wife

Merrimac Mass, May 30 1889

Mr. E. W. Morse, Esq.

Dear Sir

This is Decoration Day, fine weather,  
and the soldiers will have a  
gay old time, reminding them  
of their service, in the saving of  
the Country from ruin.

I saw Edmunt this morning  
said he had a letter from you,  
but did not say anything about  
coming here this summer

I write this on purpose  
to have you and the Wife, come  
to Merrimac this June July or August.

If your Wife cannot come,  
you ought to be here, and see  
the management of the Farm, the  
milk route to our Bear Hill.

Some suggestions might be advisable

Please bring the Contract, made  
when we engaged in the Carriage business  
that we may close up the matter  
fully. Please say about the time  
you will be here, and we will  
all be ready.

We want one good Turkey Dinner  
before we go over on the other side.  
Myself, & Wife - Ellidge & Wife - Danie  
& Wife - Phillip & Wife. and yourself  
& Wife. Please write on the receipt  
of this, and say what we may expect -  
Jesse A. B. Morse,

We have found the Will of Anthony  
Morse, the Quaker, among the Records, in  
Salem. It was not Proved or  
Recorded, but filed away, among  
the Papers of 1680. It helps us  
in tracing out relationships.

Asa Porter Morse, of Cambridge Mass  
employed a man to search Salem  
and Ipswich, and was Lucky.



Mr, E. W. Morse, Esq  
San Diego,  
California.

ADP



I have wrote African American shorts -

Murrinac Man, July 1, 1889

Mr. E. W. Mason,

Dear Sir,

Yours of July 11. I received -

I was sorry you cannot come -  
you ought to see the Brian and  
the Old House once more -

Things remain about the same,  
The Old House, has lost the second story -  
and it looks dilapidated -

The con figure back, about 200 years  
for the Old House -

My Theresa Jones, is dead, and  
Theresa J Neal, comes in for his  
share - They are all well -

Samuel O. Ward, has got pretty smart,  
meets every day - Elbridge J. Wife are  
well - Myself J Barnes are all well -  
My Health is good at 78 Been from

11, 1910. I have always been careful  
what I eat, what I drink, and how  
I live. I learned when a young man  
that we live under two laws, a physical  
and moral, and ever obedience secures to  
us good, and ever disobedience, brings upon  
us more or less of evil and suffering.

That the soul that sinneth shall die,  
and the soul that doeth well shall live,  
that Whatsoever a man sows that shall  
he reap, and God rewards every  
man according to his work.

I do not belong to any church,  
but I believe the 10 commandments, and  
the teachings of Jesus, are the sure rule  
for happiness & salvation. And the nearer  
we can come to the perfect standard the  
better for this life or any life, this well  
or any well, truth & righteousness will  
stand the test. Obedience to God is a gain,  
disobedience a loss. Our present acts, go  
to make our future, our land reasons  
to ourselves, & Wife. H. B. Mox

Merriamac Mass Aug 8 1889  
Mr, E W Morse

Dear Sir

We have got the Biography  
of John Sargent Morse, Eng  
Nearly Complete

Mr William B Colby is  
helping us to put the facts  
in a proper form & manner  
for publication

We would like to know  
the Date of your Marriage,  
with Miss Lydia Gray,

and when Edward W Morse  
was born, and how old he  
was when sent home from  
California

and your Present Wife's name  
before Marriage, and Date  
of Marriage. and any remarks

You may see proper to make  
Sincerely Yours  
A. B. Morse,

Give in an answer on the  
receipt of this \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 2/87

A. B. Morse



Please look after the Sat,  
and tell when you think  
about the night time.

Three old Ladies have died  
Sately Mrs, Alfred E Goodman.

Mrs, O H Sargent.

Mrs, Betty R Sargent.

Sarah Challis. Died sudden  
last week.

I believe our relations are  
all well at present.

A. B. M.

Our kind regards to yourself  
& Wife hoping we shall  
have at some future time  
a Grand Family Gathering

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Nurrimac Man, Nov 1, 1889  
Mr. E. W. Morse,

Dear Sir,

your Postal Dir, and the Golden  
Era. We are glad for Phillip  
Maria & the Girls. They are  
a fine family but have been  
a little short for money

Samuel O Weed & Wife  
Phillip J. Seal & Wife <sup>are</sup> thinking  
of starting for your place about  
the first week in December

I think our account of  
the Carriage Business had better  
be little up. You will see  
from my letter, how we have  
figured the matter

This two year & ten months

we did not figure, leaving  
 that matter for you to determine  
 you had the use of the  
 money, and you can tell better  
 than me, whether anything is  
 due in this settle, then  
 you J. Elbridge can figure up  
 on Furnish Barn Building Lo-  
short Barn, is Valuable good  
House good Barn and plenty of  
good Land and I should think  
Eatmarch might do well

Has a good Milk Route  
 Elbridge said to me, he  
 wrote you, to sell the Lot  
 when it gets up to 2000,  
 Dollars, no more at present  
 sees in A.B. Morse,

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A. B. Morse

Sept & Dec 1887

up &  
Genealogy

Deliver the Coupons to  
the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of America  
about 20 days before they fall  
due, who will immediately  
forward same to the Bank of  
San Diego for Collection and  
return the amount in a Gold  
Draft on N.Y.

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