

Keep all private matters within to your self -

Dear Miss Dyer July 31st /60

Friendess Morse

I received your letter through the kindness of Jos. Snyffer and Laeton to reply. With regard to your complaint of not writing to you as you requested, I was very busy at that particular time and did not think it absolutely necessary. Thinking it sufficient to get Jos. Smith to make a note of the information which I wished conveyed.

I know that he, Jos. Smith, made a note of it, the information, and from the substance of your letter he must have acquainted you with it, the information was as definite as I could make it without telling a falsehood.

In your list of directions, which you left prior to leaving town, you say that in case the Order was not paid which you sent to San Francisco A. B. Smith would let me have enough to make ^{up} the bill of the Aborn. You did not request me to draw him I was under the impression that he would tender the money of his own accord, therefore, I did not ask him.

I will give the amount due by him to you. With regard to Mr. Chase's deed,

Done July 31, 60

Private

I spoke to Lyons three or four times about
making it out this was a long time ago,
I think I informed you of the same,
and I suppose that you had attended
to it yourself on my informing you of
the failure of Lyons to do as I requested,
you were a great number of times in town
and at different times for several days which
naturally led me to conclude you had the
deed made out and forwarded your self.

I spoke this morning to Lyons about making
it out he says that he cannot make it out
till he gets the Certificate which he
gave after the sale of the property.

Now for a very tender subject. From
this time henceforth Tea, English, Liquor will never
enter my mouth and I will show you
how strictly I will keep this resolution. Only
for certain causes I would never have been
under the influence of drink, my appetite
never craves liquor, I am naturally very
passionate, easily excited but soon over,
with a little patience ^{in return} every thing
would pass over smoothly that patience aggravation
and it makes me forget myself and
in a moment of forgetfulness and passion
I take a drink when every thing is lost sight
of. I know you with your cold temperaments
will say I should not do this but human
nature

is weak and all men have their
faucets. I cannot for the life of me think
why people talk so much about me when
I drink and consider it so horrible, in
fact I believe that if I committed a murder
or theft the public would not consider it
half as bad as my getting drunk. You know
the old proverb "Persuasion is better than force"
if ever I should have the misfortune to be
brought before the Brethren for my conduct
I would not stand it a day, the shame would
ruin me, I would not stay in San Diego
a day, if the consequences were ruination
it would be no difference although I hope
it will never happen. A great many persons
are mistaken about me, "I am more sinners
against than sinning" I have the reputation of
abusing my wife when I am in liquor. Now
I hold that all this talk is all Judge
When ever I commence drinking my wife
gets so very mad about it that she will
use very harsh language to me which
generally provokes a reply. She having very
little command of her temper which is very hot,
will say upon anything, even if it is hot
water and throw it at me, I frequently to
save myself will endeavor to hold her while
her temper subsides she gets so excited at this
that she will make a great noise the neighbors
about

immediately come to the conclusion that I am
abusing or beating her. I have a number of Enemies
who will instantly lay upon this and add to it
and I spread it in all directions. Some time
ago she complained of me to other parties during
the heat of her passion after she got cool she told
me she would give all the world to recall it.

I will relate a circumstance of what happened
to me a short time ago one Sunday Evening my
Wife gave my son Peppers a severe whipping for
some misconduct he made during the Castigation,
a great noise Mrs. Myers heard the screeching and
told Mr. Conroy that I was beating my wife Mr. Conroy
told it to the Crowd who usually visit her house
of an Evening it spread like wild fire. You can
judge from this how very easy it is to spread reports.

I must say that my wife with all this is an
Excellent Woman - God knows that I am
hard enough without making me worse and
for the length of time that I have resided in
this place I have had less difficulty than any
other person I do not know why this Division
should cause so very much talk or why I should
lose a great deal of Custom my drinking is
far had injured no person but myself those very people
who speak about my drinking as a cause of not having
my their Custom prohibitory I am better without it. I know
of certain men in the County who owe me large accounts
and have went to other Store to Trade when I was perfectly
sober and afterwards when I had the misfortune to get drunk
they immediately said for an excuse that on account of my drinking
they had to go to some other Store. Both at dancing my Wife was
in the Store and knew the price assessed by Mr. Adams. As long
as you have been in San Diego you will not know the people as well
as I do. You are frequently mistaken in as an instance cite
I mention. George is an excellent - an Cattler. You are the
only person that I have ever mentioned anything like the above and I mention
it to you because I can trust you and wish to obtain your good opinion
Yours affectionately James Donohoe