

Letter No. 2 if it is worthy to be called so,
I intended to have written a longer one when I commene^{ed}
I concluded before you said anything to keep an account
of money expended this year, so we seemed to be of one mind
as I hope we ever may be, if it be right.

West Amherst March 14th

My dear Ephie,

It is with feelings of most
intense interest I presume to write a few ill composed
lines, resting assured you will not act the critics
part, or if so, you will certainly excuse one, who
can confide with the ~~strongest~~ fondness of any
true and affectionate wife. I have been home since
Thursday, It is very bad walking or riding, The snow
is rapidly disappearing. We have had some very cold
weather since you left, and the best sleighing for
the season, I expect by the time I send this
you will probably have arrived at your destined port.
I have thought, I should like for you to call on
Amos, and for him to accompany you to San Diego
and return home soon as possible,

My Father has just read of the sufferings of many who
have gone to California, They are obliged to wait
at the Isthmus Many of them with no means to
proceed, return, or remain there, I am more disgusted
than ever with the rush to Cal. I feel thankful
we did not start, although I wish to be with you or ^{rather} have
you with me. I think the Nicaragua route the
best and safest. The papers speak of it as preferable.
Mrs Gould is sick again, Mr Gould says he should
certainly come after me if I woo Lydia Ann Grey

Concerning that something I can assure you every thing is right just as I expected
I think myself a lucky child about you; I received your letter from N.Y. and
it conveys

Perhaps you think it rather bold in me to send this not sealed but I shall not suffer your father till he is ready to seal his.

but as it is Mrs Morse, he did not know how it would do, What say you: do you wish me to go? I suppose not. Mr Pinkham will leave soon, I suspect. He asked a dismission at the last meeting, and the Church granted his request. Mr & Mrs Pinkham feel the affliction very much, and most of the people. There are a few at the river, who are opposed to him especially Dea Williams. Mr P could not preach last sabbath. We had no preaching. I am very sorry indeed

March 19th I received your letter this morning, for which I was very thankful. It has been lying in the office since Wednesday. I am very glad you are well. How is your face? please write me.

It seems you and Mr Chase became acquainted soon after you met. After reading those papers regarding the troubles at San Diego, I felt the more anxious. I must say, you settle your business as soon as possible, if there is any, and come home. I know you haven't the heart to stay long, away from me. Phil hasn't been at home for 2 nights, and perhaps he will not come two night. I must close by wishing you good night,

Yours affectionately
Ephraim J. Morse

I think of nothing so much as to see you & feel very anxious, don't get, don't carry off a longer letter most kind, send once to you we could send if we wished, I will send you whenever he had a letter written for you, and send we had read the letter from Mr. Fish, and I came to your father on Monday. Wednesday 19th I didn't ask your father how much he paid but overpaid it 12.