Galveston September 6th 1845

Dear Parents Brothers & Sisters

with Pleasure I take my Pen in hand to address you in answer to your letter, which came to hand yesterday, dated July the Eighteenth, P. was glad to hear from you, and to hear that you was all well. P. had give up the Idea of hearing from you, P. wrote to you a few days ago, but in a different humour to what P. am at this time, for P. thought that you neglected to answer my letter which you say you never got, P. was sorry to hear that you had to work so hard to get a long and was sorry to har that James Toothacker Enjoyed so ill helth P. was glad to hear that Alvin and Daniel was doing well, they and their families the times here are good for the time of year, annexation P. suppose is now settled and we must all abide by it wether we like it or not P. was not in favour of it but the majority must rule. P. think. the ~~more~~ longer P. live the more favourable Opinion P. form of it, and you must not be surprised if some of thouse times you should receive a letter telling you that P. had annext my self P. shall Enclose you twenty dollars in this letter P. would send you more but P. am afraid the letter might not reach you and if dose P. can send you more a nother time you must write to me as soon as you receive this

you must tell Wesley, and Samuel and Alvin, and James they must not write to me so often as it takes two months of my time to answer their letters P. S. P. S.

I. shall wright to samuel & Plebe this afternoon
you tell me in your letter that you have had a bad
season for farming on account of the drouth I.
believe that is the case in most parts of the
U. S. and in texas too, it never Rained here
for nearly four months, and so scarkes was the
Water that hundreds of cattle dide for the
want of it, but we have now Plenty of it
and People are busey puting in their fall crops,
I. Enjoy my helth better than I. Ever did in my
life I. am never sick. I. have great reason to be
Thankfull to an all wise Providence for the many
Blessings which he bestowes upon me, I. dont
know the want of money or friends, I. have a
Plenty of both, I. should like to have some relation
withe me here. but. I. shallnot hold out any
Inducements for any to come, for if any thing should
happen they would Blame me for it, But I. do
say any Good Steady mecanics can make money
here if he will Work, a nod is as good as a wink if
any wants to take it. texas is a gred country or
unckle Sam would not take so much trouble about
it, the united States have landed about 3000 men
on our frontier I. am glad they are going to fight
our battles not that I. am afraid to fight but I.
do not like to go three or four hundred miles
Every year to get a fight and not get half
a fight when I. get there. I. shall now bring
my poor scrole to a close by saying you must
give my love to all Enquireing friends and to
the little Frenchs in Particular I. Remain your
Affectionate Son.

J. T. Browne

to his Parents James & Leporah Browne

the money is
far in New Orlans
or new york

Mouth Reo Grande Bagdad Mexico Sept 2 1847

Dear Parents

I received your kind letter this morning and haste to answer it as their is a vessell here now wating for the mail I am well and wasglad to hear the you was all enjoyingthe same blessing I am doing well andif I havemy helth I will put you in a way this fall to go to New York and have fathers eyes doctered without your going in debt there is plenty of excitement in this country mixed with the yellow fever and hot weather which gives the green horns from t he north Jesse it mows them down by the hundreds the Epidemic kills more amaricanxx solders in this country than what powder & lead does there is a report that Gen. Scott is killed with the flowerx of theAmarican Armey and that Gen Pillow is in the city of Mexico besieged b y the Mexican armey there was three thousand men arrived here to day destined for Vera Cruise most of them from Indiana & missippa there is to be 15000 men landed at Vera Cruise as soon as possibale to the relief of our armey at the Citey of Mexico ther is nothing more to writethat will interest you for if I comenced to give you an account of the country and the war it would take a of paper and a weeks hand writing. I will tell you all about it when I come home...I.Q, Brown

to his parents I & Q. Brown