City Mexico February 8th 1848

Dear Friend

Yours of 27th of Novr came duely to hand - and you may well imagine with what degree of pleasure it was I reed the same and after hoping These few lines may find you all in good health I would inform you that I am still in good health and have been ever since my last Letter to you - since I wrote you last I have been on a march to Vera - cruz and it was on our way back when at the city of Puebla that I reed your most Pleasing Letter - and it was about six miles from Jeracruz at a small place called Santafee that our company had an encounter with the Guerrieros and pinned us it is to relate we were necessitated to run for our lives and four of our men was Killed and two wounded and two missing the Train we had in charge was about fifteen miles long and there was about one thousand Pack mules belonging to mexican merchants - and our company being in the rear guard our flight was all over before assistance could be had they was about three hundred strong and our company (present) was only some thirty odd and I made my escape by jumping off my Horse and geting into the Bushes - I did not fall asleep exactly at this critical moment as I did on the canal - they took about two

hundred and fifty of the Pack Mules from us and drove them off into the Mountains they have not been heard of since - I lost my Horse equipments and arms and saddlebags everything but my bare self - I hope that all your wishes and advises as to my soldier ship may be fully appreciated as I believe my superiors have nothing to say against me - and you neednot be anxiety fearful but that I will stand by the U. S. for during the term of my enlistment and as for cowardice there is no such thing in me - and I am a good enough woodsman anyway to bring down a Mexican out of the crowd - and I dare say I am as good as the common run of soldiers

Give my best respects to Mrs Helen and tell her that was not much danger of falling into the Canal but there was some danger of falling into the hands of the Mexicans but that I took good care to keep my eyes open - and as for Alfred and William you cannot immagine how glad I would be to see them but in another capacity than that of a Soldier although I believe they would make good Soldiers and please let me know how Mrs Cadwell is and also how Miss Mariah is

the weather here is not so extremely cold as in N York though for a month or so past it has been pretty chilly and cold - please write as soon as this may come to hand and I remain Most Respectfully Yours Hiram Parish

Mr John Starr

Kiss Give My Love To Mrs Starr

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