Mouth Rio Grande
Bagdatt Mexico
Sept 2d 1847

Dear Parents

I Recevea 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 was glad to hear that you was all enjoying the same blessing I am doing well and if I have my helth I will put you in a way this fall to go to New yoork and have fathers eyes doctord with out your going in debt there is plenty of Experiemens in this county mixed with the yellow fever and hot weather which gives the green horns from the north Jesse it mows them down by the hundreds the Epidemic kills mor amarican soldiers in this county than what powder & lead does there is a report that Gn Scott is killed with the flower of the Amarican army and that Gen Pillow is in the city of ~~Mexico~~ Mexican ~~besieged~~ besieged by the mexicans armey there was three thousand men arrived here to day destined for Vera Cruze most of them from Indiana & missippa there is to be 15000 men landed at vera Cruze as soon as possibele to the relief of our armey at the City of Mexico ther is nothing more to write that will Interest you for if I comenced to give you an account of the county ance the war it would take a quire of paper and a weeks hard writing I will tell you all about it when I come home give my love to all enquiring friends and believe me your affte Son.

F. D. Brown

write when you receve this

to his Parents

D & L. Brown

Galveston September 6th 1845

Dear Parents...glad to hear ffom you...family news...the times here are good for the time of years annexation I suppose is now settled and we must all abide b y it wether we like it or not. I was not in favour of it but the majority must rule. I think the longer I live the more favourable opinion I form of it, and you must not be suprised if some of thouse times you should receive a letter telling you that I had annext myself...you tell me in your lettr that you have had a bad season for farming on account of the drowth I beleive that isthe case in most parts of the U.S. and in Texas too it never rained here for nearley four months, and so scarce was the water that hundreeds of cattle dide forthe want of it, but we have mow plenty of it and people are buisey puting in their fall crops...thankful to a wise Providence...I should like to have some relation with me here, b t I shall not hold out any indusements 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 isas good as a wink if any wants to take it. Texas is a great g/ country or Uncle 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 a half a fight when I getx there...F.Q, Brown

to his parents James & ? Tiporah Brown