Mier Matamoros October the 28-1847

Affectionate Farther and Mother I now address a few lines to you to inform you that my health is good at this time and I sincerely hope that you and family may be in the enjoyment of good health I have nothing very important to write to you from this section of country there is no fighting here only with some small gueriller or robbing parties scarcely worth notice when I wrote to you last I was a bout starting to monterey I accompany with a large waggon train and it was owred that the train would be attaced on the way and it was generally believed though it was a mistake we saw no mexican force on the way neither do I believe there is any armed force in this section of country only those robbers above naimed one of my reasons for so thinking is this a few evenings ago I receiv ed orders from the commander of this pitt bot butler to have my company in readiness to start about seven oclock that night and march fifteen miles with my company to surpe a body of mexicans that were gathering there we were soon off in fine spirits expecting to get a spell of work to do but when we arrived at the place there was not a mexican to be seen next morning i took a considerable search and could not find any sign. some times a mail is robbed and some of the men killed as the escort is generally very small I hope this will be remedi ed by sending larger escorts with the mail there is only about twelve men sent generally. there had been three escorts sent from my company to monterey though they met with no difficulty. the health of the people here is very good. scarcely any sickness. I have not lost but one man in my company since we started he died near Lanarto in Texas August the ninth I am getting on finely in every particular. I am well satisfied with my trip and no doubt will continue so if I can have good health. the weather has changed considerably here lately it is tolerable pleasant at this time though it has been extremely hot we have no late news from General Scott at least nothing since the last battle is said to have been fought by him. the verbal report here is that his loss is very severe with all of his

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not so bad as reported though he whipped them again. there are no circumstances at this time by which I can arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as regards the close of the war. though if something shortly has not occured to change the features of affairs in the government I should think it likely it would be greatly protracted. I saw General Taylor on the 29th of Sept was introduced to him by an officer of my acquaintance we remained at his camp five days he of course saw me frequently I am highly pleased with the General he is a good looking man about 5 feet 11 inches high very large breast and shoulders Black ~~Eyes~~ hair black eyes dark skin with a good countenance Just such a man as i would wish to be president of the united State I must say something about the great town of monterey it excels any thing that i have ever seen it is beyond description it is situated in a valley near the foot of a large chain of mountains on the south west and north which extends as far as you can see several hundred feet higher than you have any idea then a beautiful valley laying in a northeast east southeast direction for many miles as level and as rich land as i ever saw. the bishops Palace you have heard so much talk of which was taken by Col worth is situated about half mile north west of town on the top of a mountain from which you can see every part, and almost every house and street. about three quarters of a mile from there is the black fort in an east direction ~~from~~ it was here that Col worth did so much damage by turning the cannon he had taken at the bishops palace against this place since Taylor has got this place in possession he has made great improvement particularly at the black fort there are large ditches all around and two cannon at every ditch so as to rake them each way it would be impossible to take it with a reasonable force. now for the fruit all most all kinds of fruit grow here in great abundance namely the orange the Lemon fig ~~peach~~ grapes the best I ever saw & many other things too tedious to mention

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both from you and from home though i was disappointed there was not a letter nor a paper for me or any of the company no late news from General Scott & in short from any section of country. I suppose it is in consequence of some Derangement in the rebels taking from New Orleans to the mouth of this river. I am extremely anxious to hear from you as your health was very delicate when I last heard from you Brothers I allude to I sincerely hope through the interposition of kind providence your health may be restored & the health of you and Mother may be preserved many years I now I have all the feelings of gratitude that a dutiful son should have for parents who have bestowed numerous favors upon him from infancy up to the present time I will write to you frequently & I hope you encourage the hope to write to me. As your age is so great I cannot expect you to write to me often though a few lines from either of you will afford me great satisfaction so i must close my prayers that providence may bless and save you in a coming day is the desire of your affectionate son

To Silas & Selah Enyart

Stephen B. Enyart

Dear Brothers & Sisters I now write a few lines to you by way of apology for neglecting to write to you before. I will propose in this way. That I make you will every one of you write a letter to me I will write to me every of you write to. I hope you will attend to it and I shall be glad to hear from you all as soon as you have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of many letters my respects and best wishes to all brothers sisters & their children also to all connexion old neighbors and friends you must excuse my bad writing as it was done in haste I will subscribe myself your affectionate Brother

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New Mexico October the 28, 1847

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