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Date: 4/3/1859  
Place: San  
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From:  
Chittenden  
To: Mrs. C.H.  
Fassett

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San Francisco 3<sup>d</sup> April/59

Mrs. C. H. Fassett  
Granville Ohio

Dear Mother

Yours of \_\_\_\_\_ date was Received  
per last mail and forwarded to Pacheco for Ann and Harris. Wm Hale and  
Seeley Bennett arrived on last Steamer 29<sup>th</sup> Mch Seeley has the Chills, Hale  
well. They were left at Tehautepec two weeks by the grounding of the River  
Steamer but as I ascertained the reason of their being left I did not feel  
uneasy. They say it is a fine route naturally but accommodations very poor.  
Musquitos &c very plenty. Hale says he is very glad to get back home again  
and I Think most Californians feel the same way after a visit to the States  
probably on account of the difference in customs habits &c which becomes  
nearly second nature by long associations. I am very sorry that you are  
looking for me for I find it impossible to come home this summer as our  
business season will commence soon and I have so much to do it would not  
be wise to leave at this season and prospects are good for business. If Mr Hale  
had returned one month earlier as he had intended I should have come. but  
within the last month things have transpired which prevent my coming I shall  
come this fall or early winter certain as I can make my arrangements so to  
leave. but if I should leave now I should feel uneasy and in a hurry to get back  
while if I wait untill Fall my presence is not so necessary in winter and trade  
dull I can enjoy the visit so much the better. I have friends going this and the  
next Steamer which I should like much to go with, but business before  
pleasure always with me. hope sometime to get fixed so that I can visit you  
more frequently. I know you will not think I do not want to come but that it  
is a necessity that keeps me here I have been looking forward for two years  
with pleasure to a visit home and it seems hard to delay it for half a year  
more. but so it must be hope you will resume your letters to me direct as  
soon as you receive this as I get them three or four days sooner than if they  
go to Martinez first. all well at Pacheco I am going up there in a day or two.  
We are much obliged for the Daguerotypes. Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Harris this  
morning. There was a Steamboat Explosion this morning on the Bay this  
morning, have not full particulars but you will get them in your paper by this  
mail. two or three known to be killed. my best love to all. write often if you  
want any money send to me always. Yours as ever.

Chittenden