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Date: February
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Place: San
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From: Noah
Chittenden
Fassett
To: Mrs C.H.
Fassett

Mrs. C.H. Fassett
Granville, O

San Fran^o Feby 1st 1861

Dear Mother

Yours of Dec. Rec^d and forwarded

to Pacheco so I cannot tell the date. but as I had not written for sometime though I would write a line the Steamer for Panama sailed this morning and the Overland Mail leaves in fifteen minutes so I have only time to write a line and say we are all well. am very much obliged for your long Letter last rec^d and shall look for one from Mary soon hope some of you will write often think you better send by Overland Mail as that makes better time than the Steamer lately. I go to Pacheco tomorrow evening to stay a week. business is very dull and we are going to take an inventory which will be something of a job. expect it will take ten days to do it. You seem to have great excitement on the secession question I never have mentioned the subject as we do not feel so much interest in it as you do. The panic East has made money tight for the last Sixty days but it is now easier and we do not fear a crisis at all now or in future. California Debtors can pay all they owe East anytime. As to Secession itself We of course take great interest in the news to see how it will affect our friends at home. and we are nearly all for the Union but have no sympathy for Southern Fire eaters nor Northern Hot heads. I feel sorry for the poor people both north and south. In case there is war and Ohio is likely to be the scene of Bloodshed I wish you all to move north without delay. go to Wisconsin or Marquette and call on me for funds. above all things keep safe and dont get excited about what you cannot avoid or prevent.

Yours Truly
Chittenden