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*I do not send Papers
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Mrs CH. Fassett

San Fran^o Sept 29/61

Date: Sept. 29,
1861
Place: San
Francisco
From: Noah
Chittenden
Fassett
To: Mrs. C.H.
Fassett

*Granville, O. My Dear Mother
some ten days ago Harris Rec a Letter written I think about the 20th Augt. The
first we have had in a long time. we began to feel quite anxious but attributed
the delay to failure of the mails. they are and have been quite irregular owing
to interruptions in Missouri but we hope better service soon as Route has
been changed running now from Chicago. Since writing you we have had a
state Election contested by three parties resulting in a tremendous and
overwhelming majority for the Union. Two union candidates (Union) cast
85,000 votes to 32,000 Secesh or Peace Party. Just Prior to Election the Peace
party made such a boast of strength we began to think the might carry the
State and went to work and organized Home Guards and Private Military
companys and bought up all the arms of every description for sale but their
strength is so small and they out of power now. (though they have ruled us
for years) and nearly ruined our State we now do not fear them. In the City
we are so organized that on an understood signal in one hour we would have
ready for duty from 8 to 10,000 men armed. I am ready and so is my Sharps
Rifle. I mention the Kind of Gun I chose to show you I prefer fighting at a long
range. at ¼ of a mile I could perforate a Seceshers vest twice out of three
times and he would not be safe at ½ mile distance but as there is no
probability of my having a trial I am not now practicing much. I hope that
Mary and Willie are quite well now. You must keep a Girl and rest Mary
during the warm weathe,r anyhow. and longer if necessary. On the 20th Augt
I send you Draft for \$100-. Encl find the second of Exchange in case you did
not receive the first. I suppose that will be all you need at present as you
wrote to Harris about that time you wanted some funds. H thinks Ball would
buy that mare and turn it on your a/c. If you do not need her dispose of her
in some way and write if you want more money now and always. Ann has
been here staying with Mrs Harker about two weeks not very well. she is
better and went home last night. She had Sarah with her. Harris was sick
about two weeks ago, but is entirely well now. he had a Billous attack caused
by exposure in the dust and sun I presume. Nellie arrived safe across the
plains about two weeks ago. she is quite poor but not more than I expected.
it is a very hard trip for a horse. I think the man that brought her took great
pains with her, and he would only take what she cost him for bringing her
over. I should much preferred paying him well for his trouble. this is our busy
season of the year which will last to January 1st. I shall write to Mary in a few
days. am looking every day for a Letter from her. dont laugh at my writing.
my pen is poor and I am in my Room. and it is Sunday cannot get a better
pen. all places of business in this state now closed Sundays by Law I am very
glad of it. My best love to all I want soon to write to Jane and the Dr. have
not had a word from her since she was married. nor from Sarah since I was
home. I think of you all often if I dont write much Yours Chittenden*

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