Mrs C. H. Fassett

One sheet of blue, lined paper, 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

Date: March 18, 1862 Place: San Francisco From: Noah Chittenden Fassett To: Mrs. C.H. Fassett

Granville Ohio Dear Mother I wrote you from "Str Panama" at Mazatlan from which place we had a rough but safe passage of nine days to this place. where we arrived Sunday morning (16<sup>th</sup>) at 9 am but as I do not get seasick I enjoyed the trip we having a pleasant company. and I am very glad to get home again. I always start away with reluctance and return with joy. this time all seems gloomy. business is at a stand still nothing everybody has lost directly or indirectly and all feel blue, but we hope the summer will treat us better and the sun come out again our damage by the floods is considerable how much I dont know yet. that we do not feel so much as the peoples inability to pay what they now owe but we are better off in respect to the war than you that is far removed from. and we can only sympathize with those who do suffer its horrors. when in Mexico I fretted considerably that I could not hear the war news but was amply repaid when I arrived here and heard the news of our splendid victories. you must excuse this poor letter as I am busy to day, and very much interrupted. I go to Pacheco in a day or two, to see how matters are there but as soon as I get settled a little will write you fully all well at Pacheco. Hale is here to day just received Sarahs letter of Feby  $12^{\frac{th}{2}}$  and very much obliged and will answer soon. my best love to all. Hoping you are all well. if you want money write.

> Yours as Ever Chittenden