

January 13th 1832
Dr brother

Excuse me last you complain
of my not writing when in fact I had written to you
three times after the reception of your net to the last
all of which must have miscarried as you seem
not to have recd any of them. I wrote to you in one
or two or perhaps all of them that we had a
fine bay which we call Thomas after you
It is since my last letter to you that I recd
the bits of gold which you were so affectionate
as to send us by Mr Hamilton. as specimens
I think them very fair, but as memorials of a dear
absent brother we all treasure them & hope in accordance
with the spirit which caused them to be
sent. I have never seen Hamilton since his
return but have heard of his speaking of you fre-
quently in the highest terms & of being greatly inde-
bted to you on the score of kindness & friend-
ship. Mr. Powell has again left for ^{California} ~~the~~
no one here knows how much money he has
made or whether any. Rumor says
Wallace is doing worse than nothing in
fact that he has run through with he has
made & has been strong suspected of making
way with money entrusted to his care

Wallace's Wife left in company with her
brother William some time ago for cala
fornia not be able to support her self
here in comfort I doubt the propriety of
the move under the ~~same~~ circumstances
In your last you are in company of two
Gentle men of the name of Morrow I was
very well acquainted a Mr Thomas
Morrow of pentacoe Miss a striking
worth fellow if these men with you
are as energetic as Tom Morrow
they will get rich. I find you have
changed your plan of operation all together
I think if you fail to make a fortune where
you are now the sooner you come home
the better as is most poor living in a strange
country & nothing but hard work all the time
I paid a visit to Leas this winter & re
turned think more of Dallas than ever
I think it probable you have settled
for life & doubt not at all that Will is
& Henry much hope it will soon be
your case for time or no fortune
I understand Caroline has a fine son
I expect she is to enter for life near the
Carolina for better or for worse I have
no idea how they will get on
fine & comfort & all are getting in
about as common I believe

I saw Wils. Bohannon & G. J. Bowie when
I was in Texas as both were pleased I hunted
two days with them & beat them both killing
Deer & killed four five one day & found
the rest & hunted only part of each day
They can make a great deal more com
& Cotton & Sugar cane in Texas than
any country I ever was in &
rather like in date
George Davis & Miss Jun
will make a man a lot
gone to Texas for his health
is not bad some think
I don't know what
but it is lingering
the is about as usual
are quite well
heard I saw Sam
Calhoun for the first time in our
county this year. A rough & a good
fellow but not smart. The
cause was all that saved him
The Union cause
at present. The children with a great deal
of Uncle Thomas & say he must come
and so say if that fortune is not
coming very fast. Please write
often. Yours & affectionate brother
Chas. Houston

San Francisco
JAN 18
1851

to city
Shasta County
Upper California

January 13th, 1852

Dr. Brother.

In your last you complain of my not writing when in fact I had written to you three times after the reception of your next to the last all of which must have miscarried as you seem not to have recvd. any of them. I wrote to you in one or two or perhaps all of them that we had a fine boy which we call Thomas after you. It is since my last letter to you that I recvd the bits of gold which you were so affectionate as to send us by Mr Hamilton, as specimans, I think them very fair, but as memorials of a dear absent brother we all treasure them I hope in accordance with the spirit which caused them to be sent. I have never seen Hamilton since his return but have heard of his speaking of you frequently in the highest terms & of being greatly indebted to you on the score of kindness & friendship A. Powell has again left for California. No one here knows how much money he has made or whether any. Rumor says Wallace is doing worse than nothing in fact that he's run through with he has made & has been strong suspected of making way with money intrusted to his care. Wallace's wife left in company with her brother William sometime ago for Calafornia not be able to support herself in comfort I doubt the propriety of the moove under the circumstances. In your last you are in company of two gentlemen, of the name of Morrow. I was ver well acquainted a Mr. Thomas Morrow of Pontotoa Miss a sterling worth fellow if these men with you are as energetic as Tom Morrow they will get rich. I find you have changed your plan of operation altogether. I think if you fail to made a fortune where you are now the sooner you come home the better as is most poor living in a strong country & nothing but hard work all the time. I paid a visit to Texas this winter & returned think more of dallas than ever. I think it probable I am here settled for lif & doubt not at all that Will is. & I very much hope it will soon be your case fortune or no fortune. I understand Caroline has a fine son I expect she is located for live North Carolina for better or for worse I have no idea how they will get on . Jim & Crawford & all are getting on about as common I believe.

I saw Wills Bohanivon & Z.J. Bowie when I was in Texas both were pleased. I hunted two days with them & beat them both killing Deer. I killed four five one day & four the next & hunted only part of each day. They can make a great deal more corn & cotton & sugarcane in Texas than any country I ever was in.
(Remainder of letter was torn off).

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