

Camp near Monterey

January 1st 1846

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Dear Henry

It has been a long time since I have heard from you, but I think it probable that your letters to me have miscarried. This must have been the case with a great many of mine to you and your grandpapa. He writes me in a letter of the 7th Nov. (the last I have had from Ky) that neither of you had received any from me for a long time previous. I have written several to almost all my relations without receiving answer and I can only attribute their failure to reply to the frequent miscarriage of the mails.

I see in some of the Ky papers very gross slanders about me which of course all my friends know me well enough totally to discredit. They originate no doubt in political malice.

I returned to the Post about a month ago as soon as companies enough had concentrated at Sinaloa to render my presence with them beneficial. Finding Col McKee sick I resumed the command of that post. After being there a couple of weeks we were ordered up to this place on the way to Sattillo to meet an expected attack of the enemy on that place. When we arrived here we found here Genl Taylor and Twiggs division returned from Monte Morelos on the same errand. We made a forced march