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The within was written on the 12<sup>th</sup> but as many of my letters have miscarried I have postponed till now to send it. We are at the same place. I think now I will not advance far and will probably not attempt any of the large towns should he do so. He still awaits news from Scott and does not know what force the latter will turn over to him. I predicted at Matamoros in a letter to you last August that the last campaign would terminate in disappointment to the Administration. I now greatly fear the same result for Scott. The season is too far advanced and his force 12000 too small to make much impression on the Mexican people after masking or ~~looting~~ and holding Vera Cruz.

Ten thousand rumors reach us that Santa Anna is marching with a large force, some say 20,000 on this place. What truth there is in them I cannot tell.

My monarch was badly snarped at Monterey and I had to dispose of him. I am now badly mounted. I have only ~~today~~ a Mexican from Zacatecas.

My respects to friends

H. C. Fry

Major Fry has just arrived bringing me several letters from you for which I thank you.