

U. S. Ship Warren
Monterey, December 28th. 1848.

Dear McCown,

I have this moment received your kind letter of the 21st. and send you many thanks for it. The news from the United States in relation to the departure of the Steamers for this Station was received with a great deal of pleasure by all of us here, as up to the receipt of your letter all that had reached us in relation to them was mere rumour. I was not quite as much pleased at the news regarding the probable result of the election, and still hope for better things. Tell the Purser that I am, inexpressibly obliged to him for his kind offer to use his influence to secure for me the St. Mary's, and that as my good turn deserves another I will entreat the Commodore, with tears in my eyes, to allow him to come on board the Warren when she shall be laid up at the Islands as a Store Ship! I know that it is as certain that he will be pleased with, and no doubt he can effect an exchange with our purses! Tell him that I will take his detour home for him in the Ohio with great pleasure. I am sorry to hear of the difficulties on board the St. M. I hope Alderson will come off best, although I am ignorant of the merits of the Case.

I have written to you and Baz twice since your
letters, one ^{letter} by the St. Mary's (which you have re-
-ceived) and one since in reply to yours of the 30th
of last month, the one you gave Woodworth. He
sent it down by another person - In case you did
not receive my last, (or whether ^{you} have or not) let me
again thank you for having procured the gold for
me. I think that you got it on very reasonable terms,
cheaper indeed than I thought you would be able to
do from the reports which we had received here of the
great and increasing demand for the article. I
most thankfully accept your kind offer to dispose
of it at Mayattan, in order that I may reinvest it
up here on the return of the Blue. I should have
asked you to make the same disposition of it that
you did of yours, which I wrote last, had I known
at that time that you were going to Mayattan.
I will not apologize for giving you the trouble,
but accept the kind offer which you have made
me as frankly as it was made, knowing that under
similar circumstances you would call upon me
and that you would do so with the conviction that
it would give me pleasure to oblige you. Since I
have commenced this I have heard that there is a
little bug to sail here for Sun, Blas early in the
morning (it is now 1/2 past 7 P.M.) and our second
thoughts I think that I will send this letter by her in
the hope that it may reach you at Mayattan - All
say on board that the Blue must, almost beyond

all doubt, have left San Francisco long before
this time. Mayor Hill goes as far as San Pedro in
his ^{bus} (on his way to Los Angeles) and I will get him
to forward my letters if this ~~bus~~ is detained at St Pedro.
We hear nothing new here. Almy Buchanan
& Hall desire to be remembered to you. Tell Bee
that I intended to have written to him when I
commenced this, but as ~~the~~ ^{would have to} ~~go~~ to ~~Marathon~~ ~~Mar-~~
~~athon~~, to meet the Ohio, that I have not time
left to finish another to night, & the vessel leaves early
in the morning - Tell him to write & do so yourself.
Remember me to all my former friends
I believe me to be sincerely

Your friend
S. A. M. Green

P.S. I have written the last
part of this draw in such a
hurry, fearing that the Market at
Ames would announce "Ten O'clock"
that I fear you will hardly be able
to make it out - M.