

San Francisco California

September 27th 1849

Dear Wife

With pleasure & address a few lines to you
to inform you of my arrival here after a passage of
19th days on our vessel here we were all in good health
but some there is have been sick with Dysentery
but I have not been able to get anything
I will have gone to the mines but the way
that is now situated I can't do anything at present
my guess that I brought out I can't get the
first of a leaf is worth from 6 to 10 dollars and
as for carrying them up the river the charge is dollars
for 100 lbs then the get to Sutters fort the charge
is 25 cents per pound all that have been up average
about 20 dollars per day here at San Francisco
the gold is from 8 to 12 dollars per day is high
that I left the place alone for and I'll
at home is as good as I have however I
must make the best of it it was very much
disappointing not to find any letters here for me
but I hope there is some mistake for I felt very
anxious to hear from home but must wait
until the next mail I hear that the Calera has been
sinking in the river but weather in Solano did not leave
you may ask me what I think of the place
I say at present I think them best off
at home I can't get a check on Bos
left them 2 or three dollars per month

and what to do with them I trust I wish that
they were at home & I was with them but I think
I shall go up to the mines as soon as I get able
to do any thing but at present I shall leave the
gardner & find out what was in the powder that came from Marshall
as there was a box came on the 10th. I
the Capt has claimed it although he has
of it so gardner will ascertain & let me know
there will be another steamer in a few days
one brought no mail I shall try to do
thing as soon as I get able to go on
I am not fit to do any thing at present
know weather you will be able to read
Charles he is well & Hantley & sends his
being so long on the passage I got all
but the news & heard from you that
a great treat to hear that you were all
my love to all & tell Warren to be a good

Yours affectionate husband
Joseph H. Tward

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Salem

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Dear Wife

With pleasure I draft a few lines to you to inform you of my arrival here after a passage of 195 days on our arrival here we were all in good health but since then I have been sick with dysentery so that I have not been able to do any thing most all have gone to the mines but the way that I am situated I just do nothing at present my goods that I brought out I can't get the first beef is worth from 6 to 10 dollars and as for sending them up the river they charge 6 dollars for lb when they get to Sutters fort they charge 96 Cents per pound all that have been up average about 20 dollars per day here at San Francisco they get from 5 to 12 dollars per day I wish that I had left the place alone for one dollar at home is as good as I have howsoever I must make the best of it I was very much disappointed not to find any letters here for me but suppose there is some mistake for I felt very anxious to hear from home but must wait until the next mail I hear that the Calena has been raging in Boston but weather in Salme did not you may ask me what I think of the place all I can say at present I think best of that is at home I can't get a CHEST OR BOX stored for less than 2 or three dollars per month and what to do with them I can't say I wish that they were at home & I was with them but I think that I shall go up to the mine as soon as I get able that due GREAT thing but at present I must leave that I want you to be Gardner & find out WHAT MARKS was on the powder that came from NEWBELL IN BOSTON as there was a Bag Came on the Capt has claimed it although he has NO BILL of it so Gardner can ascertain & let me no there will be another STORM in a few days and know one brought no mail I shall try to DISPOSE OF MY thing as soon as I get able to go on SHORT I am not fit to do any AT PRESENT I hardly know whether you will be able to read this letter our Charley he is well & Hartey & sends his love to all being so long on the passage I got all most discouraged but from yours that would be a great treat to hear that you were all well give my love to all & tell Warren to be a good boy

From your affectionate Husband till
Death

Joseph Hartwell