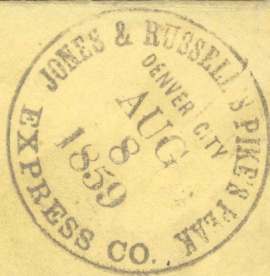
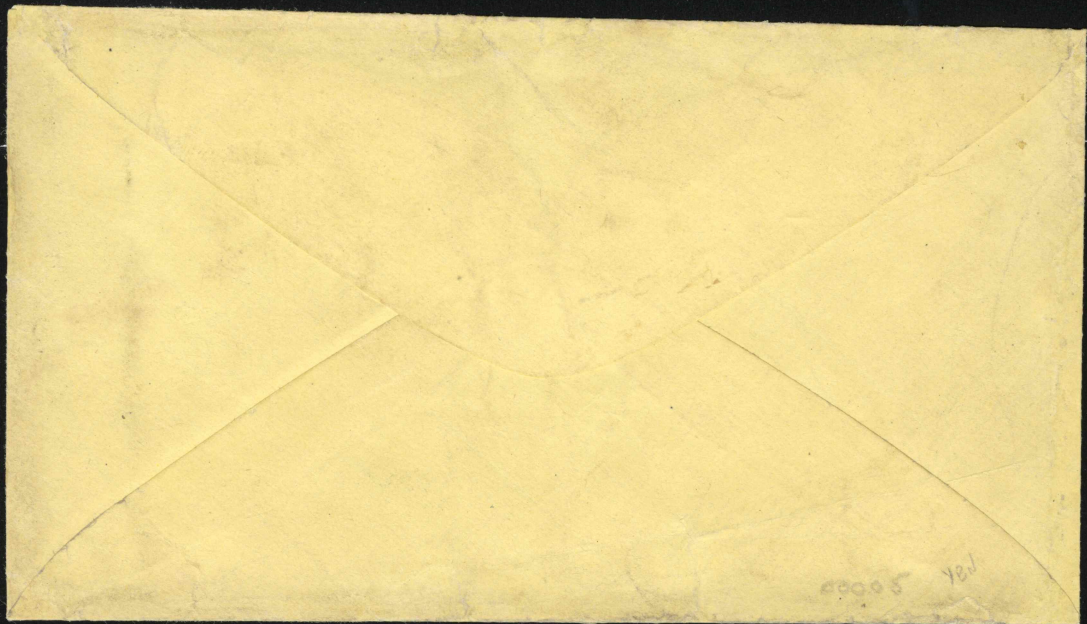


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Dear Cousin,

As you have doubtless learned, ere this, I have settled with John Steinberger, after a short preliminary conversation he proposed to give up acts, which under existing circumstances, I conceived to be my better course and accepted his proposition - I have his receipt in full of all demands.

John has had 67 lbs sugar and 50 lbs coffee - a full act of all taken, according to the lowest estimate of the company you have had 20 lbs <sup>sugar</sup> this will leave me 25 lbs. They also said you had 20 lbs coffee this will leave me 10 lbs - we can arrange these matters at some future time.

I left Charley's Cabin last Thursday eve, and commenced boarding with Mrs. Smith at \$5.00 per week, lodging included. Imagine my surprise



when about removing my sugar and coffee from the cabin to the fire-escape I denied the privilege by the old gentleman he asserting that John had purchased the whole; you may safely bet that a right smart storm ensued which was finally quelled by H. & Charles who were present. I took the articles away.

If John denies the settlement I will make all right with him.

Cousin I wish you were here that we might have a conversation concerning that claim taken by Tom for myself several weeks ago when he was in Town I requested him to employ a man to work upon the claim.

This morning I met him in the street and asked if he had done so he says he has - that 18 days work had been done ~~for~~ the claim, his account is so vague and unsatisfactory that I wish you, as my friend, to give that claim a personal examination and report when convenient, - soon if possible.

I have received one letter from home since you were here - not

much news, save all are well.

I have been quite ill during the past week, have had two chills and shook considerable fever attending. I am now very weak though improving.

I don't think I shall go to Douglas to make hay but will remain in Town and engage in some other business.

Do you still intend to spend the winter in Santa Fe.

I must close; do not neglect my claim and write soon to your affect, Cousin

W. Shell

I did not settle for yourself with John although he wished me to do so