

Fort Monroe Old P.^o

Sep^r 20^o 1848

My dear Sir -

I received Yours of the 15th July at Portanna - and having written to you twice - since we left Tampa - I have deferred answering your next I am a little quiet I am now shipping off the 3^d Regt. North of N York - My H^o 2^d at Boston - which we do not like - at least some - cannot stand the frigid weather there - with christiana submission - I am going to attack Eu Scots upon the subject - and propose a choice - shall leave here in a few days - for N York - It was an very welcome order to see the Regt. I have to leave 2 Coes of men here - for California - which service seems to please some of my Officers - as our Gov^t ~~is~~ making large preparations for that Country - You begin your letter with informing me that you find those left more hostile behind me, than I thought I had in Tampa - and that some new slanders had been spoken in the Hotel - at that place - when I wrote to you from Washington City - I think I stated to you that there were many slanders and slandrous reports afloat in the War Office - and elsewhere - but that

My receipts for Monies paid over - and clear
and full accounts presented to the Secretary
of War had killed every one of them. "Dead
on the Spot." That I had come off with
Flying Colors - and consequently - laughed
to scorn - every vile - defamation - Taylor,
Lindenberg - Singleton - Day, Donkild
Van Stoveren, and all the Wiley Secops
for and near - were foiled and put to water
workings - with all their attempts to do me
injustice - and injury - Their machinations
now served only to brighten - not to tar
-nish my fame - As to the latter scandal
I care no more for that - or the ill
-thens of it. than I do for the out-
-spluttering of Van Stoveren - I beg
of you - not to reply to any of their
Silly - accusations - They are cowards
at best, for they dared not utter any
sunk tales while I was there - There is
no act of mine - that I now regret - in
all the time I served at Jamfied
and Ft. I had - a tribe of Villains to deal
with - Peter B. Taylor - was - chief - so
he accused that I "walked off" with a large
and of Municipal Treasur - and that I allowed
you an extravagant - Rent - in all of which
I yielded - before the Sec of War - in a single
sentence - and a referen to the receipts -
That my dear Sir - I will not - take any
further

time - a trouble to write - upon matters - that
have been all adjusted - so easily and so com-
pletely - I only wish you said I had 20.000 \$
before - on hand - at this moment - we
might draw Interest - upon the Am^l - for some
time - before - settled - by the 2^d Executor -
I wrote - requesting you to send the Books
Papers - and all the documents - relating
11 to ~~revenue~~ - to the 2^d W^o New Orleans - marked
in my name - with a letter - to be sent to
the 2^d W^o Baltimore - - The Worcester Stob.
also - for 2^d W^o in N. York -
As to the Gen - & Messrs & I left with
you - I hope you have sent them
to the 2^d W^o also - in N. Orleans - and
- I took his receipts - for them -

October 1^o - I had to move off with the troops
to this place - New York - Rhode Island - so here
we are just arrived - about to take lodgings
in town - with a lady - who goes to a few
house - to live in - while she keeps it for let -
I have purchased a charming - Carriage - to
visit - Society - mostly - and will so have
a nice set of traps - Then we will - begin to
live and move - and have our being - in
this land of quietness - & steady habits -
The Flat is a half hour ride off - where are
3. Companies - with a fine set of Officers - old friend
Society finds it charming - and disagreeable at
this time - but she has improved - in health and
looks - not with standing - she had the pleasure
of receiving - Amelia's letter 23 August last - some
4 or 5 days since - after ^{it} going the rounds -
It was

one of the - Sater's factory - chronicle sort - giving
us - a full account of Tom's movements - success
and prospects - besides - the matters & things about
town - May Tom go on working as - and find
Tom's - in better condition than you supposed
it would be after our departure - There is not
a dog paper - that we do not speak of Tom's
until we find no listeners - Socie - thinks
this - that she never professed - hopping dog any
where - than she did - under Tom's roof - How
different are the scenes here - when steady
quietness - prevails - and retirement seems
the way - and habits of the people - That no
matter - Morton is only 4 hours sail from us
and New York may be reached in our highest
Socie will tell Amelia - how of these things
When she has time - and has written Thomas
yet well of its - injury - little dooly has grown
much - and still talks of "Piercy" - When ever
she sees a cat or dog - our Mexican Boy
has been a good fellow - in all the time we
have had him - He takes care of dooly and
she will not lose her Spanish - There while
he cannot speak English to her - Socie
Socie - loses sight of it - for she keeps up
the - conversation still - in Spanish - Those
are long to have a reply to our or the others
if they letters - and to learn that you Mr
Chow and Amelia - are safe - sound and
making your fortunes - so rapidly that in 2 way
you can return - to their quiet - vigorous when
the Vonits - never comes - and when Mexican
absentees - are not known - There is left
room for - love to Mr Chow & Amelia - and
yourself - from both of us - Yours - sincerely
Margaret -