

Marcha Wright

Santiago del Cabo June 5th 1848.

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My dear Aunt.

I had the pleasure of writing to you last on the 23rd of March, and since then, I am in receipt of your very acceptable letter of April 5th, having annexed a very pretty view of your Post Office which I was well pleased to get. I cannot refuse to admit your excuse, for letting such a long period elapse without writing to me, for I have often myself to avail of apologies to palliate like lapses, but I cannot admit your being a poor uninteresting correspondent and I wouldn't permit any one to say it but your self, for few come up to you in my opinion either in style or handwriting, at all events it gladdens my heart to have the breaking of a seal from you, so don't forget me. I suppose I have bothered Jonathan so, with my genealogical requisitions, that he thinks he had better drop corresponding with me altogether, for he hasn't written me a line since I posed him with that subject, tell him if he can't make head or tail of it, to let it drop, and I shall rest satisfied to drop anchor for good and all at Pallinlay, what say you, isn't well enough to do so, and content our enquiries with John and Abigail Wright of that homestead, and their twelve sons and daughters. I have now on the desk before me to be answered for this is a catholic holy day, a letter from father of 3^{mo} 10th when they were all very well in Ohio, and he states his own health was then better than it had been for some time, and that he weighs 230 lbs, and Nehemiah about 220, these are high weights, too much for prime health and capability, I keep at about 185 by diet, and think that too much,

in fine, I have said to Achemial to day that I can cut my own toe nails
and cut them well, and recommend to keep himself in a state to be able
to do so likewise, don't you think he ought? Father says that he had
a letter from you dated 9th mo 1842, and continues thus "which
I wanted to answer before I wrote thee, knowing it would please thee,
to find that done so, but if nothing happens to me, I expect a week
won't go over my head until it's accomplished" but you know as I
well as I do, how much he procrastinate in letter writing, so that
you won't be surprised or over anxious after all, if you don't get
an answer although promised, unless you write him again, which
I shall be gratified to learn that you have done, for he likes to re-
-ceive letters although so delatory in replying. Poor Shelton was
as you state one of my first partners, and had he followed my
advice, and let business alone in the United States, all would have been
well, he was worth at least 200,000 dollars and wasn't satisfied
and poor fellow he could not bear up against the losses he made in
Boston, his mind gave way altogether, and coming out here, he threw
himself overboard and was drowned, leaving after all, as you will no
doubt be surprised to learn after such a melancholy catastrophe,
not left than 100,000 after all claims are paid up. I am very sorry
indeed to learn the unfortunate position of Abby Lamb, for I do not
forget that Aunt Watson's was my house of refuge, after father's mis-
-fortune. My health is much better than it was, I am slowly but
gradually recovering, indeed my heart complaint, which I suffered
most from, has almost entirely disappeared. Let me recommend
you my dear Aunt to look well to your own health, and if you find
it gradually begins to suffer from living in the city, you ought at almost

any inconvenience and sacrifice get to pure air and exercise again,
for health is the best gift of the Almighty, for even a contented mind
is to a certain extent dependant upon it, as the body influences us
mentally, very often indeed when we are not at all aware of it, I get
up myself almost regularly at three O'Clock every morning, and my
occupation is not much at the desk, I am the director of the business
of the house, and am generally occupied out of doors, it is on holi-
days principally that I am a fixture pen in hand. It is pleasing
to me, to be able to say to you, that I believe the severe bad time
for commerce has passed away, and that although we suffered much the
two last years, that nevertheless as we got our business within my
limits in good time, that we stood the storm a great deal better than
any of our fellow labourers in this city, so much so, that we
are now incomparably ahead of any house here, in extent of
of capability, and credit both at home and abroad, and
I tell you this because I know it will gratify you.

Don't my dear Aunt and regularly
writing me, and remain beg of you in the entire conviction that your
letters are ever highly pleasing, and when I need consolation
consolatory to me.

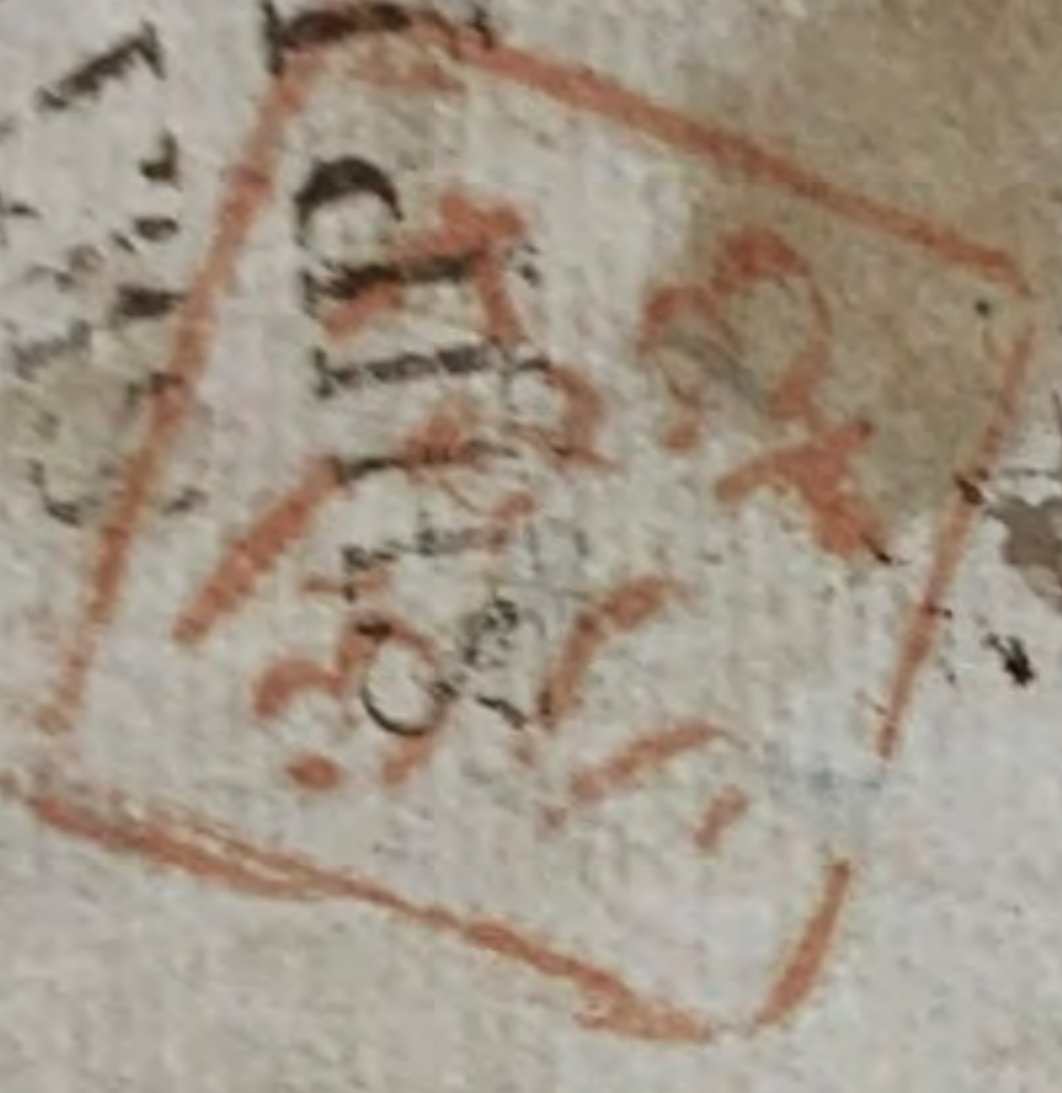
I remain
your affectionate nephew

James J. Wright

P.S. I have taken to writing with steel pen, and the paper
is too rough for them my next I think will be on smoother for
I have ordered some

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