

Head Quarters Army of O.  
Camp near Monterey  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear Children

I am still with Genl Taylor acting as an aid. If my letters have been received you know that I left Camargo towards the close of last month just at the time that the armies were engaged in the affair at this place. Travelling with a train of wagons I arrived too late to participate in the perils and honors of the battle. But for an ~~error~~ we received ~~of~~ 5 companies while on the way we should have been attacked by Canales and his Rancheros. Col Taylor the brother of the Genl with whom I travelled had a considerable sum of money which was well known to the Mexicans.

We are now encamped in a wood about 3 or 4 miles from town. There are beautiful springs near us and the forest, the only one I have seen in Mexico, consists of fine large trees, live oaks and others, many of which I never saw before. The deciduous trees are just pulling forth their frames again like Spring.