

Camp near Saltillo

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear William

You observe that I write from a camp near Saltillo. We came here on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst by forced marches from Monterey. A few days before I left the latter place I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you. Its date however was somewhat old. It gave me some rather unsatisfactory accounts of my private affairs particularly as they are involved with those of Dr Way. You wished my ratification of the appling of the debt. The act would have reached you too late and I therefore deemed it unnecessary to send it. Besides James B. Clay was charged with the settlement of the business should it proceed to law. I can now only hope that I have not been injured in this affair in which certainly I only became engaged by the most kind and friendly feelings for Dr Way. I sent you in a letter last month by young Cooke of Louisville Dr Hunt's due bill for \$150 and a check on a New York Bank for an additional \$300. I trust the letter was received in due time the money I supposed would be useful to you in the payment of some of my debts. We are supposed to be on the eve of a battle. Taylor and Butler are both at Monterey. Unless an express