

Old Washington Galveston Bay Texas
Feb 17th 1844.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of 24th December was duly received some time past—and not only has it afforded Caroline and myself much pleasure in hearing that you all were in the enjoyment of good health—but unmixed happiness in having the acknowledgment of your approbation of our marriage—Be assured my Dear Sir, your approval is highly appreciated by me—and it will I trust lead to a warmer interchange of feeling when we shall become personally acquainted.

I should have answered your letter much sooner, but waited until I should have some local news of importance to communicate to you—I now have the pleasure of informing you that Mrs Sherman is safely over her confinement—having presented Gen S. with a fine Daughter—Mrs S. is doing remarkably well—and I hope it will not be long before his health is firmly established again—Little Dick has taken a great fancy for me—he frequently begs his Mother to let him go to Aunt Susie and Nor-Mor's house, his health is fully restored again and is as fat and rosy as ever.

Our political horizon is brightening—annexation is the general topic of conversation—we now hope where we