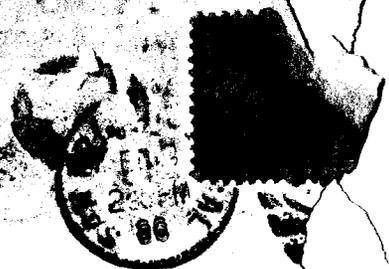


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Capt G. C. Doane  
and Cavalry  
Solomonville

The  
Bowie Station  
S. P. R. R.

Oregon 1/2

The report is here. That Mr  
Robinson is coming in. But  
I discredited it because you  
have spoken of his having  
gone back to his camp.  
Mrs Davis recd news of her  
mother's death yesterday. As I  
imagine that will take her  
out of society - & be a very  
great blow to her as it was  
very unexpected & died with  
a sudden illness.

Residing S. F.  
Feb. 8/86 -

My Darling Husband,

Yesterday

mail brought me a  
letter from you -  
dated the 30. of last  
month. I was so  
glad to get it - &  
was delighted to know  
that you are all  
very comfortable &  
all happy. as you  
can be. Under the

aportice for duty. \* has orders to  
proceed at once to join his  
troop. I have not been here  
but was told he looked very  
well. He has not called. but  
suppose he will, unless he has  
had orders from the Major,  
not to - Capt Marshall, was  
married a short time ago to a  
widow lady in Minnesota. some-  
one he met at the latter. but  
never seen I am told -

circumstances - but  
hope sincerely that  
you will not have  
to stay there very  
much longer -  
although you hear  
nothing now of the  
matter - I send  
you by today's mail  
a letter from  
Mr McClelland  
which came  
yesterday. & was  
most important -  
it explains the self -  
Capt McAdams  
arrived day before  
yesterday. & has

[2/8/86]

I want to express  
my opinion upon  
the letter I send  
today from Mr -  
I hope you will  
remember very  
clearly & distinctly  
what he wrote  
you in a letter from  
Magninias - & if I  
understand english -  
I think he asks you  
to do now - what he  
declined to do for  
you - & which  
cost you, some  
few dollars in the  
end. being held  
responsible for

Some one else.  
shortage - (my) (Baths)  
who never came to  
the rescue when the  
amount had to be  
paid - now you  
have an opportunity  
to give Mr McB. his  
own language  
back - I call it a  
parallel case - & if  
I were you would  
treat him in the  
same kind way he  
did you - tell me  
your best what you  
think of it - see -

[2/18/96]

Mrs Slater is getting  
better slowly. But I  
had a frightful  
cough still, & took  
week. The Hosties  
are all well. but  
Vena is way down.  
as she received a  
letter from her  
Cousin at Vancouver  
saying, they go  
where I am now.  
that it would be  
impossible for them  
to have her <sup>visit</sup> the  
promised visit -  
this coming summer,  
unless, they should

be fortunate enough  
to get one of the new  
sets - Mrs Thompson  
is talking of going  
to Bowid store - &  
the Capt hopes to get  
in to the Post before  
long. It has opened  
up badly & bright this  
morning, the first  
time in many  
days - so we hope  
for pleasant weather -  
friends all send regards  
& a thousand Pleas  
& many wishes of  
love. From your  
own wife - & her sweet  
mother - lovingly & devotedly  
Your own - the camp -

In Camp - Feb 21 86 -

My Little Nephew

From two letters both dated Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 86 come letters also  
papers. Am glad that Sprague was granted per-  
mission to remain. It would have been quite a  
hardship for him to move for one year - especially  
if he contemplated settling in the West. I have  
not yet received pay for January but will get  
the checks in a few days. He got some money  
anything more he is a cheat. And would  
not have come to you - had he not known that  
I was away - He wants whiskey and not work.  
The last time I saw him he was drunk -  
There are no other bills for the Troop but the Beef  
and Babcock's Vegetable Bill. I wrote to Bert about  
a \$2 for Comm's water. The Beef Bill I have entered  
on the Troop fund and send you back ~~of the~~  
paste it in one of the Bill books. Your account so  
many letters at once is very puzzling - especially  
as you need that of the 25<sup>th</sup> before all the others  
I give it up. But you know how County post-offices  
are run - and there are two volumes here and  
the R.R. They could not have been mailed nor  
stamp paid the same day very well - but the  
date stamps may have been left for several

days without changing the date number. The Reports - about Fuller Jones's Indian trials and all the rest are from whole cloth false. There has not been a hostile Indian seen in this department by Arizona for two months in fact not since Dec. 4th nor does any one expect to see a bear of any. There was never any Indian war here at all. Simply a band of ruzgades - like a band of horse thieves in the north - or like Joaquin's Band of Robbers and Murderers a few years ago in California. There has not been a fight with hostiles in the Territory - during all this last outbreak by any numbers on either side.

There has been no property destroyed - only a few wagons burned and a few stores stolen.

The men who have been killed - were Ambuscades for their guns - or from necessity - the Indians being badly pushed. There are no Mountaineers nor frontiersmen in Arizona - such as we call of that class. I can realize that you are kept pretty busy - with the Bills and other matters especially as Sebastian seems to be such a Cloughhead. I hope you will not be troubled with them much longer. I have a pre-that

This Indian ~~business~~ must soon close  
and feel sure that the General will go in  
such shape that if the hostiles refuse or  
surrender that they will be slaughtered  
before they get far from the camp.

Tell old Gibbie that I will have Cactus-  
thorns all over me when I get back - and  
will be abridly "bleck" all over.

I can hear the wild ducks in  
the river above - quacking - and we are  
harassed by wolves nearly every night -

What they live on is one of the mysteries?  
Have not heard from James yet do not  
know whether he is in Cefen - or not -  
It does not matter much.

I do not hear of Mr Polhemus - but  
suppose he is at Bowie Station with Mr White.

Tom Collins has was a sorrowful looking  
man when I saw him last - but here as  
well as he could - Give my love to all the  
girls - and all the kids - both "great and small."

Do you Thompson there yet? and if so how is  
the babe they belong at Bowie. The most  
hideous spot in the County - and when the wind  
blows the rest-off of the stone pipes.

This is a Paradise here compared to  
Bowie. The two best Stations are Camp Apache  
and Huachuca - then Whipple - and Grand -  
all the rest are beastly.

Nearly all the old Indians have been for  
Bears until lately "Whiskey Rosts" consequently  
no improvements - nothing but mouse piles  
and "business of abundance."

My love to and many kisses from  
Ellie and fondest affection for my & Corby are  
Glad

Island Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

My dear wife

News of the 6<sup>th</sup> and  
 all the Texas Cem. notes - I do send  
 them to ~~Salem~~ study - ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~my~~  
 appearances. I decline to be responsible  
 for the mistakes of Country Real-estate  
 or washers - or Ken Crooks. And it is  
 useless to worry about such things  
 or blame me for them.

I have not heard from Mr. Clarendon  
 I should imagine you would not be very  
 much impressed by Booth's looks. He used  
 to look like a fattest pig - but he is said  
 to be a very nice fellow.

I am not at all apprehensive  
 that anything will be done in Creanford's  
 case especially through the State Department  
 It is a diplomatic matter - between the  
 two Governments and not one in which  
 the War Dept is likely to have anything  
 to do. The Mexican Govt - will doubtless  
 disclaim any interest in the matter and  
 indemnify the relations of those killed  
 and will punish the responsible parties  
 if there are any. As the Consul Officer  
 of the Mexican Govt was killed - it will  
 be easy to show that he was the  
 one responsible - and so on.

I have been up till late fixing a Mexican  
 Bake oven - and am very tired -

These things were not what I  
 All are well - The boys come in  
 good time and continued everything  
 we need -

With love so much love,  
 Your affectionate

bill for 'A' troop yesterday  
& enclose receipt bill for all  
the bill are now paid - at  
your request, the being the  
last - I am going to the City  
with Mrs. Whiting this, A.M.  
so will close - all pain in love -  
every one send regards -  
with oceans of love & sorry  
many kisses! I am your loving  
& devoted wife  
Mary

Resides I. F. -  
Feb. 9/86 -  
My Darling Howard;  
No  
letter yesterday, &  
not a letter ~~written~~  
this month, how I  
need yet - They seem  
slightly behind hand;  
Capt McAdams  
was in to see us  
yesterday. He took  
very thin, & I think  
bally - seemed to

days - ~~There~~ seems to be no news  
of the Indian question, & Gen  
Pope will Capt McCall - that he  
had no idea when the troops  
would return - I hope you  
have some news of what is  
being done - & that it will  
be favorable for your return  
soon - or at least so that I will  
be able to be with either him  
or Steve - I paired Galumetics

He even more  
absent minded than  
ever - did not speak  
of them - although he  
evidently came  
directly from there -  
& did not ask of you  
or how you were -  
he said he met  
Mama, Papa & Sallie  
on the train returning  
to Bozeman - &  
seemed to think they  
are looking very  
well - Cook is  
getting ready to  
join his troop - &  
will go in a few

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Capt. W. H. France

2nd Cavalry

Solonowick

Arizona

Army Station  
C.P.R.R.

to meet him - I enclose a  
letter from Miss Little Boynt  
which is interesting & gives  
information as to Mr. Hoed's  
intentions - Ah, Pat. I do wish  
for you as much - & hope one  
this time next month I shall  
have you home. or else I shall  
be with you - all pain me in  
love to you - with much love &  
many sweet kisses. I am your loving  
& affectionate wife - Nancy

Residio S.F.

Feb 10/86.

My Darling Husband,  
I am

your  
dear letters were  
received yesterday.  
from you & I really  
felt much happier  
after having gotten  
them - it does me  
loads of good to get  
your dear letters -  
I am so sorry that  
you had not feel

doubt will be a death blow to  
Mrs Hancock. I am sure it  
will be a dreadful blow to the  
latter. as she is not at all  
strong it will probably ~~put~~  
her in bed again. The General  
impression seems to be that you  
will not be out very much  
longer. as no doubt the Council  
will arrange it in some way  
as so to take those miserable  
Indians in. when they come

the force. but am  
sure you must have  
them ere this. then  
you will ~~have~~ a little  
stationing ~~but~~ not  
a great amount.  
We were all very  
much astonished &  
shocked yesterday  
by receiving news  
of Gen Hancock's  
death - which was  
very sudden. do  
not know the particulars  
but <sup>will</sup> have them in  
the paper - which I  
will send you  
tomorrow. This no

In Camp 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 86

My own darling wife,

For the past three days we have had an almost-continuous windstorm which has blown the sand through camp in a succession of clouds blinding and disagreeable. Tonight it has cleared again and the weather appears better. I have once more paper fit to write on and a box to keep it in which shuts out most of the dust. The Shagwags have both been busy all day and I don't know how many quail have been killed. We had them for dinner supper and have a bunch lying up for breakfast. The men have their share also. Fuller is out on a little hunt toward Clifton and I have one or two hunting parties out all the time. No Indians have been seen that we know of. Nor do we expect any to be seen, excepting in the circumstances

Garrisonians. Every one who has seen them  
 says we have the best lot of horses ever  
 seen in the West - yet we are held idle.  
 Why? Because there is nothing to be done - no  
 one to go after - I am now watching  
 the river for fear it may rise and cut  
 us off from the other side - It is falling  
 and fishing is improving - The wind just  
 now is rising again and liable to blow  
 all night - The Co Bake Oven premises  
 to be a success - It is still being fixed  
 and is nearly done. Have commenced collecting  
 Cactus Cans and other specimens - to bring  
 home some of the Cactus wood is very curious  
 shall bring some to plant - also - and some  
 wild rose bushes. If we do not have definite  
 information of a return - I want you to get  
 ready to come down about - the 10<sup>th</sup> of March  
 but believe that we will be returned in before  
 the end of this month the Indian hostilities here  
 are not like those in the North West. The  
 friendly ones are all at work. There is no  
 doubtful class. None who live by the Chase

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Of those who have been sent wood to sell.  
Gen Crook has not yet been heard from.  
It is nearly but not quite time. The papers  
still insist that Geronimo has surrendered  
to Mans. It may be so. We do not expect  
news from Gen Crook until the matter  
has been finally settled as regards the hostiles  
and have no doubt that he will succeed  
now. The Mexicans are after the hostiles in  
every quarter and will give them no rest.  
Davis' command has not been heard from  
that we know of. This Dept is so silently  
run that we get no information at all.  
Only judge by negative results. For instance  
I am sure that our two troops are not ex-  
pected to do anything here because we have  
not been sent back mules or scouts and have  
been here nearly a month. So also it is  
evident that the Cavalry at the Post north  
of us do not expect anything for the  
Infantry excepting 2 Cos. are still in camp  
on the R.R. and not sent to occupy  
posts - in case of absence of their Cavalry

Wrote of the same letters. It is remarkable that the letters come this way all right - but they are distributed on the West Coast and not at County Offices - Mr. Everett mentioned to me the same circumstances before - the letters going are broadcast and coming get through generally. Should like ever so much to hear Salvini in Othello.

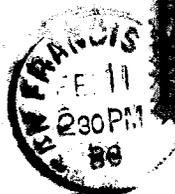
It seems queer to think of fog. There there is not such a thing known. There is not moisture enough in the whole of Arizona to make a decent fog bank. Even on the Gulf Coast there is not a drop of water and the County is a desert - rising to a ridge and with the drainage all eastward into the gulf. Please bid Miss Merrill an affectionate farewell for me. I could not do it myself. My feelings would overcome me - Poor Miss Tennie - I sympathize with her. The next opportunity they should change the day ahead - instead of postponing it: tell her to omit the previous preparation - and not miss another chance - He would be willing I know - whether she had any treasures - or not. The next time there is

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Capt G. C. Doune  
2nd Cavalry  
Solomonsville

Via  
Bowie Station Arizona T.  
S. P. R. R.

to get them - & delighted to know  
you are all well. & comparatively  
happy - & when you get the shot  
and you can amuse your self -  
by shooting quail - out of your  
back door - You have my consent  
to sell the mare - & I hope you  
will be able to do so - as I am  
sure she will never do for me  
to drive - I am going to the  
City to my & get weather for the  
Prattine Publishing to see Salina  
play - "Pony Run" - you go

Residia S. F.

Feb 11/86 -

My Darling Husband,  
Capt  
Madama. starts  
for Arizona today -  
I saw him just a  
moment ago - & he  
was in a perfect  
steer as usual. come  
out after some  
papers. he looks very  
jubilant. he seems glad  
to go, as he thinks it  
will agree with him

through Beaumont. That ~~is~~ has been  
onched up to the Post - Bennett  
says you have all the checks -  
Pugh Garden / with you - he has  
none others - I do hope you have  
those ampoules - both by  
this time - or that they have not  
suffered any damage by their  
long delay & all letters have  
been rec'd up to the fifth of  
this month. I had from coach  
yesterday from your dated  
~~the 24th~~ was so very glad  
better there than it  
does here - Miss  
Morrill goes to day  
also - by the Southern  
route - Major Gordon  
told me this A.M.  
that Maj Wells "Co"  
had been ordered to  
Bowie - & Mrs Wells  
is to join him very  
soon - This does not  
sound much like  
their returning -  
however - I hope, it  
does not mean any  
thing special. as I  
am told Beaumont  
& Wells - are just  
friends - & it maybe

is here - as she does not  
mind being left  
alone - or she can  
go with me. To the  
City & stay the day  
with Mrs Davis - for  
shop - The last gas will  
give me a good  
start on drawing. So  
that I can sketch  
(during the summer  
months) - places we  
go to - all pain me  
in love to you - Oh  
I almost forgot to  
tell you that I was  
weighed this A.M.  
& weigh the enorm-  
ous amount of 139-

pounds - My! but  
I looked wild  
when he saw the  
mooch up to forty -  
I am sure I  
weigh enough  
now - & do not  
want to gain  
any more - I am  
so glad to hear that  
you are looking  
for the "Tune" - & hope  
you will have  
lost in weight as  
well - by the time  
you return - Mr  
Plater - is very  
much ~~well~~ ~~of~~ ~~well~~  
the death of the "Lun"

in addition to her last  
illness - & I fear Mr  
Slater will have to  
take her away for  
a while - The Best's  
seem as happy as can  
be - she comes up to  
his office with him  
quite often - I am as  
comfortable, as can be,  
and as happy - as one  
could expect, with you  
away - but my heart  
longs for my love con-  
stantly - & no amount of  
amusement can take my  
thoughts from you one instant  
with love - & many kisses I  
am your devoted & loving  
wife Mary -

[2/11/86]  
with no if I succeed  
in getting the tickets -  
If you have prospects  
of coming home at  
the end of this month -  
I shall begin with  
my painting - at the  
beginning of March -  
so as to take the  
last quarter of this  
year any way - &  
then begin, with  
the fall term regularly  
& continue through the  
next year - Libbie to  
go into school two  
weeks from Monday -  
then I can get  
away - even if Mrs

In Camp Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 86  
My dear Mr. [unclear]

News of the 8th Corps  
tonight - in which you say [unclear] of the  
8th is the last one need - This is surprising  
but Mr. Evans says his wife writes in the  
same way - County Post Office?

By one of the local papers containing  
N & Telegrams of the 9th I see that General  
Hancock is dead - This will call a  
shock over the whole Army - and the  
Country - He was a magnificent Officer  
and a good friend - Mrs. Plaker will  
doubtless be very much affected by his  
loss - Am sorry to hear of Mrs. Davis  
affliction - My letter from McClernand  
is I think not so serious as he seems  
to think - As the computation of Com. Ser.  
Rank is based on the recent order and  
not on the one in force at the time.

I have not examined closely but am  
fully well satisfied that such is the

Not be a very material addition to the force here. It will be a desirable change for him - unless his health is completely restored. The heat and drought here are indescribable. Worse than anything on the Yellowstone or at Absarokee.

I sent John to town after the mail and he got drunk & fell from his horse and had to be sent for upon Clark.

Smith was with him - both drunk. And are both in arrest. I am exceedingly disappointed and disgusted with John. He seems to have no control over his appetite whatever. The acct of the Cabbage. Co. is all right I have charged myself with it on the Journal book.

I know nothing of Robinsons coming in and know of no reason for it - He is all right and in command of the Troop. If he comes it will be because they want him for duty there - I cannot imagine any other reason - unless ~~he~~ he is to be retired and he is wanted to send

Case. Cannot-tell till I sit-back as the books are not-here. Am sure of my own prudence and shall be careful not-to do anything which will involve any Generosity in this case

I have today received permission to go to San Carlos for a fine class trip with a party - from town - will start in a day or two. It is merely a pleasure trip via Thomas. Agers is there - will probably see him and others I know will be in telegraphic communication at Thomas - and I believe at San Carlos also - in case anything occurs write while will write daily as heretofore. I see by the papers that Gen Robt goes east soon for his retirement. Had hoped to see the old gentleman before he went - He has been very kind and just to us -.

Some information in regard to McClellan is a surprise - I had no idea he would return - as he applied for a months extension a while ago. He will

to the Hotel of Columbia to command  
 Gregg's troops - or some other which  
 needs a senior Lt. - I believe Gregg has  
 no Lt. present - unless it may be one from  
 the Academy last year -

Miss Thompson had better stay where she  
 is till this circus is over - which will  
 probably be very soon.

The shot-guns are getting all  
 day long now and the camp is full  
 of quail. Fish bite better - and the weather  
 is nice - I should not know what - tonight - and  
 everything finally - The rumor of Sebastian  
 Durand's is contradicted - but - not the report  
 of his coming in Sun Creek is said to  
 be at the place of prospecting now. So we  
 will arrive in a few days.

With much love and many kisses  
 for my darling

Ever truly  
 your  
 G. H. D.

G. H. D.

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+ still others are waiting  
until the last moment  
among the last mentioned  
is Coll Piper - who no  
doubt hopes to get a  
change in Gen Ayers  
place - before that  
time, + go to Florida  
where he will not  
need one - He still  
holds on to the hope  
of Ayers, either  
dying - or getting  
promotion - he is very  
funny - do tell me  
what I am to do  
about paying Helen?  
I have asked you  
several times before

but not answer yet -  
I want to get rid of  
her. if I can. as she  
is not only inefficient  
but lazy & not  
what we want at  
all. I am sure  
had you been here  
she would have  
gone long ago - all  
join me in love to you.  
It is not very well  
having taken a severe  
cold - I am impatiently  
awaiting the news from  
Gen Crook. as I know it  
will. let you come home &  
let me go to you - with  
+ even so much love. & a  
hundred kisses lovingly

Mary

The brown Percele - facing the  
stables - between the hospital  
& the falling Bonaville - & on a  
line with them - did you know  
that Col Piper has issued an  
order compelling all the officers  
to have the next regulation down  
Crest by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March? -  
such is the case - as every one  
is waiting for the affidavit -  
some are thinking them made here -  
in the City - ~~the~~ have sent away -

Residio S. F.

Feb - 17/86 -

My Darling Husband.

Your

dear letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
came to me yesterday  
afternoon - & I now  
feel as though the  
mails were getting  
quite regular - & I can  
assure you it is a  
great source of  
consolation to me to  
have a dear letter  
from you every day.

is growing daily. More ships &  
dull - nothing going - The tennis  
court is finished of last. & is  
ready for use - The hop rooms  
not yet ready for use - The new  
building. Apples grow, one being  
rapidly put up - & broths as storage  
they would soon be completed.  
That brick for the foundation of  
the new barracks are for the grounds  
which is on the lower end of

I hope the news you  
have about the  
surrender may be  
true. But up to date  
we have no official  
news - or any confir-  
mation of it - but  
expect to hear at any  
moment the result of  
Gen Crook's trip to the  
border. & we hope  
sincerely that he has  
been successful -  
There is literally no  
news of any kind  
except that which  
you will see in the  
papers. & so I do not  
repeat it - the President

In Camp 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 86

My Sweet-Lille's wife

News of 9<sup>th</sup> Camp just now  
I suppose Captains here will be here in a  
few days - I go to Polsonville tomorrow  
night - and we start to San Carlos this  
next morning - Mr Jones will be - He and  
Kitt leave here in town after the mail  
today and do not bring any news. We  
will not get any until it comes all of  
a sudden - As every thing will turn on Gen.  
Crooks success with the Indians in Council  
or immediately afterward should they refuse  
to surrender. I have missed you very much  
and think of you constantly. It is very  
monotonous here - and terribly stupid - I have  
been gathering Cactus specimens and writing  
up various matters - I enclose herewith  
McClellan's letter and the little note - I put  
them both in one of the Bill books. I have  
sent off my Reg Cacti for January and should

have long and also inside that I shall come  
 to his house if we do stay. It would not be  
 an unpleasant trip excepting the stage ride  
 of 38 miles to Dolanville. And if we could  
 time it right I might fix it so as to meet  
 you at ~~Primer Station~~ and bring you out myself.

I suppose you would not mind getting a little thin  
 in flesh on account of coming here. Everyone  
 else does. And you especially would need a  
 good appetite to keep up on for a while at  
 any rate. You would have to do without any  
 clothing a great part of the time. and would  
 not need much any time. The trees are in blossom  
 and will soon come out. Bugs were plentiful  
 and signs of spring generally ~~more numerous~~.  
 Arrangements for you to come down should not  
 involve much trouble. as Mother will re-  
 main where she is till I come back. You could  
 leave all the tinware at Herschows and send  
 the servant girl away. or loan her or bring  
 over to somebody else. You would not need  
 any nice clothes here. It is too cloudy and hot  
 warm - and no wraps excepting a Circular or

Get the checks back in a few days. There is no  
doubt - but - me will be on sick report in  
a few days after reaching here - as the water  
at Ash Springs is not healthy. Here on the  
River it is good - but - is said to get very  
warm in the summer time.

I wish I could be with you - and work  
myself up so that I cannot rest - easy -  
thinking about you. And if how much I suffer  
in being deprived of your sweet companionship  
I often dream about you. And awake to find  
you absent. The last few hours I think how  
lovely it would be to <sup>have you</sup> ~~be with you~~

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~~As the time draws on I~~  
become more and more impatient for  
this business to close. I will expect you  
to join me in the first days of March if  
we do not get ordered in by that time -  
Mr Solomon still insists that we will not be

a scarf. Just imagine, they cannot have  
 leather boots like here - they crisp and curl  
 up as if in a fire - Canvas only is used.

Garden can get - Papyrus if needed - and for  
 the return trip you would not need one.

Please send for the Gardens and  
 have him bring you a list of all  
 the seeds he wants - and enclose  
 with the letter I send herewith and  
 hand to the Post-Treasurer - and  
 ask that you be enabled to let my  
 name of the request - is complied with.

I must now say Goodnight

~~With a thousand thanks for your sweet letters  
 and a wish that I could answer you soon~~

~~Respectfully~~  
 Elphinstone

{ also one to Post to me  
 which enclose to him }

In Camp - on Sta Arizonia  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 86

Walter

Post-Messner

President -

Sir

Enclosed please

find Memorandum of needs required at once  
for "A" Corp Garden at the Post - will you  
oblige me by ordering the same on acct of  
Post-Fund - and sending same to Mrs.  
Alvance for me

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Glen Downey

Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp

Cordy & son

In the field

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in care Covalep  
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