

California Sandiego Sept 24th 1849

Dear Sister, I once more take opportunity
of addressing you with a few lines informing
you that I have made my way safe across to
the Pacific Ocean at the port of San Diego a Mexican
City But we find an American military post
here I left the wagon 4 days ago they will be
six weeks or more yet I am going to take
shipping at this place I suppose that that
I will get a vessel in ten days from and
Will be three days going it is yet eight
hundred miles I have under went (corrected in pencil "gone") a great deal
since I saw last with fatigue of traveling
and hard times a great quantity of poor
fellows laid there bones in the wilderness
Some have drow[n]ed in the Colorado and some
perhaps will starve to death but I one
that has been blessed so far and if I have
luck from this an[d] I will be a head
of thousands that were ahead of me at the start We hear very favorable
news from the mines yet things are high
in this place a man can get five dollars a day
and it will cost him all most that to live
I have got the promise of some Rations from
the quartermaster of this place I will

give 23 cents per pound for bread and forty for
meat and [d]o well to get it at that
we learned at this this place that those that
went the northern route are starving to
death an[d] eating each other up Government
have sent them three hundred thousand
dollars worth of supplies from Monteray and San francisco

I have not much more to say I can
Not say with any certainty when
I shall be able to start home it is a ~~long~~
long distance from here there I am
on one side of the continent and you are
all most on the other I have come along
ways and I do not want have it for
nothing it is not a pleasure trip I can
tel[l] you something a Bout it in the next
letter you must must all do the the
Best that you can til I return you
must (corrected in pencil "wr") rite when you get this letter
Give my Best Wishes to all inquiring
Friends Nothing more at present
But Remaining yours affection
Brother Until Death

W. L. Garrison

To Miss Martha Garrison

Arks

Bradley Cty

Lotts Creek

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SanDiego, Cal,

Oct, 4th