[redacted] 1846-1853 Sally Scott [Murray] Chester Incoming Letters

Rockbura July 20th 1846

I am so much disturbed my dear Sister that I will not be able to see you before I leave home again, I hoped until I saw Brother James that you might possibly come up before I left for New York but now it is impossible I fear, so I must wait until Brother from Mexico to see you & your interesting little one, Little Sally they tell me is a most sweet & intelligent little thing & very much mamma's smart as ever. I want to see little Galloway my cousin Lizzie says he is the best child in the world. I found Ma quite sick but she is very much better in the two days which I have been at home & in a fair way to be well before long. I was anxious for her to go to Bath, or Bedford but she seems to be opposed to leaving home & as she is now doing so well there will probably be no necessity of her going away, I rec'd my commission about 3 weeks ago and very shortly after orders came for our company to go down to Genl Taylor's army, My orders fortunately were to go to Ft Columbus, N.Y. Harbor & from there to Mexico, so I have had time to take a look at home for 3 or 4 days, If I could have done so without taking all my time I sh'd have gone to West River certainly, but I had but 4 days or 3½ & one of them was Sunday so I had to give up all hopes of seeing you, I find every thing very natural at home, the house grounds, people & all just the same & if you were only here with your children I sh'd be satisfied perfectly. I was sorry enough to hear that the Doctor & the children had been suffering with chills so, bring them up to Eldridge soon, best love to the Doctor, I hope you rec'd the letter which I wrote you from Ft Gratiot not long since I did not expect to be at home so soon then. I am unfortunate in not seeing Dr Mom, he is still on West River Brother James told me, Mrs Chester told me that there was some chance of his going on to Phila on Tuesday at which time I shall go but I must not expect to find him Brother James says, I am glad to hear that he is able to stay longer than usual on West River it must be a great comfort to Mrs M.

You must give my best love to all the young ladies & every body else on West River & Fanny remember me particularly I sh'd so much like to see Dan, Cousin Lizzie says he is the most aristocratic looking child she ever saw, You shall hear from me when I get to Mexico I anticipate a very pleasant time, fortunately I am not afraid of mosquitos &c & can sleep on the floor or ground as well as anywhere else, Ned is going too & I shall be with his Regt which will be a great comfort to us both. I got to New York 2 days too late to see Frank which disappointed me a good deal. The poor fellow is in such an interesting state that I take more interest in him than ever Do write to me from Rockbura my dear sister you will not be so busy when you get there. I cannot expect you to write from West River but you must be very busy there. Best love to Cousin Phil Cousins, Uncle Sam & all around you. The Dr & all brothers & sisters & much love to your self & children from your affectionate sister

Sally Murray