1874-1887 Sally Scott [Mrs Gary] Chesney [redacted] meaning used

SIDE ONE

Medical Purveyor's Office,

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC,

San Francisco, Cal., December 5th, 1874.

My dear Sister Sally,

I have this moment received your most welcome letter of November 25th and am going to set you an example of punctuality, & to show how much I appreciate your letter & you by answering it without an ~~unusual~~ delay. I have not had such a satisfactory letter for a long time it tells me all about all our West River relations & gives me news I have been wishing to get for a long time, it is gratifying to hear of your boys doing so well, that is of all of them being so free from the worthlessness which seems to envelop the young men of the present time, I am sorry Bob does not find anything to do, it seems to me that he might find a place in Baltimore, with all his uncle Galloway's influence & business connection in that city & its very rapid growth I add think he might obtain some place for one of his nephews, He has done so much for his sisters & their children I should think he might push Bob along in the best way a young man can be helped by giving him the kind of work he is suited for, I do not like to see so many of our family deserting Maryland, I hope in a few years to retire & spend the balance of my

Tell Mary I want to hear from him when she writes to find out particulars about the boy in Va. Pilot. I want to know whether he was not to pay the tuition & expenses of the boy. If so there is a great as important difference in position & demand. Sam Pole's letter

Office Assistant Medical Purveyor, U. S. Army,

San Francisco, Cal., July 15, 1876.

I am ashamed to write to you after so long a time my dear Sally, but you know how hard it is to take up the habit of writing after almost giving it up, Except to Annie I have not written a private letter for so long that I can scarcely remember it, and even to Annie I allowed some months to go by without writing until two or three weeks ago, since when I am glad to say I had written twice, I feel so sorry for her, cut off as it were from all her relations, but she seems to be very well pleased at being with Mr. Plummer, I wish she could have remained at Sister Mary's; I suppose you have been crowded with visitors this summer, I hope Chestnut Hill has been more pleasant than Philadelphia, We see fearful accounts of the heat & the number of deaths from Sun Stroke, How are your boys, Does Murray go to St. Cole's? Robbie & Donny are well, Donny beginning to go to school & to do very well with his lessons, We will send Robbie to St Augustines Bishop Wingfields school on the 1st Aug. tho' it is scarcely worth while to begin there ~~for~~ I shall probably be ordered East in three or four