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My dear Brother

I received your most welcome letter a short time since, & grateful do I feel for the interest which you have shown in my behalf, & I trust in God that I may prove worthy of the kindness shown me by my family. Allow me to congratulate you & sister Alice upon the arrival of Mr Edward Bourke. Mother says that he is a charming boy, & resembles me. Sister Sally too has another girl. I shall be quite a stranger among the small boys when I return.

You ask me my dear Brother if there is any office under Government that I would like. I can safely say there is but one, that is a partnership in the Navy. Since I came to this country I have been remarkably fortunate. The death of Capt Warner was truly fortunate for me. Capt Sutter immediately gave me his Surveying, also made me his agent for an immense tract of Land. The sales which I have made have amounted to about fifty thousand dollars, for which I receive ten per cent. This together with fifty dollars per day for Surveying is I think worth working for. The town in which I now live is of my own making, & I think will in time be one of the most flourishing towns on Feather River. I have now an offer from Capt Sutter to go up the Sacramento River select a light for a town, survey it, sell out and divide profits. If this scheme succeeds I think of