

Dear & as Michigan Bluffs, Placerville, Cal. was
it is quite a good one in the February. Had a
and consent. Mother says this is well. Had it to be
shipped and she had just returned from Berkeley and
received your letter of the 9th. She had not should have written later
or three weeks ago, but was suddenly called away on
law business. Had to go down to Auburn as a witness and
have been busy and away from home until now. We
we have had it for a while if it is a cold winter. Snow has
been commenced the day before. Snow and sleet several
days. On Friday, she had enjoyed to go to Forest Hill
with the Red Tyler, B. Chas. Blake, to spend the day at Mrs. Webb's
but on Monday the snow had fallen to a depth of
at least 5 feet, and they backed out, as far as possible
and got through on horseback. It was quite an effort to
and start alone, and after a hard morning work got
to the Forest Hill and found myself the only one out of
the dozen expected guests. It was raining heavily at
this time. But 3 separate parties went for through the
snow that day by the way. I found that for some time I
had had been quite filled up, and had a good deal of
was stayed at Forest Hill until the 20th of January, which
was the storm. It is quite settled as to be
quite possible. On the 24th two men left a place 100 miles
from here in their stags and perished in the snow. The body
of one of them has been found, that of the other will probably
not come to light until the snow melts off entirely.
It would be almost impossible for you to understand
our climate here, although the snow is at least 10 inches
we have had a week of most beautiful weather, the

grass in a prairie up and down as to make
a coat quite a drop in walking or riding in the
heat of the day. There is still snow and mud for 2 or 3
miles below here, but below that the roads are perfectly
dry and hard and I had to stay at Auburn ten days,
waiting for my team to come on, but managed to pass
the time more agreeably than I have done there before
in Mr. W. C. Blood's (of whom I have to say a few words being
well known to the friends who stay here with some friends, and through
I have made the acquaintance of several families,
it was a very pleasant one. The day of last week
I rode down to Fabens, to ride, below Auburn with her
to the lady's gentleman at whose house she was staying
at the wedding of a young friend of ours, a son of the
to day, the engineer whom I worked with on the Railroad
Survey. We rode down early in the morning and returned
in the middle of the day. There was quite a large party
at the ceremony and a very elaborate breakfast, but
I did not care much for anything except the ride which
was pleasant. The last two days in Auburn I spent with
a friend, Chas. King, the ^{former} sheriff of the County and with
him I went on that "rover hunt" helping to make
him, he having a kind of epileptic fit and convulsions
some weeks which came very near carrying him off. I should
like to have staid to see him again, though he has
plenty of covered all the care he wants, as he has plenty of
friends around him. I had to come up, after staying
till the last moment, but next week had a miserable
ride in the dark for the last 10 or 12 miles and found
when I got home that the parties who had made

and all engagements with me will be ready to have the work
done for which I am sorry, for a week or two might just
as well have stayed down there a few days longer -
I suppose it tells you in my heart that I have received
Charles' letter from her in a moment I am of course very
happy to see your account and see of her happiness
& I hope I am health has been well recovered since the
I although you say in your last letter was getting strong
but very slowly & I am a good deal surprised at your
opinion of putting Dickson, who thought from what I
understand to be, combined with the opinion Charles expressed about
I see (gathered I suppose principally from her letters) that
the matter has now nearly gone to the wind certainly
I do not have any more qualities mixed with some very disagreeable
I have, indeed, supposed that the latter has been to a great
and interesting offer to have your thanks so differently
never to be mixed with you will be less pleasant for both
me and you than I should have thought would be
if you were made aware of the possibility of any getting married
- against the contrary, and if I had sense & money to put
me above any probability of want I might perhaps think
it a great improvement for myself & that I should not expect
what even of succeeding in doing any more than living from
month to month for many years to come & as long as that
is the case I shall be obliged to remain in my present state,
in that of mourning paper I don't suppose I can, any
more than other means, prove against the possibility of
making a fortune of paper & audacity. Contrary to my
inclination I am obliged, but I have not seen any good for
the cause or perhaps to be over in the country & I don't see
how I can be of any use
Wm. Pitt

...to make ^{now} ~~me~~ ~~do~~ ~~so~~ ~~and~~ for too do make a competence
...I shall probably be (if I continue at the present rate)
...for too old infirmly to think of anything of the kind
...advisable I think you are safe in expecting, if
...we all live, to see me again with no less health than
...we have already, and certainly with more sufficient to
...keep me out of bed if I am able, and for as money, for
...rights away from ~~me~~ ~~and~~ ~~hope~~ these American troubles
...will not affect your income in any way. Last April
...we are back at the commencement of our troublesome war
...some time and repaired manifestly wanted \$5000
...to ~~travel~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~I~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~as~~ ~~I~~ ~~should~~ ~~not~~ ~~now~~
...just willing to go to live on a Band by myself and the
...deception has gone deep for getting into the business favorably
...at the time it first spoke of it could have done well
...at it, but it would not now pay sufficiently to make
...me give up my whole time to it. I could make money
...early by safe investments if I could get a few thousand
...more at European rates of interest, which I have no work for
...I have to send me any for any particular purpose
...I have not seen Charles for 3 months, but hear from
...him constantly. He is well and continues to improve
...You are right enough in thinking his wife exposed there
...in nothing at all silly about his and her's as well
...of mischief and obstinacy, as any body can be. I
...am very anxious that his character should be fixed in
...the right direction soon, or he will be a very troublesome
...with me. I have had to bear such gross accusations
...that I accept with best love to them, I have I think, and
...his husband when you write to them. Believe me I am
...your ever affectionate son
W. Stanroom