**1849 09 21 Gray in San Francisco to Wetmore**

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San Francisco 21st Sept 1849

Dear Brother,
I have received your two letters, one by Capt Riddell and one by Mr Judah, enclosing the patterns for the pipe. I brought down the first patterns you made, which probably you were not aware of. Tomorrow I hope to find time enough to attend to ordering the requisite quantity of pipe. I have been kept extremely busy to-day, and have accomplished something, although not so much as I wished. ~~The stoves~~ The ~~and~~ tin-ware from the Charlotte is to be brought up by the John Dunlap, which is to sail on Thursday. ~~The stoves to come by weight~~ the crates (4) by measurement. ~~In case the ship Charlotte cannot deliver the boxes on Monday or by Tuesday morning, they will then have to be put on the Hewitt for Thursday.~~ It will hardly do to send any stoves up to Sac City, until we can send every thing complete. My impression is, there will be no overstock of them. I priced some to day of similar patterns to ours. N$^{O}$ 4 was $85 and N$^{O}$ 5 was $100 so that our charge is about right – say 2 60
3 75
4 85
5 100

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There are smaller sised stoves sold here at less rates, but they are too small to be desirable.

To day I have arranged to have all the Scales (except five Platforms) sent up to Benicia. These five making one half the lot, will be left at Meacham & T. (ed. note: firm of Meacham & Tallant) for private sale. Stndley's lot of shoes go up to Benicia. Out of Stearn's lot I shall send up 1 - ¼ cask of brandy - 1 ¼ cask Madeira wine 1- ½ barrel port - 1 cask port and 2 barrels Cherry brandy 38 baskets of the champagne and the box of cigars. The rest of the lot will be sold at auction by M & T. on Wednesday next – (5 pr ct). Babson, Derem & Lemozne's three boxes of clothing will go up to Benicia. The lot of clothing from J. Simmons & Co, I sold this day to Simmons Lilly Co for $2444 and some cents which is g2 prct on the cost price and then add the item of interest at foot of the bill, which is I believe $47.92. I would like to have got the freight, instead of the interest, but had so much on my mind that I concluded to close it at what I consider to be a pretty good advance, especially considering that we have other lots of our own to dispose of, and it would take some time for us to realize as much for this lot, and perhaps a deal of trouble. By remitting Carroll his proceeds by next steamer we may be enabled to get a respectable lot of such… *(end of page 2)*

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…things as we may wish to order. I have some idea of ordering an iron warehouse, either for own use, or in case we should not need or want it for that, as a matter of speculation. I was much pleased to day with the appearance of Simmons Lilly & Co iron warehouse which they are now occupying on Sacramento st. opposite Speck & Bayherd.

The goods which I have named to come up to B. from the Fletcher, are to come by the launch schr Creole at $1-pr hundred. You will please look out for them on Monday morning (they may arrive on Sunday) and pay the freight, which will be not far probably from 200$ –

The Xylon & Hebe are not yet attended to. Hanson talks ridiculously about our paying expenses etc and I only laugh at him for his pains. He is trying his hardest to shrink out of his bargain and it is all important that Bayles or Manhlin should be here, so as to overwhelm him with evidence. They too, have something aboard other vessels that require attention. Webb arrived this morning.

A parcel of letters was handed to Dall & Austin, for us, by a Mr Smith from Balt who came in the last steamer and by him put into the Post office just before I arrived so you have probably received them in Benicia. Should any…. *(end of page 3)*

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…of them require attention, please enclose them in envelope to me here, together with such open replies and other letters as you may wish to send to the states. The steamer goes punctually on the 1st Oct. but I shall endeavor to get thso here, so as to come up home by Saturday the 29th at farthest

Mr Hunt has been absent over a week at the Pueblo and Monterey and will not return until next week, so you cannot see him next Sunday. I called on Mrs H this evening. She is well, expects their house to arrive next month, and wishes Mary to come down and pay her a visit.

Phelps has not returned from Monterey. X_____
the mill come up to Benicia to stay some time, having got through with the building improvements etc. here. Ross Benton & Co have the selling of 100 horses to arrive for which $80,000 would be taken and it is a question of “quien sabe” (ed: translation – “who knows”) whether they may not fetch up in Benicia. Judging from the past, I take it for granted that that is all talk, and that the horses will be put up <u>any where</u> <u>else</u> <u>but</u> Benicia. Most probably in San F. or Sacramento or the Pueblo (ed. Note – this is San Jose, CA.). Richmond’s store has arrived at last, and is being erected next to Ladds. The ship James Monroe has just returned from the islands with a Coral Stone House, some wooden houses, and a cargo of lumber, potatoes, squashes, pumpkins, onions, hay etc etc

Yrs Truly S.C. Gray