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Benicia Wednesday Eve Aug 8 th 1849

Dear Brother

I regret exceedingly that you did not try to make some arrangement with Capt Tabor of the Sloop Caroline instead of getting Capt Walsh's Schooner for two reasons first because a part of the goods would have been here by this time and second because in my opinion it would have cost less. Had you bargained to have the goods brought up for a stipulated sum it would have been better, for I very much doubt if the schooner will carry all the goods at two loads in which case it will cost considerable more. Had you received my letter in season informing you of the partial arrangement with Capt Perry to bring them all up for two thousand dollars, I am inclined to think it would have saved us something. The Caroline arrived here this evening also the bark Isobel bound for Sacramento City. The Southampton leaves to morrow morning by which I send this letter. The warehouse comes on rather slowly. The workmen were two or three days out of work for want of lumber but as soon as...*(end of page 1)*

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...but as soon as Stedman returned I stirred them up about it and they went and borrowed some boards which they had sold a month or two ago. I think the building will be completed all but the doors and roof before you get here with the goods, that is to say all but the inside work, I suppose there will be some fitting up to do. I should have gone to Sonoma before this for that money had I known whether Ross Benton & Co had received Gov Bagg's goods for him. I thought you would have let me know about it. I have not time to tell you the news for I am pretty tired and must retire. Father and I have been to the woods with a team and chopped and brought home a load of wood to day. I think if we can get coal at forty dollars a ton to burn this winter it will be cheaper than wood.

A Dios

Yours Truly

C. E. Wetmore

{All well}

I would send you some money to purchase a few articles in the grocery line if I were sure you would get it in time. Bring up a barrel of flour without **fact**.*(end of page 2)*

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Aug 9th Enclosed I send you a draft in favor of H. Grimes on B. Phelps. I owe Mr Grimes \$1170. I hope he will throw in the odd seventy. I have an account against him of sixty five dollars, leaving a balance of \$70. He holds a note against me which I wish you to take up with this draft.

If he will not throw in the 70 have it included on the note. It is for the goods that I sent up the letter and lost.

Yours Truly
C. E. W —

If he is not willing to throw in the odd 70 you need not give him the draft without you choose. I hold a note of Mr Phelps of \$2000 on which 1000 has been paid leaving due \$1000 the amount of the draft.

Mr Webb is a little offish about establishing here. *(end of page 3)*

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The Dr and Mr Jones have commenced keeping house at the hospital. Tell Mr Bales that I have secured him the store next to corner for 150 pr month for six mos with the privilege after that time at a fair valuation of rents. The General wants the corner for an office.

C. E. Wetmore
8 Aug't 1849

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