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Dear Cooper

I received your returned of the 15th of last month in due time and am happy to learn that you and your family are all well.

You say I owe you nothing for my wife but you recollect the last time I saw you you agreed to take pay for what you thought the expense might be and I did expect to pay you on my return to Montrose if my wife had been only a week or 10 at your house it would be nothing but there reason in all things even in Deo ~~Sc~~ is for ~~the~~ much of the month.

As for my ~~Sc~~ gear which you advised me to have in good order I can assure you it was never in better condition as I have already given it a number of trials and it seems to stand it very well only that the issue is not quite so great but by all accounts your gear is something like a quotation from the Bible in the 2^d Chapter of Genesis when it says when flesh is like the flesh of aspen and the issue like the issue of Moses God help poor Chiquita.

I arrived here on the 7th of last month and was very well received by the Padre and except being separated awhile from my wife was treated in every other respect very well they thought at first of ending my marriage but after going through a long course of examinations of me and my wife they found that ~~we~~ ^{we were} happily married and as the Devil is still could not separate us so all these long ladies that have had

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so much to say about my marriage being unlawful, may go to hell and go to the devils and if you hear any of these speak any more about it please damn their ears on my account, I was allowed to join my wife on the 12th of last month (and permitted to when and where I pleased) since which I have been labouring hard every night and if there was no matter with the child soon it will not be my fault for I am doing my damndest but shall soon be obliged to take in last for fear of straining the child as you know that to much last will soon spoil a good child but I'll do all I can merely to improve the Californian breed for God knows it is wanted.

I received a letter a few days since from Mr. Hammond in which he says that it is reported at St. Barbara that I have been wearing the Cadres garments by way of penance, if such a report is current at Monterey I beg your will contradict it as it is a most infernal lie for I never lived more independently in any Mission I have passed much as I pleased in every thing except wearing with my wife when I promised the Cadres I would not do until he had got through with my examination I went to the Quills whenever I thought proper and in fact I never liked more at my ease, my wife during the time lived with Mr. Hammond's son and was treated with as much respect as if nothing had happened.

Before I arrived here I thought I hated Cadres Sanchez but find him to be a fine old fellow (had it not been for the Ignorance of some I am sure I should not have had half the trouble that I have had) he was not at all particular about

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my religious prayers or in fact any thing else but seemed to wish to get me through as soon as possible.

I intend to leave my wife this trip with Mr. Chapman to board as it will be inconvenient to take her in the next trip on account of Mr. Hammond's being unwell and he will occupy my state room, and a mother reason I expect to find Mexico in some difficulty on account of the invasion any reason for not leaving her with her parents is that after she left Monterey her father abused her most shamefully frequently threatening to flog her and telling her that I was a heretic and that she was living with me as a common prostitute and such like stuff and for the matter I intend that neither my wife or myself shall have any thing more to do with such a damned brute, damn I can't be held he will be sure to go there but he is the most of his countrymen. I expect to start from this for St. Diego in 2 or 3 days to join the ship and expect to sail shortly for St. Blas and shall probably return to this Court in about May or June.

Wishing that the Lord may find you and your family all in your health I remain

Yours sincerely
A. J. P. My wife goes to day to
I hope some day to commence
hearing she would her best respects to you & your wife and family
I see Mr. Hardy that I have left me in St. Barbara and since then I have not heard from him

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Capt. Henry Titch

Nov 11. 1831

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To Genl. J. R. Cooper
Wm. Titch

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