

Sullivan Sept. 30th 1849.

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The climate is salubrious & the people in this region generally healthy, (altho' I hear of considerable sickness in other parts,) but the heat & excessive drowth are oppressive during the hours of sunshine - you will recollect that we have no rain, nor any clouds, during the entire warm season (say) from April to January or thereabouts, I have seen none of consequence on either side of the Rocky Ridge, since last March.

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improves, shall not attempt the expedition before- mentioned. I have but one object of great anxiety & solicitude - that is my dear father, whom I greatly fear I shall see no more on Earth - God grant these fears may not be realized - My mind at ease on this subject, I would be comparatively happy, but it never can be until I hear from him & when O' when shall that be, I shall in a day or two, ^{send} to Stockton for letters & earnestly hope there may be some there. I think by this time you have ceased expecting my return the present year & how can you reasonably expect, ^{at} when you notice the Dates. My anxiety to return is greater than you can possibly imagine, but at present I consist, for according to the best estimates I have been able to make, it would cost from here to St Louis (comfortably), 500\$ which is a little more than I can at present com- mand, altho, I have made some & have got it now, yet it is not enough! But just as soon as I can accumulate enough to moderately com- pensate me for my time & toil - homeward I go. I do wonder if you are married yet! how I would be delighted to see the Fair Prospective: tell me in your next all you know about it. I forgot in my last ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~write~~ in my haste, to make acknowledgements of your last record at Sautage, which gave me great satisfaction. Your response to the Rev^d Gentleman above, was mine exactly - the transaction

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Prof. Newton I. Bateman
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Via Panama

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