



Thomas Montgomery and family papers.

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My Dear Mother

Once more I seat myself to address you a few lines, hoping they will find you all in good health, and enjoying yourselves.

I am happy to inform you that Bro. Sandy has arrived here in safety. He came yesterday was 15 days coming from Omaha City.

I scarcely knew him, he was so fleshy, but by this time I have become reconciled to his looks and think he looks more natural. His voice had changed I thought more than his appearance.

He came down on the Stonewall. He had several narrow escapes both from Indians & the water.

I am glad to see him here in safety. He has seen and heard many things that I have not. We sat up nearly all last night talking about matters and things, past, present and future. He brought a carpet sack containing some clothing. He has not said yet what he intends doing in the future or how long he will stay,

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The weather has been very disagreeable here until lately, on account of so much rain, making every thing damp in tents and mildewing our clothing.

I took down our shades to give the sun a chance to keep things dry.

Sandy and I spent the evening over at Mrs. Hendricks. We listened to some very excellent vocal and instrumental music. Some other officers and ladies were there.

All the Captains but myself, went down to New Orleans to attend the trial of St. Violet as witnesses. I managed to get clear.

The Cholera has been very bad in this city and it still continues.

but I think its reign will soon be over. Most of us are in good health.

I have very little of interest to write this time and will therefore close by sending for myself and Sandy best love to your Father and Bertha.

Your Affectionate Son  
Thomas

P.S. I saw Mr. Estlin today.

He is pretty well & hopes Lizzie will take care of