

Austin
14th April 1860

My Dear Sir,

Your favor received this morning, I thank you for, I sent answer to your letter since then I have not heard from home. I am still compelled to eat my dinner in the office, owing to the press of business.

Your letter, received your drawing yesterday and last morning when I went home "My Dear, & Pargan must see brother Sam's beautiful drawing of the warriors and the canoe men". I looked at it, and thought it quite clever. Your Mr. request me to go to the city and look for the "Trapper's last shot". I hunted in a half dozen places, and found the man has left it, so I could not obtain one for you. I have procured for you Agassiz's Maricopa sitting on the ruins of Santhage. At your first leisure, I wish you to read

The History of famous Mariners. I think you will find it in Rollins or Gibbons' editions, & full of the Roman Empire. If not in them you will find it in the archives of Waller, or some one of the Professors can point you to it. What a noble instruction, & delighted with it, as he was one of the proudest Romans I am glad that was a Roorkack about the Port. I have written in my morning to know if it is about famous Mart Sea, as I hope it has been exaggerated by the Reporter.

Little William better to day, and I hope the dear little fellow will soon be well. Sam's health is improving much, and as the warm season advances, I hope her health will become established. The Girls are all learning well, and have an occasional spat, with the "Fair haired Octavia". I hope it will be for their advantage. I do not recollect of any other news, than what I have imparted to you.

Mr Pratt has your regards, & says he met Miss Aldham on the

street this morning, and she looked as blooming as a Pink, & attractive as a Swamp cabbage. Things that are familiar to you in Boston would be new to us at home.

Miss Ragdale, has not been at home for some time. She is one of the smartest Girls I have seen in Austin. I think she sends regards to your sister. Andrew is a clever fellow in the world, & he can do as he wishes. He had been hugging the dog, the other day, and that night I had to get up, & take off his flannel, & turn it and whip it in the Hall, as I think ^{the dog} ~~they~~ would have nearly eaten him up. Since then I think he has not been so familiar with them.

We all join in love to you, & dear & full all.

Thy devoted
Father

Calist Austin
Boston

Sam Houston

Famous Mariner & the copies will soon be sent
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