

Baltimore 4 Jan'y 1860

Dear Bro.

We wrote yesterday—for fear of a snow storm blocking up the road and stopping the mail—and it was probably well we done so as today we have a heavy snow now falling and there is but little probability of this letter getting though in time for the Steamer of the 5th.

We have little or nothing to add to what we wrote yesterday. Fitzgerald sold 4 or 5000 Saita Hides xxx damaged at 18 ½ xxxxx all round. Chili we suppose would bring 20c today if of good merchantable quality.

The advices from Australia some short time since represented the crop of wheat then as being small not over 2//3x of a crop and that they would be dependant upon Chili for supplies. We trust it may keep freight upon the West coast. Whitridge's new ship left here today, since for Australia loaded with Richmond Flour and by late San Francisco paper. The Ship Mary Whitridge was to load breadstuffs there for Australia- It may be that you can get a freight there for the H.B. if you can't do anything better with the Wenham should you go round seeking freight she could be a ggod vessel for such a voyage.

The Maria we prefer having sold- in fact if yu can get good prices sell all of them. The Maria is now sound and having had since we owend her about \$30000 spent on her at different times in the way of repairs she might to be a very good vessel and worth here about \$10000 and much higher in the Pacific. If she is sold we are to pay Capt. Johnson passage home and wages till his return. If however he could get a water xxx situation on a

vessel returning to the U.S. you can arrange with him about wages and the best way that you can satisfactorily to him.

Capt. Sanfords Barque sailed for china some 80 to 90 days sicne and is reported sold for 25000 on her voyage to China.

We sent your letter yesterday including Rachel's to call H. Gunning and Co at Valparaiso. And think of a letter to Quayqquil—this we send to Callas. Your papers yesterday were directed to Valp.

All the homefolks are well except Jane. She was rather better yesterday than she had been for a month previous.

Thomas and Sallie start tomorrow for the fourth and will go as far as new Orleans.

Thomas will be drumming up business . We wrote to you that we had financed a partnership with Mssr. Dowley & Demarest in New York to do a commission in business there under the firm of Dowley, Corners and Co and were in hopes to have had a card to send you by this mail. But they are not finished yet.

When you are wiring if you have anything important to communicate yu can enclose it to them to be telegraphed to us.

Yours affy

J A Cor & Sons

(attached newspaper clipping: The undersigned have formed a copartnership for the purpose of transacting a general commission business under the firm of DOWLEY, CORNERS & CO. at 164 Front street. JOHN DOWLEY JAS. DEMAREST, JAS CORNER & SONS, of Baltimore.

New York, January 1, 1850.