

**P.J. Roe to Sarah Whiteman**

Molino Del Rey, Mexico, 14 February 1848.

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February the 14<sup>th</sup> 1848 in Camp at Molino Del Rey

Dear Sarah I receiv<sup>d</sup> yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> December A few days since and was gratified to learn that you was well And likewise that you kept your promise About writing so well. we Arrive<sup>d</sup> At the city of Mexico on the very Day you wrote your letter. We remained in the city exactly one month. & then mov.<sup>d</sup> to our present encampment 4 miles out from the city we Are now campd out in our tents which I like much better than being quartered in the city as the men are much healthier. I regret ~~to have~~ to have to record the death of 4 of our company who died of measles while in the city. we had some 20 cases of this disease but they have All recover.<sup>d</sup> Those who died were William Sandy, Edwin Monroe, James Woodard, & Oliver Burrell They were All quite young but I hope

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they are At rest of which I no doubt. for ^ any persons could inhabit A Good country I believe that it would be the volunteer soldiers or those who Attend to the calls of their country. John is well And has enjoy.<sup>d</sup> fine health during the campaign so far I am well as usual enjoying the best of health which has invari attended me through life so Far. For which favor I trust I am not ungrateful. As for news I have nothing of importance to communicate to you at this time other than the news of peace which is All the Go here at the present time that it is Already or About to be concluded. I am not Altogether satisfies in my own mind About the correctness of this news Although it may be true if so we will in All probability by At home by the middle of July or first of

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August when some of your Fears you speak of in your letter can in All Probability ^ remov.<sup>d</sup> you wrote that you was so [2] afraid of being deceiv.<sup>d</sup> that you could not speak one consoling word. And that it was hard to know the Breast of man I trust your opinions in regard to me deceiving or any thing of that nature may rest hereafter if they should not at the present time as to the Breast of men I think it entirely necessary for A woman to be

satisfied fully of the heart of man And know before Going to far that he has A Breast that beats for her but of this I know that you are Aware of my feelings towards you, & more I wish that every thought that ever enter my mind in regard to you was written on the Blue heavens in letters where you could read them, then I think your fears would vanish And you would view your best friend in A proper light. but every thing comes right in the end I understand & works together for Good, so will our case, so I wish you to lay Aside All your fears And when you write to Phil Speak your mind Freely As I give you mine which is my nature, and A quality in A woman I Admire Above Any other, but should this news of peace be true in A Few short months I will see you & all these matters be Attended to without the writing of letters which is not the best or safest way by Any means what I told you the last time I saw you every word you may rely where this I am confident you have not forgotten, so then I deem it unnecessary to recount those promises, & conversation that we have made & had face to face if will however remark my mind is the same to A letter And you may rest at ease that I am one of [3] the unchangables whenever I make up my mind About Any matter whatever, the last letter I wrote to you I enclos<sup>d</sup> to John L Roe for fear of Accidents that might occur, John is the true blue & my particular friend you need not be the least uneasy About him As he will keep every thing right this I will enclose to him Also. there is three of our boys coming home who will Carry this & the rest of my letters I have been writing ever since sun rise this morning it is now late At night the time I Always choose for writing such letters As this. Ross & Harry. & our [negro] is all snoring [finely], fast Asleep. They All belong to my mess Green messes by himself & has for 2 months part but I will speak of him when I see you & save the trouble of writing I will say however that we are quite friendly Although he never comes in my tent nor I in his unless on business in conclusion Give my respects to your Father & family, & your Family that is the old man & boys retaining for yourself my best wishes & respects I remain your sincere friend well wisher +& Lover &c &c

To Miss Sarah Whiteman

P.J. Roe

I enclose to you some Flowers I pluck.<sup>d</sup> in the city of Mexico-