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Sanfrancisco September the 28th 1849

Mr. Howe

it is a long time since i have had the opituinity to rite you a letter the postage in valparaiso was so high i thought it prudent to wait till i got hear i arived in sanfrancisco september the sateday the 22 we have had a fine pasag some of the ships that started from boston have not been heard of and some have been two hundred and eighty days, all our pasengers are well the news are good rather better than i exspected some things sell for a great price and others are low brick and lumber are high clothing are cheap as they are in boston there is now aboutt five hundred vessels in the harbor that cannot git away seamons wages are three hundred dolars a month land rents very high hear higher than it does in boston provisions are very high in the mines we have on hand six months provisions though we can not git but a few up to the mines at a time we shall store them and git them as well want the bay state cumpany have disolved and we have formed our selves into messes of twelve in a tent labour is very high the gold is more abundent than i exspected i shall start for the mines as soon as we git the ship discharged i have not had a letter from you as the mail is now one month behind the time so if you had rote me i shall not git it till the next mail

arives i should bee verg happy to heair from you
when you git this leter i shall rite you again
when i have an opitunity

I remain your humbel servent
Lyman Rowe Samuel S Bacon

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