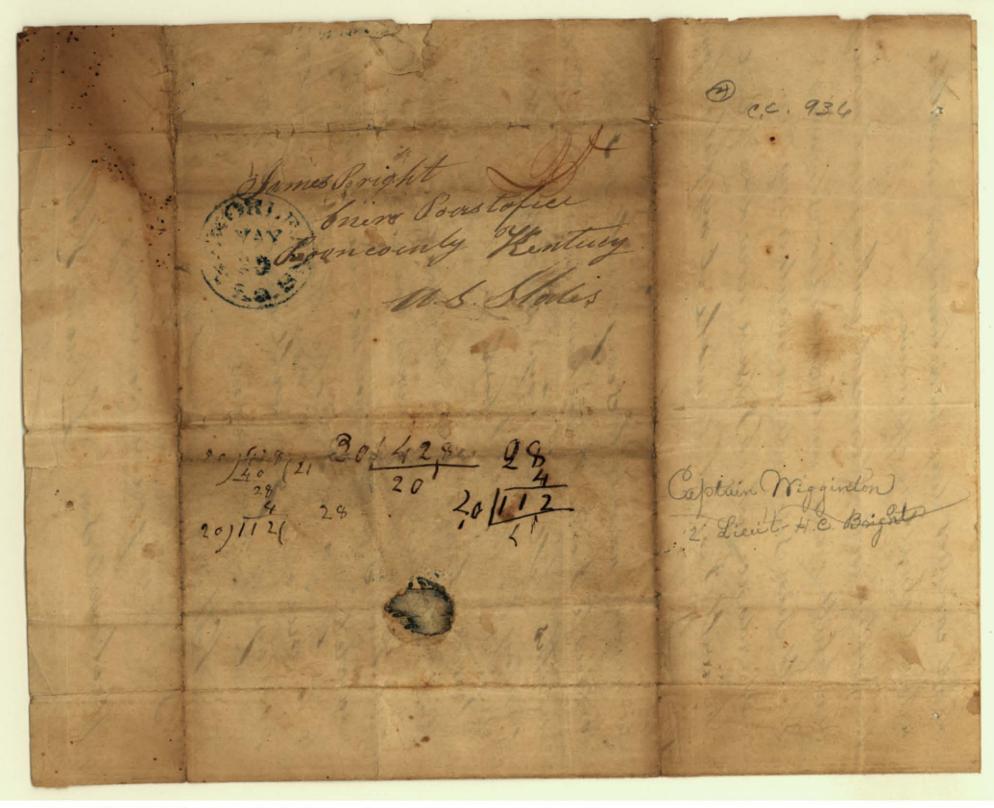
Derian army Camp Preston Aprile 13th 15 57 Dear parents I am now wel and harty and I. embrace this operturity to rite to you asportally The last of Shall have for Sund time as we are about to enter into and active campain? and the Merican flust ess consisting of about there Brigs and three Senies of Mar Mich has cut fall Communication buy water the Mexicans have Taken too United States vifsels loaded with provisions armes and amunition for the armey find consequent of which we will suffer mutet for provision We now have Mitting to eat but beaf and caffee without bread but notwithstanding the army is in good health and Spirits Their has buin but too deaths Scince Parrived hear which has buil about Fish were hes . From all that care we have heard we have reasond to believe that the every is advancing with a france of about eight thousand we now lie on the Labacha hiver about Sixteen miles from its interence find the bay He Shall take up the line of march tromorne or west day over the Colerado to give time for the bitizens time too assemble that we may be beter about too confee with the energ

to pair as I can ben Scian and have a right to Judge Jeras is cirtainly the beautifulest buntry I saver saw The blimate is sow eaven and and world that we are neiter parelad up with during no preved with writers could at this time white other dimote morer the Troopiets then this we have it milde and pleasant in fret I have is cean warmer weather in Kentucky no this deagest of the year then I have Seean ha ed meadow the then a niew and weld wintry on eavy hand we ar meat with large glades of pirary land covered with grafs about an ele high anders grean and lender is the finest timothy you ever seaw and to the beauties of the the Sceanery is The carge heards of the finerst cattle in the world which are to be seean in all direct tions graseing over the firary the land is level and high and found by the bre ges wither from the gulf or the Mountains the are is so fun hear that ment can be progeorous for weaker withtout fulery

death carries lay Similines for munths without Smelling offencive The contry interspeared with a great many beautifull rivers and smaller streams Should Texas Succease in mentaining her indefendance which I have now don't but The will I expect to make it my fuler home The great distance which durdes as weather as The moan anxious to sea you all of I am fortunate d'expect toe euser in a bout twelve months tell the boys that this is the cuntary for them I hope wish you to rile to Sames wheave eaver he is and tell his that inne very anxious toe heary francis and that I wish him toe rite toe mee inmedialely and & house that you will no to too mee often you will have fortoo pay the positage la newordians Nothing mione at preasant Iremainly oure unworthy and Aftectionale Sun Sulmant St. b. Siright

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Dear parents I am now wel and harty and I embrace this opportunity to rite to you as probably the last I shall have some time as we are about to enter into an active campaign and the Mexican fleat in consisting of about three

have entire possession of the gulf
Brigs and three Services of War ^ which has cut of all communication buy
water the Mexicans have taken too United States vessels loaded with
provisions and ammunition for the armey in consequence of which we will
suffer mutch for provision.

We now have nothing to eat but beef and coffee without bread but notwithstanding the armey is in good health and spirits. There has been but too deaths since I arrived hear which has been about Six wekkes. From all that we have heard we have reason to believe that the armey is advancing with a force of about eight thousand. We now lie on the Labachia river about Sixteen miles from its enterence in the bay.

We shall take up the line of march tomorrow or the next day over the Colorado to give time for the citizens time to assemble that we may be better abal too confer with the eney.

As fair as I have scean and have a right to judge Texas is certainly the beautifullest country I eaver saw. The climate is sow eaven and moderate that we are neiter parched up with Sun heat nor pierced with winter coold at this time unlike other climate nearer the tropicks, then this we have it milde and pleasant in fact I have scean warmer weather in Kentucky at this Season

of the year then I have scean heare the country has moare the appearance of one continued meadow the then a niew and wild country on every Land we are meat with large glades of prirary land covered with grass but about ankle ad to high and as grean and tender as the finest timothy you ever saw and ^ the beauties of the Sceanery is the large heards of the finest cattle in the world which are to be scean in all directions grazing over the prirary The land is leavle and high and found by the breezes either from the gulf or the mountains The are is so pure hear that meat can be preserved for weakes without [picleing?] dead carcuses lay sometimes for months without smelling offensive. The country is interspearsed with a great many beautifull rivers and smaller streams Should Texas succeade in maintaining her independence which I have now dout but she will Perfect to make it my future home. The great distance which divides us makes me the moare anxious to sea you all As I am fortunate Perfect toe come in about twelve months Tell the boys that this is the country for them I hope wish you to rite to James wheare eaver he is and tell him that ime very anxious toe hear from him and that I wish him toe rite to me immediately and I hope that you will rite to me often

Nothing more at preasant.

I remain youre unworthy and affectionate Son

you will have for too pay the postage to neworlians.

Lutenant H.C. Bright