

Santa Cruz Cal.

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1855

My dear Mr Bixlow

I wrote you two  
<sup>since</sup> weeks, to announce the  
arrival of my son, in  
whose behalf I requested  
some little kindnesses from  
you. I hope that letter did  
not seem intrusive or ex-  
acting. I have a painful  
dread of being felt in  
this way by the few in-  
dividuals whose old  
friendship seems to author-  
ize any expectations in  
those times. I hoped to have

heard from Mr. Gallowin  
by the last mail, and that  
my Dps. had gone, or w'd  
soon go to press do you  
know any thing of it?

I part with Charlie  
at this time - tho' his going  
leaves me quite alone.  
because it is an impera-  
tive necessity in this case  
that he sh'd be at school  
and the young life of this  
country is so fearfully  
corrupt that I cannot  
let him go away from  
me to mix with it in  
school or elsewhere.

Of course I feel great

concern for him and  
I shall be more grate-  
ful for any helpful  
hints or care toward  
him than I should  
be for attention shown  
to myself. Please let  
me hear from you  
and believe me as  
ever.

Yours Truly  
W. P. Hamman

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*