

Galveston March 6<sup>th</sup>/66

Dear Brother William

I will now write you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along out here in this part of the world, I am doing about the same as usual I am still in the Custom House and am stationed down at the west end of Galveston Island, William I feel to sympathize <sup>with</sup> you in your very great bereavement, I know that you will miss her greatly especially in the care of the poor little children, they will miss their poor mother very much, William the last month of her life she was a great sufferer she would not show it any more than she could help when awake but as soon as she fell asleep she would show it by groaning nearly all of the time, Her trunk I have sent on in the steamer Saragossa with Frederick Mills he is a cousin of mine, there will be no freight on it only expensing from the steamer to Gophawk I have sent it in the

care of Osborne Overton, Sarah has written  
to you the particulars about everything concerning  
her things and it is with the trunk. William  
I send in this a bill of her expenses which  
I should not have done yet but I am very  
much in need of it for I have had a  
great deal of sickness in my own family  
since I arrived here and I am behind hand  
over one hundred dollars and the people are  
pushing me every day for it, so I am  
compelled to ask it of you. Your bills have  
not all been paid yet but the amounts have  
all been sent in so I have got the amount  
of them all and as soon as I pay them I  
will send you the receipts, I have sent  
on a draft to Capt Smith Dayton on you  
for seventy five dollars which I would like  
for you to pay him if you possibly can  
for he needs the money very bad and I  
promised to send him on the money but  
I could not get it for him, If you have  
the whole to spare you may send the rest  
out by him to me if he comes which I  
expect he will, but if you have not got it

all I would rather for him to get his draft,  
and I wait for the balance myself, I expect  
to take Sarah & Charley down to the west end  
with me tomorrow and leave Cecilla in Galveston  
to go to school. I suppose that we shall all  
stay down there this coming summer if nothing  
happens more than I know of at present,  
Sarah is quite complaining now and Charley has  
just got about from an attack of pneumonia  
and the day Capt Dayton left here he took a  
swallow of Jodini and came very near going  
for it and Cecilla has been troubled with her  
throat and I was sick over a month so take  
it all around we have had our share of sickness,  
Give my love to all of the children and tell  
them that I would like to see them all once  
more, I must close my letter for this time  
hoping that it finds you all in good health  
and prosperity, I remain

Yours fraternally  
Your Brother Charles