



[William Crosfield Letters](#)

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Shannon "Golden Gate" off from the

Tuesday October 25, 1859

My dear father,

You cannot tell how pleased I was to find by my last letter that you are so much better than you were. How as things stand I should not wonder if I see Jamaica, indeed. I shall wonder if I don't. Western travel is a curiosity, that's a fact, I will give you the most present example. This steamer left St Louis on Sunday evening. I thought I would save the Sabbath day's journey and join her here where she is advertised to connect with the N.Y. Railroad starting on the arrival of the morning. I travelled all night and arrived here at 5.30. came to the boat in a hurry, we have moved on and since then now now. When I was in the barber's shop at breakfast time the officiating minister thought "we are going to start as the steam is up" - and here we are in status quo. How tedious in front of us far in time. The clerk tells me we shall be here till evening. I hope their going may end with today. I wish in pronouncing but we shall not stop to travel in our way and still taking a round just as we are leaving. I have told a friend that I was just going to Philadelphia and then second way across of the Great Western being at Portland "Canada" and times. I should like to go on as I said and see her. He was going 200 miles and the extra 400 seem no object and the same to return. I will tell you I have passed over a very considerable ride of the Illinois Central, 625 miles out of the total 700. I cannot see how it can be so rapid for more than 400 miles. I have

duty and has the usual expectations of his race. I have made the acquaintance today of a Scotsman who is in great disgust at the most things, but with a long face like many others before political, once a member of parliament for a few years, telling of his time at the little table for whisky, brought in Scotland to carry out the law - have a gaming table on board and a party of his desire for vote by ballot. But he is going back and staying with the doing a working trade. give all their glories the glory. I expect we shall do. You speak of money matters. Have an account as he is bound for Cuba and has some introduction with Philip Smith & Co and you will likely see me to Louisiana which he kindly offers to have with him in or soon as you hear from them. I have to be quite in for your home life. When I was at the house I had a big sum of money and I took it into my study room today found it was 100 and then took it. I saw \$150 in the house a pair of hand cuffs and made a gift of them to the doctor in fact. I believe I told you that I should not of course. I was to go to you and give you a gift by way of how to go and think. But there is a gang of niggers on board we conversed but I cannot look for a head. There was a man with one foot back about his prospects. He was at the bank money was in a most awful state. One stout, stout looking fellow with jet black hair was charging in 20% discount one gold to want bright eyes and teeth that any one might envy their own bills - and the trader would not know the sum of his story was that he had only been sent to take what to leave, a man might go by his master's good days and the future - what to best with out get in a poor man with his blank! "we're for sale in the south" just before - because worth nothing. One might just as well look for a copper coin to my room mate in every throw. I would not take into the room as carry them. We two Britons went on shore and just before went off the state. I was fortunate in being able to help thank Heaven. I had a day's delay to the house of the friends who had some of their work by letting him. I then got to New Orleans and my movements must say all my accounts. How sad it is that our custom is guided by your letter and perhaps my friend. I have a letter to Mr. Crawford our Consul General in Havana, stuck up for Thompson and thought at Havana from the 1st. I shall be glad to see him. The Custom House should be abolished of one to P.D. I expect you get this as I shall be obliged to you. How much the fact of a private party given ready to believe and believe but by that means a man to act, very privately, however little time and delighted to hear anything from you. You may know of his character and character.

Mamma asks about fruit. Berries are not here,
I do not believe that I have seen one since we
this country. As you I did not at all. The
Pears are good, more particularly the Bonnet - a
large yellow one and the smaller small ones both
both very juicy & sweet. Apples are the great fruit
after melons which must always stand at the top
of the tree in my mind. The general complaint
is that the crop is gradually falling off and
consumption at home is increasing. That is
been thinking that Uncle Tom might like a box
before I get Maggie's letter. That an erratic
Abraham Wierholt is, as for Morley, I have been
looking for his last move for a long time for
what I have heard. I cannot hear any account
of 5 cent stamps but will send it further for
Charles's special. I do not know how I shall
sit and as regards the "Hans" giving day -
24 Nov is fixed for New York. What a pity that
Great Exhibition is not likely to come this season.
I hope our chat is not going to slip from us.
I see by the news tonight that the war is in
now and that our two greatest engineers have
died within a short time. Wish he had
lived to cross the Victoria Bridge. I have just
the middle of the afternoon as usual but
and the weather is almost too hot now and
just human nature likes to be now too cold
and in five days too hot and so on.

must have done a good deal of thinking at odd
times and by the way of the book that you
mentioned. I am sure of it. I am sure of it.
particularly for the boy who tells very good truths
in too for all but a very way. And (which
more now beautifully she did not work and
went where duty called and where there were more
of doing. I like for a life. I like for a life but
I cannot help liking it rather as the best
of John Walcott than for itself. It is well that
Miss Walcott has already a name. Mary is
a fine character and I wish he could have stayed
at Walcott for he might have done good now
that I am in the country. I don't like
men to tell their own most thoughts or
a woman to show her too often. I like you
always turned to me very often and this is too
much the character of the book but it is original
and that is a good feature. The story is good but if Mary was to be married
at all 3 months was not justice. I think I am
excitedly pleased with "Fair or Foul" by both
the fault. Now is good death but as the author
pleads that we must not complain. In the
earlier part of the book I could fancy myself
in the P. School standing at Park's desk. I
Gordon, whilst. Walcott is old Concord but it is
a book that the people of Concord and other
I am for long.

A fellow has been watching me through the corner
of his eyes and seems to think I have a new man
for writing he doesn't seem to be able to make me
out. The society even on this boat is a little more
to me a wild team - a man by me at dinner
broke a sweet sandwich into his soup - and at
supper with his leaf after had handed them to me
in reply to his "hand them apples and let's eat
'one up" he was as good as his word for those he
didn't eat he pocketed. It is doing nothing the
a fellow plays with his many many good at the
ladies' cabin while I who think I am better
obliged to stay and out the more they are just
a better place on the Upper Mississippi but
much. I will just put down an idea suggested
by my Scotch London friend "we in Liverpool are
so conservatives because we know so much more
of the Americans than most people" there may be
some thing in it. "Popular sovereignty" is a great
fact but its rule is not to be trusted without a
strong force in its interest to make its rule. I have
to meet a countryman it feels like home, and
one can just say any thing to him. The trouble
to talk to are "stayed horses" "concocted boobies" "pau-
who have seen Europe" men of enlarged ideas - and
"Britons" who show some sense and talk like
men and brethren. I am having no room to
send my love to all the people that take the trouble
to ask after me many many thanks for the usual
favours. Your very affectionate son

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