

Chiluckia islands - May 27th 1861

Dear Mother

I should have wrote by the last mail but I put it off till the night before it went and then I had to go in the boat so I had no chance but to be shure I will write two days before this time. I am in first rate health and am very glad to hear that you are all enjoying the same blessing at home. Uncle Charles arrived in Callao last week. Father had ^{promised} him last Tuesday. he is I believe very well pleased with his ship. we commenced loading a fortnight ago and only have in about 250 tons of guano now we cant get any at all hardly and we shall not get it so fast next week we shall be here two months longer I think it is an awful place to lay two months in I will tell as well as I can what sort of a place it is it is three little islands about one quarter as big as Cousins island on one is about a dozen wooden houses they are colled and a hundred bamboo shanties where the chermanen lives who work the guano so you know what sort of a place the Chiluckia

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Dear Wife

This is to inform you that we are about ready to leave this Peruvian country for Cork I was disappointed in not getting any letter from you last Mail Charles got one from Susan it seems Portland is no better for them than the lane Koopman says boys cannot be raised up there and it seems Portland is no better all I can say is they must try it again the first opportunity and no doubt they will, I wrote you in my last letter I should send Mrs Dennison an order on the owners for what was due her I now enclose it and you must give it her for I cannot write her but the Consul will I expect they have got to fighting in earnest by this time I hope they will get through before we get on the other side but I am afraid they will not I cannot write much to night you must take the will for the deed read it over a number of times and fancy it is a long

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