

Virginia City Nevada
July 25th 1871

Dear Andrew,

Yours dating from St. Thomas Ont. July 16th is duly received. Yesterday I also rec'd a daily Globe. You say that you wrote me a letter acknowledging receipt of power of attorney. I did not receive it as until today I have been ignorant of your having received it however it is all right and I am glad of it. I wrote to Brother Henry and received an answer from him. he promised me a paper which I did not get. I get an answer sooner from Canada. I am at present enjoying as good health as ever I recollect of having had, have a fair appetite and

am making and saving money. I have made more money than ever I expected to make in the same time in my life, but there I stop. I would advise no man that I thought any thing of to come here, as it is the most ungodly place in this world. We have a regularly organized Committee Vigilanti, whom it would not do to breathe a word against. they hung a man just before I arrived who I believe richly deserved hanging, and they hung another about 20 days ago. they packed the body in ice to await the arrival of the friends of the man, his name was George Kirk. The men for whom I work are bound to be the richest men on this coast, they have now three or four mills going, that one grinding the tailings from the

quartz mills, we completed and had

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running day before yesterday and the largest pan and settler on this coast the pan is about 9^{ft} 4ⁱⁿ in diameter and the settler is 34 ft 10 in in circumference and since Friday night they have taken out over \$2000 worth of Bullion from that one pan alone. the mill runs five pans and settlers and one (2 stamp) prospecting Battery. I speak of the mill that I work in, Mr. Parks one of the Partners (there are only two), has been down to San Francisco and has bought up the Gould and Com'y mills and appurtanances, also the Toll gate on seven mile canyon, a mill at Washoe, and is putting new pans and settlers into other mills, and he is also buying up all the tailings that he can lay hands on. I have shifted my boarding house or at least the Proprietor removed from D to C Street

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so that I am now boarding on the principal street in this strange city. We have some of the finest mules and horses in the world and singular to say, they can be bought for less money than down east. they have the strongest waggons here that are made in the world. You will see at times from 18 to 20 mules drawing three prairie schooners drawing salt or coal. The productions of this new country are astonishing. Borax in large and exceedingly fine state & quantity also alkali salt and soda in an exceedingly fine state is found in very great quantity here. I could fill volumes

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late and I will conclude by thanking
you for your kindness and attention.
I lent a little money in return for a
similar favour, as soon as I can get
200^s scraped up I will send it to you
it is not worth while sending a check
for less. I am getting very useful to the
proprietors and expect a rise. give my
love to all at the old place and also
my kindest regards
to your folks at Chateauguay.
Yours affectionately JD DeWitt

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