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## Letter from Thomas Mather to Unknown, July 16, 1825

Thomas Mather

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Fort Ogage July 16. 1835

The pleasure I take in addressing a few lines to you my lovely friend would be much heightened by the reflection that they would call a response from you — But my evil genius must not only deprive me of the society of my friends but deny me the satisfaction even of hearing from them — It is only two weeks since I bid you adieu, but months never seemed longer to me — Can you imagine the cause? — My journey hither has not been unpleasant, and as for Fort Ogage is the most delightful spot west of the mountains — I arrived here on Monday last and have spent the week at the residence of Mr Sibley, who has a very beautiful situation at this place —

Tomorrow we set our faces westward, with the expectation of seeing no civilized being, except of our own party till our return to this place which will probably be in December next — I am pleased with my colleagues

and with our Secretary & Surveyor all of whom  
are very agreeable and intelligent men. Our  
equipment is such as to render those attached  
to the expedition as comfortable as possible,  
and there is nothing in the prospect before  
me that gives me a single pang, except the  
consciousness that every days journey carries  
me further from those allied to me by the  
ties of kindred & affection, and particularly  
from you my loveliest and dearest friend.

It is possible (though I think hope improb-  
= able) that we may be obliged to take up  
our winter quarters in the Mexican  
Territory, in which event our return  
will be procrastinated till June or July  
next. I mention this, that, should we  
be compelled to be so long absent, you  
may not attribute it to any cause  
but imperious necessity. Should  
this be the case the only consolation  
I should experience, would be the  
conviction, that nothing short of doing  
all the duty I owe my government &  
country, would meet your approbation.

Adieu then dearest girl, but remember  
that those anticipations which beguile  
the tediousness of my way, and ~~concerns~~<sup>shews</sup>

my path with flowers, are those which you  
and you only can say shall be realised.

Give my love to Ann - remember me affection-  
ately to your mother, brother & sisters and believe  
me most sincerely Yours

Thomas Mathew

Miss  
Mathew  
1811