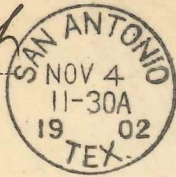


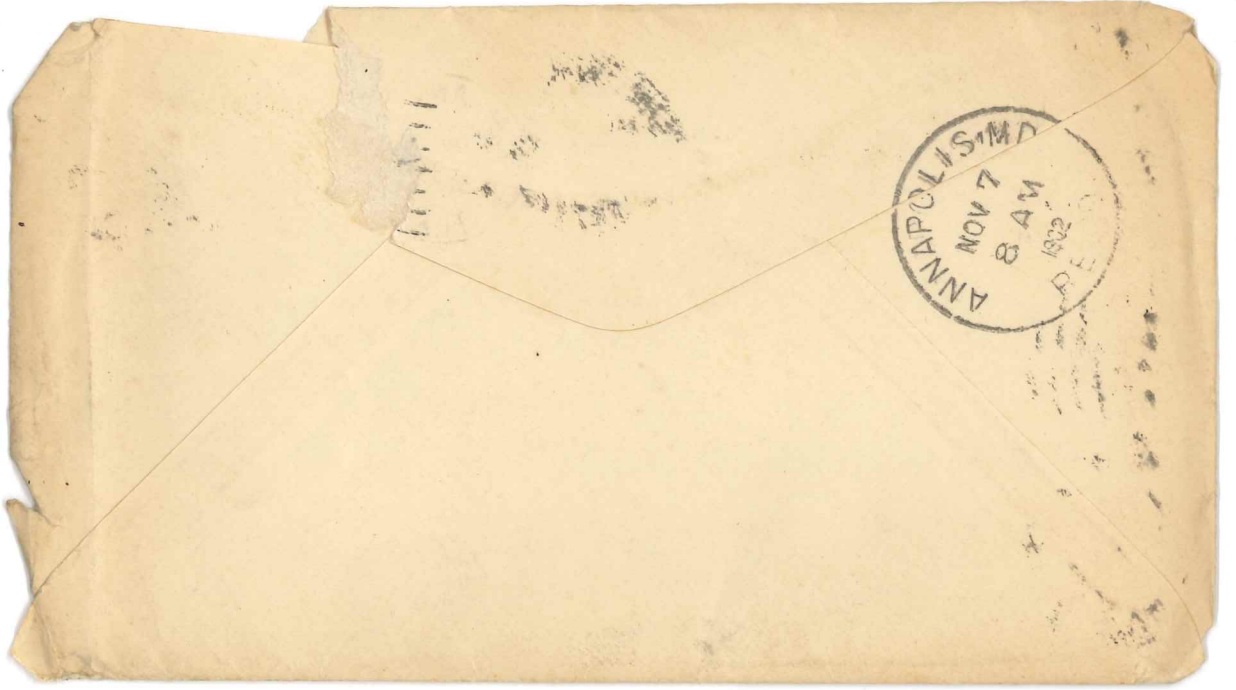
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Hon. Genl Buchanan Henry
Annapolis,
Maryland.



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My dear Mr Henry: —

San Antonio, Texas.

Oct 27.

I am so glad to get your 23^d & to know you are home safe & sound. As to "dying", (as you kindly suggest our both doing) Bro! — We want to live now. The time for the "Great Change", in the year 1941, which is predicted in XII Chap. Daniel, is now so near, that surely you will wait to see it, when you are so interested in all things new? — I must try to, anyhow, Don't discourage me that way!

It is a "far cry" to Leavenworth from here, & not just a step, as you think, but I am delighted that Jamie is still there, pleased & contented. I am sure he will prosper in the service. He has every qualification to do so & to become an ornament to it, & I am certain he will.

Admiral Selby has been here and had a parade given him, which the local paper called, with Texan brag!, astounding & wonderful! I did not look at with their spectacles & didn't see it that way! The 12th Cavalry, 2 squadrons I believe, turned out in virtually "fatigue" & without sabres! — In forming line (at a walk) one lieutenant (Burroughs) let his horse tangle his legs, & horse & man came to the ground, the last badly hurt & "Lion de Crutah", such a show in my day at Frederickburg wouldn't have "passed muster". I don't know what Selby thought

of it or whether — not belonging to the "horse marines"
or knowing much of cavalry — he had any real
"internal consciousness" that the sister service
was, so to speak, slightly smubbing him! It did
look somewhat so to me. I was interested in
the Admiral's phiz, after all the talk about
him, & it struck me at once he was an — accident!
He gives me the idea of a cunning, slow going, and
calculating, Dutch Hebrew! — The papers say
old Cornera, whom he "kicked", (by accident?)
is now living in poverty & obscurity, without pay
or chance of employment. Here's a chance for

Some American "promoter" to pick him up as a
figure head for a new Coy, & make a furor!

Have you noticed the new order
in Canada for cavalry to "turn in" Sabres &
carbines, & hereafter to be only mounted infantry?
I felt that was ahead of the army for the past
30 years! In the Civil War all the cavalry did
was to act as "mounted infantry". Until just after
Chancellorsville there was hardly one real cavalry
action, & out west it was all mounted infantry,
& for which the western scrub horses were just
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work carrying "fascines" in their saddles to fill
up ditches, & save the infantry work. Maybe
the "yellow legs" will drop down to something
like that, or be put in the train?

Not much is done here. The
cavalry lies about Texas property & value of property!
Here they have run up prices of lots, without any
improvements and out of the business locality, to \$2000! -
Result no business or sales, unless to some northern
ass who allows himself to be fooled by the systematic
intentional, designed, Texas falsehood & brag. Taxes are
uncertain & heavy. There is litigation everywhere &
over everything. The lawyers are if more muses &
mere "catch pennies". Anyone who can black a pair
of boots, lie roundly & pay an "occupation" ^{tax}, can get
in the Texas Bar! Laws are all mixed. Result:
Chaos! Here, a month ago, a white man who outraged
a girl 14 years old was tried & hung, about a block
from where I live, the Governor refusing to interfere.
About a 100 miles from here this last month a white
man outraged a girl 8 years old & was tried for it
& got 5 years in jail! Last month a negro
assaulted a white woman, was arrested & confered, and
the judge of the district told the Sheriff to take him
out and hang him, & the Sheriff did so forthwith,
without trial of any sort, or lawyer!! Another negro at
Dallas was tried for another crime this month &
found guilty & the judge there sentenced him to be

returned to jail & later executed, whereupon in two minutes the Sheriff calmly delivered the culprit to a mob who at once hung him to a lamp post in front of the Court House. Law and Real Estate are all mixed. No one can tell where he will come out. Collection of debts & loans is impossible. The people are boasters, shams, fighters, dishonest. — They are "asking" \$30 an acre for rice land & persuading northern farmers to come into it at that! — Most of that rice land is no good, where it is good no white man can live! The Texans there live on Calumet & quinine! — It is simply a concerted fraud! It is so with ranches, they ask \$3 & \$4 an acre for ranches, but no Texan would dream of buying at that. It is absurd! It takes 10 acres to a cow, all the year round, and wire grass & mesquite is her food, water is hard to get. But if got in plenty can you cultivate a line mud resting on beds of pebbles, where water is not at all retained, & only mesquite can live? Buyers from the north are misled, & soon ruined in West Texas, & East Texas is exceedingly unhealthy. There are, of course, some good, well watered ranches. They are splendid productive properties & give a glorious life. But — if, by any chance, they come on the market the Texas owners ask ten times their actual value. To me, who have lived in antebellum days amongst the old time South Carolina & Georgia planters, who with all their faults were personally honorable, a Texan is a repulsive dirty beast! — A mere Fakir! That Dr Hammond in Washington & the Congress, Hudd, have dropped out of my horizon since Davidge's death. It is many months since I have heard of them, but I see the U.S. is looking up (too late) the cooling station business. 4/10/1883