[illegible] that Gen. [illegible] has been [illegible] threaten[illegible] for the last two months [illegible] ght marched [illegible] were attempted [illegible] 7 [illegible] facts that have [illegible] to [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] as to [illegible] and [illegible]

— From conversation I had with you the evening I left camp, I was impressed with the idea that you supposed the General might conceive himself to be in opposition with the army. I can assure you it is not so. He speaks of the officers and men in the highest terms as to their bravery, talents and love of order, and desires the friendship and respect he entertains for them to be reciprocal; excepting that demoralized few who are wickedly leagued together for the most damnable purposes and whose deeds have already shown that there is no atrocity that they are incapable of committing. —

When I began this letter I was so vividly impressed with the [illegible] of my last night's lodging, which by singular coincidence was precisely similar to a visit [illegible] that I [illegible] in the same prairie exactly a year before, that I forgot to tell you of the adventures of the morning. I had the good fortune to fall in with five young ladies [illegible] in whose company I pass'd an hour so agreeably that it was with the greatest reluctance that I bid them adieu; and in less than ten minutes after while wrapt up in the meditation of their charms, found myself & horse swimming the upr[illegible] waters of the Navidad.

Your Friend & obt Servt

Lt. Col. Lorenzo Switzer. Walter Fosgate.