

Arizona City

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1872

Friday

Dearest-

We are still at [Col. ?] Lee's; they are so kind, & hospitable that I feel under deep obligation. There is no hotel here that officers will let me go to to stay.

Yesterday I visited Pascual's camp about a mile and a half beyond Fort Yuma, the other side of the Colorado. You should have been there to appreciate the whole scene. He [commanded ?] seats for himself and his captains facing a bench for me and my friends with blankets spread down for carpets. We spoke to him & then took our seats. The Indians arranged themselves under the [?] of his [?] upon the ground. We had to have what he said interpreted thro the Spanish into English. His brother [Jusèe ?] speaks Spanish & [?] [?] English. He had on slight clothing above with his girdle & aprons but no pants. He was dignified & wary - inspires respect -



He says he has faithfully kept the  
treaty he made with Maj. Heintzelman for  
twenty five years, but thinks we have  
often failed on our part. After this  
talk we returned to the Fort. Here Mrs.  
Crook & our party are staying till the  
boat gets ready to take us up river to  
[Ehrenbury ?], where Gen. Crook promises  
to meet me. I addressed the citizens  
last night. Br. E.P. [preceeded ?] me  
all turned out. A difficult job  
to talk to people who do not agree  
with you. They are all so sore over  
Indian barbarities & so prejudiced  
that they are hard to reach.  
We got thro pretty well & I will  
have a copy of the speech sent you.  
This climate is enervating - oh how  
hot & dry dry dry-. No rain  
for three years. I saw sand hills  
& dry hot rocky mountains - along  
the river bottom green bushes & trees  
elsewhere - a tree called meskit (sic) grows  
in the sand fields & prevents absolute  
desert. I will try & copy for Jaimie  
the Cocopah Lords prayer & for Gracie my  
my [?] in the Colorado-



I have just got word  
the Gen Crook will  
meet me at McDowell  
so I change my course  
going by land. It will  
take five or six days  
at the best.

I enclose [?] you  
my promised notes for Jaimie  
& Gracie. Much love  
to them all. Much  
preparation makes us  
very busy. Aff. & lovingly  
Your husband  
Otis

[ON REVERSE]

I send check for 543<sup>50</sup>

\$

Please deposit  
at the bank

This is my [?]

Otis