Sacramento, Jan.5, 1861
Dear Brother

Jason I promast you the last Time I saw you that would write to you very often but I expected you would answer my letters   I have ritten Several times To you and to Father but never have got an answer but I am going to write till I here from you   I have ritten in all of my letters very Discouraeing news to you and want you Should give of up the Idear of ever coming to this cuntry though if you wer young and without a family I would have no objections to your comeming here for I have traveled around this wourld some and I never have seene a place but what a young man could do better than in Willmington   Jate I have seene some Darned tite times but I have always had aplenty to eat and to drink when I was there

I have never bought a meal of vittles in the State for less than fifty cts and lodging from fifty cts to a dollar and I have been Paying a Dollar a meal and two Dollars a night for a hors to hay and grain   it costs money to travel here I think I Shal go to Jackson in Oregon about Sixty milds north of this and there I Expect to go back to Sacramento City to winter

Jate I am making a little money but not much but I think I will have Some befor I leve here at any rate I can make a good living if I have my helth

I want you Should write to me as often as once a month and give me all the news

I Saw Ned a month or two ago   he is in Verginia City Utah Teritory

Direct your
letters to R C Lawrence
Sacramento, Cal
no more at Presant give my respects Father and all the rest of the Family
yours a(g?) c (e?) R C Lawrence

Note: the following is written vertically on the right-hand margin of the last page:
N B let me know who your going to vote for for Prsadent

NB   Let me know whare Franklin is if you know and if you write to him tell him I am here and want to here from him