

Matamoras, May 12th 1863

Dear Fred

I wrote you on the 7th at which
time I had received you of 3rd of ap^{ril}.
Mr A C Allen, Eliza + Husband are here on
their way to Vera Cruz. No letter from you.
I have only received three letters from you
in all. Ruthven is still ~~in~~ sick at San
Antonio I learn, and keep the package you
sent by him, if it can be placed in hands
of Eugene at Piedras Negras I will be apt to
get it some time. Eugene will write you,
He must manage to get the money in
hand so that I can do something, if
it can be placed in Eugene's hands he
will manage it, write you me when
you have a good chance, it dont take
long to write a letter. I am always
anxious to learn the news, how much
cotton have you started