

Wheelock Nov. 30. 1888

Mrs. C. M. Seftor
Woodland,

Dear Friends,

I cannot yet fully decide, but it is quite possible that Dec. 17th I may start for California. If I go, and if, at the same time, you should wish to make your long talked of visit there, I should be most happy to render you any service in my power on the way. Mrs. E. and the little Mary will not be with me, as we deem it imprudent to take the latter on such a journey.

Mrs. E. wishes to be remembered to you.

Yours truly,

John Edwards

Wheeler, Dec. 21. 1888

Mrs. C. F. Sefore,

Dear Friend,

News of the 6th was received last week. We are just finishing off the church, putting in seats. It makes a much heavier draft upon my funds than I anticipated, tho I feared it. So I cannot afford to take my California trip at present.

I sympathize with you sincerely in your troubles. In such matters, it is not well to be in the power of others, white or red. It needs some grace in the heart, in general, for men not to squeeze out all that they can claim, even tho it distresses those who need it vastly more. I have had no experience of the sort myself, but have seen it in others. In reference to my mother's estate, after I had supposed all settled, and given my receipt in full, I believe, to my brother, who was administrator, it is

widowed sister-in-law wrote me that \$75. was coming to me, and sent me a check for the amount. But such treatment is not very common. For three years before returning to the nation, I was deputy clerk in the co. clerk's office at Oakland, and had charge of the probate records. I had an opportunity to see something of the grasping nature of heirs in general.

As to the money from the attorney, I would write to them, and ascertain whether Campbell Le Flores's disposition of it was according to their wishes.

The Lord provides. He is able to bring good out of evil, and to make all things, even the worst, work together for our good. May his grace abound to you.

Yours truly

John Edwards