

the deepest regret. We must then turn our eyes, more directly, to Mexico, Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico, San Domingo, &c. The people of all these countries most earnestly desire annexation to the United States. We do not think of force in any of these cases, or of violating any principle of justice or of international law. They are all coming as rapidly as we could wish, and we are preparing to receive them into our Union. Mexico, we always supposed to be the richest silver mining country in the world, until the recent discoveries in Nevada. But the northern provinces of Mexico, containing the richest silver mines of that country, are rendered almost non-productive, by the hostile incursions of the Apaches and Comanches. Indeed, all Mexico is in a revolutionary condition, and labor is entirely disorganized. There is no remedy for this evil, except annexation. Then, the prosperity of Mexico would recommence, and go on with re-

newed vigor. Under American rule, the silver mines of Mexico might be made to produce at least \$60,000,000 per annum, and she would supply us most abundantly with the raw materials of manufactures. The same remarks apply with almost equal force to Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico, St. Domingo, &c. These countries contain now a population of 14,000,000, which would rapidly increase after annexation. Yet, valuable as these regions would be to us, these people are not, like you, of our kindred race, blood, and language.

And now this long letter must be brought to a close. It is my sincere hope, that, in any contingency, you may pass successfully through all your troubles. That an overruling Providence may guide your counsels, and, in deciding this momentous question, conduct you to wise and just conclusions.

With great respect, your obedient servant,  
R. J. WALKER.