

S. G. Mermaid
Saturday

My darling wife

I drop you only a line only today as I wrote you a long letter yesterday. I received your dear letter and enclosures yesterday evening at 7 ½ when our mail arrives.

Col. Thompson left yesterday evening at 8 P.M. & tho' I was very sorry to lose his society stile, I feel relieved as he might have become very sick. Now I am alone and this is the only drawback to my trip – if only things were that I could have you and baby I believe I would enjoy myself surprisingly well for the air has been deluxe sleeping under blankets there 68° in the cabin at night & on deck and the next day under awning only 72 to 74 so that I have given over to perspiring or grumbling about the heat at [unreadable] & beautiful all the time too.

I wonder if Mr. Pursett would like to come and spend next week with me – please send up to him at once & if he is disposed ask him to come at once and I will promise to extract all the [colviac?] from the system west outer. I have as yet met no acquaintance a little laughter as I receive in Europe or Africa fail to meet some one – of course [?] to chances. – I except of course [?] Mrs. [?] who I get a [?] of at times. After 1 August all other yachts will begin to pour in and the place will be unlovely lively [?] must come 4 Aug as I hope to see you 31 Jul or 1 Aug.

If Mr. Pursett will come, he will have to telegram me at once and I can [?] have to telegram [?] at once – and it can on board leave Yacht Mermaid by telegraph.

[?] boat of love and kisses for you and dear baby.

Ever your loving husband

JBH

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