

[Letterhead] Hamilton Hotel,

Hamilton, Bermuda, 12 Feb 1875

Dearest Loulie,

I had the pleasure of writing you a few lines by the Brig Excelsior which left here day before yesterday direct to New York which may or may not ever reach you. Tomorrow I have two chances one by steamer via Halifax and also by Barque Eliza Bass that sails direct to New York, so I drop you a line by each so that you will be in all probability get one if not both of the missives.

I am very well – I may say I feel thoroughly strong & well, so this wet cloudy climate must agree with me and I am able to take a long [sic] now or else a long walk every day – tho' today will I think be an exception as it has rained thus far pretty steadily all day. The day before yesterday ^{11th [sic]} we had a very stormy north west [sic] wind & the ther [sic] dropped 10 degrees below what it had steadily been since my arrival – say from 65 to 55. I think therefore it must have come over here from your quarter & I am curious to know if you had a very heavy north west [sic] storm on the 10th or the 11th if so the Carrissa must have been caught in it just before getting into NY last Tuesday.

I continue very much pleased with the beauties of these islands & find the hotel excellent in all particulars & only wish we had more sunshine. I still think of going on the 26th to St. Thomas by the Cunard Steamer that touches here from Halifax to St. Thomas & from there I shall go by steamer to either Jamaica or Havanna [sic] depending on what steamer I can first catch at St. Thomas. Of course I may change my mind & return home by Carrissa instead. I have about seen all that is to be seen here & now that I am so far on my way I had better see the West Indies as I may not have a chance again. If I decide to go to S. Thomas I will draw a draft for at \$90 on Mr. A E Outerbridge in favor of Messers Dodge & Harnett (landlords of hotel) at three days [sic] sight & write you per Carrissa to pay Mr. Outerbridge. I take this precaution for fear my money_might give out.

I have often thought of poor little Esther Puernett . By this time she must be either better or -- & I hope to learn of her news by your letter. I need not tell you how eagerly I am looking forward to the arrival here on the 22 of the Carrissa with yours Dodys [sic] letters to hear of you and dear little babys [sic] health & well being after nearly a months [sic] silence as it will then be. Just to think of not having heard a word from the big outside world for nearly a month! – how dull it seems – We must take it on faith that all has gone well & as usual.



I will write you a good long letter telling you more about this place by the Carrissa when she goes back to NY & which will reach you on 1st March – if I go to St. Thomas & do not return home.

I hope your father Allen and Maud are flourishing & our very best love to Aunt Sidney & do give loads of kisses to my dear little baby – I suppose he will surprise [sic] me by many new words & tricks when I get home which will be DV at the latest by 1 April.

Goodbye my dear wife & with much love to you I remain

Your affectionate husband

JBH

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