

Per Barque Eliza Bass

[Letterhead] Hamilton Hotel, 12 Feb. 1875

Dearest Louie,

I write you also today by way of Halifax, so that you may hear from me in two ways or at least may have a good chance of getting a letter, as this goes direct to New York per above Barque.

I am very well indeed & only wishing for a sight of you & dear children at home.

I continue to like the Islands very much barring the want of Sunshine. They are in all respect more attractive than I had anticipated, the temperature being so even – never below 55 & generally 65 to 68. I enjoy my exercise very much rowing some days 2 & 3 hours, but always accompanied by my umbrella as the showers come up with by a moment [sic] warning. One of my companions I am most with is a german [sic] from Phila who is very intelligent & agreeable. We have about 50 in the hotel from all parts of the United States & Canada & also the Surgeon Genl of 20th Regt., a very agreeable man & the Colonial Secy of Province. It is the thing to call on the Surⁿ Genl Lefroy but as I shall be here so short a time I dont [sic] it will pay & if one were here for the whole winter it would as it would secure invitations to his fetes where he has [?]. Mr. & Mrs. Butterfield have been very polite & pleasant & have had my name put on the books of the Bermuda Yacht Club – The walks & drives in all directions are lovely for the constant views of the sea & the bright green vegetation, which results from this moisture in the air.

I still think of going to St. Thomas on the 26th by steamer & from there to Jamaica or Havana – but I will tell you all about it in my next regular letter by the Carrissa. These letters are only skirmishes as I am doubtful of their ever reaching you.

Give kindest regards to all the family & many kisses to dear baby.

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Your affectionate husband

J Buch Henry

