My Dear little Lulu,

Knowing he must do the best he can, and that is to write you a nice little letter on a path of paper, the path pictures you see is Bremen, where Father and the Wild Huntsman is. Don't you think it is a pretty place if you were here? You would like it very much, and I think Mother would too, but it is a great way from East Dennis and it would take you a great deal to come here, and by the time you got here, Father would be gone than you would be all alone and you would not know what to do. There is a great many little girls here, but I don't believe they are so pretty as Lulu is, and I don't know whether they are so good or not because Mother says that Lulu is a good little girl but I suppose...
You will be a great big girl before I see you again, you
must stand up in the dark and I made one in a while
and I am just to grow up and when you write me a letter
you must tell me how tall you are, and you must li-

to guess a good many other things. For I want to know all
about little big and little grands of grands of hands
and all about little Susie and little Susie, too. I have

got a fine little canary bird for you that sings beautifully, but
I cannot send it to you, and so I shall have to wait and send it to
the east Indies again and if it dies before I get it home, I will get
you another. I have been having all of our friends parties, and
they look very handsome, and I am having uncle Joseph parties,
but I don't know who I shall give it to yet perhaps to little
just if she is a good girl. And I have just got that pretty little picture
that the Iberian gave you last long ago painted and it looks very pretty.
I wish that I could send you home home so that you could see the
Tallahassee looks, for I expect that you have almost forgot by this time
Most all about me, and I am afraid when I get home you


will know more. And if I see my little Susie in the streets.
I don't suppose that I shall know her. The will be such a huge
girl. And I hope she will be a good girl and help Mother
in all sorts of housework, wash dishes, dust the chimneys, and all
those little things, so that Mother won't have to work so hard when
she gets old because by & by she will be old the same as grandmother
Woldem, but you must get some flower pots and have some little
flowers in them sitting by the Windows for they look very pretty.
Every house have has their Windows full of them. Some of them have
large & they look very pretty. I hope Eva Rebecca is a good boy
and don't say naughty words if he does you must not play with
him much and you must tell him that it is naughty to do and
say such things.

If I see a little kid, I'll write upon this thing.
In the sky would I write, when I was in summer time,
the kid if I was a kid how quick I would fly away and be with you, but
I have not got any wings and I cannot fly so I must stay here
I am Tallahassee Missie Henry. Now to be a good girl Susie,
and I will come to see you as soon as I can.

From, Susie, Joshua,
Bermuda, July 27th, 1858

To my dear Wife,

The Hunt is now ready for sea and 1 shall go the first pair ill and has been blowing hard the last 3 days so that we have dragged our anchors considerable and there has been several vessels lost outside one with all hands. The weather has been very fine ever since I have been here and it is fine again now I send enclosed to you the 8th of Exchange so that if the first is lost or is not paid you can present this if the 1st has been paid this is of no account I shall expect a letter in Cardiff in answer to the one I sent by last mail and I expect you will have plenty of time to answer that too but it is rather doubtful at the there would be no news in writing if you felt disposed and if there should be a steam leaving immediately Mr. Steward left me a few days ago now I have only one Scott Downie the cook left of the old crew I am going to take the cook for a steward don't you think he will do.

Minerva I have written you so many letters since I have been I have not got any thing to write about if I was only a good despicable Hunter I could fill a box sheets but that you know I am not So you will have to put up with this that me this time perhaps I shall feel in the humour to write you a good long one between here and Cardiff you must take things a tood as you can and trust to Providence to bring me home again Tell Lulu perhaps Father will write her another letter before he sails for India again.

From your Ever & Affectionate Husband

[Signature]
Bremerhaven July 23d 1858

My Dear little Lulu

As Father cannot come and see you himself he must do the next best thing and that is to write you a nice little letter on a pretty sheet of paper the pretty picture you see is Bremerhaven where Father and the Wild Hunter is. Don't you think it is a pretty place if you were here you would like to very much and I think Mother would too but it is a great ways from East Dennis and it would take you a great while to come here. And by the time you got here Father, would be gone then you would be all alone and you wouldn't know what to do. There is a great many little girls here but I don't believe they are so pretty as Lulu is and I don't know whether they are so good or not because Mother says that Lulu is a good little girl, but I suppose [over page] you will be a great large girl before I see you again you must stand up by the mark that I made once in a while and see how fast you do grow and when you write me a letter you must tell me how tall you are, and you must try to guess a good many other words to, for I want to know all about home, and about little Josy and Fly, Fly too. I have got a nice little Canary bird for you that Sings beautifully but I cannot send it to you and so shall have to carry it to the East Indies again and if it dies before I get it home I will get you another. I have been having all of our Portraits painted and they look very handsome and I am having uncle Joseph painted to, but I don't know who I shall give it to yet, perhaps to little Josy if she is a good girl. And I have got that pretty little picture that the Steward gave you last voyage painted and it looks very pretty I wish that I could send you mine home so that you could see how Father looks, for I expect that you have almost forgot by this time most all about me and I am afraid when I get home you won't know me. And if I see my Little Luly in the Streets I don't suppose that I shall know her. She will be such a large girl. And I hope she will be a good girl and help Mother do all sorts of housework, wash dishes, dust the chairs, and all those little things, so that Mother won't have to work so hard when she gets old because by and by she will be old the same as grandmother Handren. Lulu you must get some Flower pots and have some pretty little Flowers in them sitting by the Windows for they look very pretty. Every house here has their Windows all full of them, some of them very large & they look very pretty. I hope Ezra Freeman is a good boy and don't say naughty words if he does you must not play with him much and you must tell him that it is naughty to do and say such things.

If I was a little bird, I'd rise upon the Wing,

[45] Lulu was born Catherine Martin on 12 June 1852. The adoption papers list her mother's name, but not her father's. Dennis records variously state that she was born in Dennis, and at sea. She was adopted at age 3 years by Joshua & Minerva.
In the sky would I be heard, Where larks in summer sing,
Oh if I was a bird how quick I would fly away and be with you but I have not got any wings and I cannot fly so I must stay where I am Father must stop writing now so be a good girl Lulu and I will come to see you as soon as I can

From, Papa, Joshua,

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Bremerhaven July 27th 1858

To My dear Wife

The Wild Hunter is now ready for sea and I Shall go the first fair Wind it has been blowing very hard the last 3 days so that we have dragged our anchors Considerable And there has been Several vessels lost outside one with all hands. The weather has been very fine since I have been here and it is fine again now

I send Enclosed to you the 2nd of Exchange so that if the first is lost it is not paid you Can present this if the 1st has been paid this is of no Account I shall Expect a letter in Cardiff in answer to the one I sent by last Mail and I Expect you will have plenty of time to answer this too, but it is rather doubtful Altho there would be no harm in writing if you felt So disposed and if there should be a steamer leaving immediately

My Steward left me a few days ago Now I have only Mr Scott Doane & the Cook left of the old Crew I am going to take the Cook for a Steward. dont you think he will do - -

Minerva, I have written you so many letters since I have been here that I have not got anything to write about if I was only a good descriptive writer I could fill a Doz Sheets but that you Know I am not So you will have to put up with this sheet one this time perhaps I shall feel in the humour to write you a good long one between here and Cardiff

You must take things as Cool as you Can and trust to Providence to bring me home again

Tell Lulu perhaps Father will write her another letter before he Sails for India again

From your Ever & Affectionate Husband

Joshua