

Mrs Hannah H Hall

East Dennis

Mass

New Bedford. Sunday June the 2^d 1833.

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I am now acting as a second officer on board of the brig for 18 Dolls. per month, in which office I find myself to be rather green at present. However I am in hopes to ripen after a little practice.

So will please excuse my not writing in Boston as I had no convenient opportunity. But receive this with good satisfaction and not fail in writing to me on the receipt of this. While I remain
Your Brother David S. Flower

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[1833-06-02; letter had been folded and sealed with wax; in envelope addressed to "Mrs Hannah H Hall, East Dennis Mass" with envelope postmarked "San Francisco" so envelope may not go with this letter:]

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¹ Hannah's younger brother, David Porter Howes, b. 14 Mar 1815. He's only 18 years old and is 2nd officer.