Dear Wife,

I suppose you may be a little disappointed at not receiving a letter from me day but I went out to South Boston yesterday and spent the evening and found when I returned I could not have time to write last night or the mail closed at 9. Tuesday I have nothing new to write. My health is good. Yours was received last Friday and was pleased to hear Lydia was much better. Sincerely hope she may not have another attack. The news of Clara's father must have been very sudden to her as I see by the paper he was plowing his horse when he was taking and surviving only a few minutes. I found Mary & Alice well. Mary received a letter from Albin last Friday. The days he did not know when he could get away the weather came down so how was well and had fine weather. Then the girls want Lydia to come out there very much and make a visit. I told them I would see how her health was so say you need not make much dependence on coming at present. I fear Mary & Louisa on
are learning to state there is a place.
They overflow for that purpose just below there.
House which makes it quite handy for
them till I see. I have got some oranges just
away in my truck which I shall try to
Think to bring when I come home next Friday.
Saturday evening. I suppose Sir's Nan
are all right. I must bring an orange
for them too. I suppose Jennie & Bessie
and CAP & PALK are all in good con-
dition. Charlie says he should like to
come down to the Cape again first rate.
and means to next Summer he is nearly
as tall as I am and a stout boy
and full of fun. Hope if you went to
Church yesterday you renewed your
evidence for I think it should be renewed
at least once a year. I have had a
good time this week attending Anti-Mary
meetings. saw Uncle John & Aunt
Vance several times. Have very good
meetings can't think of much more to
write this time shall try this week to get
those apples you ordered and bring them
when I come so good try for this time
From your loving

JAMES
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From your loving Husband

James

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\(^1\) Samuel Davis, father of Eliza J. (Davis) Howes, 2nd wife of Levi Howes, brother-in-law of James Sturgis Howes. This Samuel Davis died in Chatham of heart disease, on 25 January 1860, aged 63 years.