not want to see it. He took a pair of my light drawers, and one of Allison's... of old clothes. She laid it in my lap, and with her left hand, she took hold of the cord and steered the boat. When she saw me, she said, "Look out!" I thought she was trying to warn me. She went to the... her shirt and underclothes. I thought she was looking for something. I took the book from the woman. She gave me the book and told me to turn the pages. When we... to the house. I told her, "Would you like to have tea?" She said, "Yes, please." I gave her a cup of tea and some food. She said, "Thank you." I asked her, "Are you hungry?" She said, "Yes." I gave her a piece of bread. She said, "Thank you." I asked her, "Do you have... the house. We... a long time. We talked about... and how they were doing. I asked her, "How is the weather?" She said, "It's cold... the snow is coming. We... the snow and the cold. We... to come home. We... to the country. I asked her, "Do you like it?" She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... very happy. She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... to see us?" She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... the snow is coming. We... to come home. We... the snow and the cold. We... to come home. We... to the country. I asked her, "Do you like it?" She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... very happy. She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... the snow is coming. We... to come home. We... the snow and the cold. We... to come home. We... to the country. I asked her, "Do you like it?" She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... very happy. She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... the snow is coming. We... to come home. We... the snow and the cold. We... to come home. We... to the country. I asked her, "Do you like it?" She said, "Yes." I asked her, "Are you... very happy. She said, "Yes."
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Trees of different kinds - fruit trees.

- New house
- Show out this away a little more.
- Old house
- Coconut trees

Small grove of coconut trees from here to the shore which is only about 400 feet or more
unfortunately it much better back of the house as the line, Shaddock, Broadfoot, Parpee and the house is situated in a very pleasant place. The vessel all anchor night in front of the house and makes it quite pretty. The vessel that arrived from Province town is a Captain Smith he came out to go receiving this evening and was coming but gave it up, thinks home he shall send for and another he had brought her after the formal but we were here. This vessel is the very trouble of Allison and all thought it was he got at every one much disappointed, the children seem to be playing themselves and send their love to you and all the cousins. If Allison lives he would be happy to hear from him. Hope this will find you as happy as when you left us and that you will write as soon as it leaves and that you will write to very often from your loving family may.

Hope Allison trees of different kinds plant trees will be back soon and look for him in about two weeks.

Small grove of coconut trees from her to the shore which is only about 40 feet or more.
[Grand Caymans Feb 6th/68.]

My Dear Sister,

I received your letter last Saturday noon. Also one from Sally and Anthony Lucy and Mercie, by a vessel from Baltimore touching at Jamaica, and I can tell you we were glad enough to have them, it being the first we had from home since we left. Lettie was more fortunate, she had seven, dates down to the 9th of Jan, less than a month ago. I hope you received my letter from Kingston. We arrived here the 11th of Dec having about three days passage from Kingston. We had a very pleasant passage considering the time of year. we had one quite hard blow the first Saturday night and Sunday out, that was all, only a few squalls now and then, but the children and I was seasick at times all the way here, but Lettie was not sick after the first day. I think she got along finely. She thinks she is rather better since she has been [over page] here. She hears the children recite their lessons in the forenoon, and is hoping soon to be able to hear them recite in the afternoon too. I think you must be very lonely now the children have gone out west and no one left at home but Susie. I wish I was where I could run in and see you awhile, and as Allison says, he would like to take “Old John and take a ride over to James” Allison went down on the Mosquito Coast[1], sailed just four weeks ago tonight, thought he should be gone about six weeks or two months. I long for him to come back, it seems quite lonesome for he and Mr Paine to be gone together. David is keeping the store for him. I have just heard them hallo, “Sail Oh” and been out to see, it was a large ship sailing by. There has been three vessels arrived from the States within a week, one from New York, one from Provincetown and the one that brought our letters. We were all invited to a wedding a week ago last Monday we went just for the fun, they were white people that were married. We sold her the [next page] wedding dress. It was that white striped Dacea Muslin that Allison brought from Calcutta eight or ten years ago. She had a white wreath of Artificial flowers on her head, and a white lace short veil thrown over her face and head. they were to be married at three o’clock in the afternoon. About half an hour before the ceremony, the young people danced a cotillion. They were married with a ring, instead of [---]ping the seam of the glove, to put on the ring they took it off. there was about 75 there, than we had the wedding cake passed around 2 kinds. It was what they call “Sam Cake and Corn Cake,” and to finish with had “rice pudding” We stoped only a little while after the wedding and left them dancing, had two fiddles Drum and triangle for music. It is a nice place for bathing here, and Lettie and I think we shall improve the opportunity, have been three times. I am fixing me a bathing dress out of an old one, and Lettie is making one too. She seems to think it

[1 South of the Yucatan, along Honduras.]
has agreed with her so far, but you would have laughed to have seen the rig we went in with. I will tell you so that you can laugh a little for I think we grew fat on it, only I should [over page] not want the men to see it. We each of us took a pair of my tight draws, and one of Allisons old white shirts that were done up when he was here before, bosoms, collar and wristbands stiff and the body part as stiff as the rest, than put on an old skirt and shawl to wear up to the house. We got the nigger woman of the house to go with and when we took off our skirts and shawls I though[t] she would die a laughing. She said she thought we were women instead of men, before we took of the out side, so you will know what to wear in case you get puzzled. I will draw something of a plan of the house if I have time before I close this. The cook house is seperate from the house. the woman we hire the house of looks out for the cooking. I have learned her to make bread, I set the table and if there is any particular thing I want cooked I see to it. She has the table cleared off and dishes washed &c and the house swept. I am glad we did not bring any carpets out it would have been such a job to have taken care of them and swept them. I brought too many things to wear by half of thick clothes I mean. The climate here is beautiful, it is very healthy. The thermometer is from 76º to 82º all the time we have been here. The people wear thin muslin dresses the year through and have the doors and windows open from morning till night. If I go home and come out again I should know better what to bring. The people say they have [sic] a great many mosquitoes in the summer season. I have got some frames made for the doors and windows to see if I can keep them out.

Jan 7th There is a vessel that sails from here bound to some of the Island around here and than is going on to New York. It is the “Sch Clara Clark,” Capt Kehoe. He dont expect to be in New York untill about the first of April. And if he has an opportunity of sending this on to States he will do so. His consignee in New York is G. Wessels, 74 Grant St, so that if you write within a fortnight or three weeks and you see that vessels arrival and send to them, they will send it on by her, and it wont have to lay in the Hampton post office. When you send a letter by steamer, I think a 10 cent postage stamp will be [new sheet] sufficient, as some of ours came with only a ten cts stamp. There will be another vessel that will sail from here for New York prehaps in about six weeks but I dont know yet. it takes them so long to start after they begin to think about it. It is the Sch Virginia. I shall send letters by her, and by every opportunity there is. I sent one to Mercie by a vessel going up to Kingston about four days ago. There seems to be quite a number of chances of sending letters now, and then prehaps it will be three months or more before we can send again. I will send you a few flower seeds that we came across that we thought very handsome. prehaps if you plant them in a pot in the house soon as you get them they will grow and prehaps they will not bloom the first year. I have pressed the flower and sent it. The jassamine tree grows wild. will send you a flower, when I get one, they are very handsome and fragrant. Lettie sends her love
and says she is getting along nicely. I am glad to hear that Bertha is getting along so well. Give my love to Williams, Levi and Porters families. Write us all about what they are doing, where George is &c &c Give my love to Father, hope he is as well as usual and will continue to be so. In short give my love to all who may enquire for us. Tell Sophronia to write me all about what there is going on down to Brewster and I will answer it surely. I send you a sort of a plan of the house but dont know as you [over page] understand it much better. Back of the house are the lime, Shattock, Breadfruit Parpar mango &c the house is situated in a very pleasant place, the vessels all anchor right in front of the house and makes it quite lively. The vessel that arrived from Provincetown is a Capt Smith he came out to go a wrecking his wife was coming but gave it up. thinks now he shall send for and wishes he had brought her after he found but [sic, that] we were here. His vessel is the very model of Allisons and all thought it was he, so I got very much disappointed. The children seem to be enjoying themselves and send their love to Susie and all the cousins. If Allison was here he would write to you and James tell him we should be happy to hear from him. hoping this will find you in good health as this at present leaves us and that you will write us very often

from your loving sister

Mary.
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Mary