New Orleans 27. June 1841

My dear Lizzie

This pleasure I have for some time been pre=
=suming myself, to congratulate you ~~[illegible]~~ and the Captain
upon the birth of your daughter, and to wish you both a
full measure of "Paternal blessings" – I have been pained to
hear by my letters from home, that your health has been so
delicate, also your little daughter, but trust most sincerely
that both "in this respect entirely regained – the disagre
=able weather during the Winter & Spring as represented at
the North, must have had its effects upon you, which
I hope has been dispelled by the warmth of the Summer.
I have not heard the name of my little Niece who she
is like – I have been patiently hoping to hear direct from
the Captain or yourself a full account of her – and am
disappointed that he the Captain should be so commu=
=nicative – I should have made you or her my debtor, a little
before this, but supposed that whilst you were staying
at Poplar Grove you would consider my letters there,
in common for one and all the family – My time too
is so uncomfortably engaged that I rarely even on "Sundays
have time to write letters – the latter end of last month one
business will be partially close for the Season, and until
the latter part of October will have comparatively little