

I must have forgot and did you good night with all the affection
 of a wife and kiss ^{that hand that never this for me}
 she grows to look like her Father, the general opinion
 of people is that she looks entirely on your side and I think
 so to, her eyes are very dark have the same expression of yours
 her hair grows quite fast, is very short kind and fat weight, a
 fifteen pounds when she was three months old. your Mother was
 here last Friday she said she did not know what you would say
 to see such a handsome child we hope she will not lose her
 baby looks before you have the happy privilege of seeing her
 again. I mean of getting home, she has been a very quiet child I
 have not had to get up with her a night since you have been
 gone, she would seldom ever cry in the day time if I would tend
 her myself all the time, I find it very hard work to sit all
 the time bent over to a child. last week I went up with
 cousin ~~Wendy~~ to see Eugene stay all night spent the next
 day with Deborah I talk out with them they wish me to
 present their respects, your Father has bought me two cord
 of seasoned wood of ~~Wm~~ Morton he has not had any cut yet
 of his lot Doct says your part of the Ship will come to over
 eleven hundred dollars he has not brought me the bill of sale
 he says he will soon, I wrote you last week by Capt Adams Ship
 Statera & D. Crowell Ship Americo & this I shall send down in
 the morn to Capt R. Dexter Ship Inez, our family are all well
 except Lydia she is very feeble does not sit up but very little
 she ~~has~~ grown so poor that she is a mere shadow her old
 complaints growing worse, our nearest neighbour has had a
 very small dead ^{boy} baby which is a disappointment to Ben. Peter you must
 write to Clara for she has written to you, all your Ship mates friends are
 well as far as I know my respect to Uncle his family are all well what
 there is at home

Tell Anne that Sarah calls often to see me. Mother and the children talk much
 about you, Anne had a letter from her written 17 May of the 18th with me