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Ship Panderer Monce March 7th 1855
To My dear Beloved Wife Susan

It is with much pleasure I address & convey to you my dear wife a part of the many thoughts that fill my constant mind. never I allow the privilege (which I hope I shall) of enjoying your loving embrace & dear society. a short week I could go to the South with a better will I wish you was with me we could enjoy this time beautifully those long months wear off heavily without an associate. Now would you not like to be near with me. Most every one says why did you not bring your wife for you have got such good accommodations and so fine a ship you might of brought her as well as not, I tel them she did not like to come to sea and besides she had two young children and thought the task would be to great for her to undertake. but I wish you was here I would manage with the children well enough but those are dole thoughts. I can look at you once & a while and view you in your family circle the nameless one on your knee and the others by your side. I find that ~~John~~ has the preference with you all and for why I cannot tel but I suppose you can when I come to see you it may be on the