

July 7, 1855

To My Dear beloved Wife

Lucas I feel very downcast since I received your letter of January last finding by it that the letter I wrote in Oct<sup>r</sup> 1854 gave such general dissatisfaction and especially from you you wrote as if I had committed a very serious fault in not giving a thorough account of all that transpired on board my ship and as tho you thought I must have been a lack of confidence but let me assure you (if such were your thoughts) they are entirely groundless you said in one of your letters that you felt very bad and tryd to be ask'd whair I was going betwe<sup>n</sup> seasons that I did not do myself and as regards the oil I sent home I wrote to Mr Howland & he will let you no about it when it arrives and as regards my business you have said in several letters that I must write to Mr Howland and I have done so and I am sorry you was not more satisfid with my letters you say I had ought to have wrote more of a reply to your three long letters but depend it was not from the want of a will and until I received your letter I thought what I had wrote would be satisfactory but I perceive they nor any of the rest gave satisfaction so I think for the future I will make short work of it & write to you & my business and if the rest want any information they may find