

Tahakuaue. February 25th 1858

Dear Father and Mother.

With pleasure I have now taken
up my pen to inform you that your two Sons who have
so long been separated have at last met in a Foreign Port
and I have had the unspeakable pleasure of seeing them
sitting side by side both in good health and spirits
we left this Port on the afternoon of the 22nd expecting to
return back in a few days to get three men who had
deserted so that yesterday forenoon we beat up the Bay in
company with the Luhia and at soon as we dropped
our Anchor Jacob came on board the Morning Star
I never was so glad to see him in my life before as I
have often feared that he and William would never meet
again on earth but thanks to our Heavenly Father they
have at last seen each other and I have been permitted
to witness the happy meeting. Jacob stayed a few hours with
us last night and then went on shore to attend to his
business this morning at eight o'clock he came on board
and has spent the day with us and it has been a happy
Sabbath to us all he and William have sat on the Sofa
talking as fast as their tongues could fly and it has done
my soul good to look at them