

Miraguess – Porto-Rico-, W.I. Feb 1st, 1844

My Dear Wife

We arrived here the last day of Jany,
last Tuesday, after a passage of twenty one days from
New York. We took a very severe gale on the South
Side of the gulf Stream which lasted us about
four or five days. The wind was a head so that
we had to lay-to, as we call it, which is putting
the vessil in such position as to keep her from
being driven away by the wind. We are all well, --
It is very healthy here. It is warm enough too, we go here
without jacket shoes or stockings, indeed I were nothing
but shirt and trowsers, and warm enough at that
Evrything here is quite new to me. – The people are
are Spanish – their language, manners and customs
are all quite forreign to me. I have not as yet been
much on shore, so I am not able to give anything of
a description of the people or the place – The climate
is beautiful, the appearence of the country is also
very fine, their plants and trees are all green and growing
once can have no ide of winter here. You I suppose
are freezing with cold, well I would be willing to
freeze some too if I could be with you.
How comes on my Da-dy, I suppose that he is a fine
little fellow. I can almost see him trotting about the
house helping his ma-ma take care of her things
and asking when pa, pa will come home

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Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, his wife, written
in Puerto Rico.

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much and wants to play with his da-dy, tell him
that his pa, pa wants him to be a good boy and
that he will bring him home something pretty when he
comes home, Olive I suppose is with you by this time
I want to see her very much and think that I shall
when I return, unless she goes to New Hampshire, tell her
that I will take her to the West Indies when I get to be
Master of a vessel, We shall leave here about
the last of this month and be in New York about
the middle of March. You may write me so
that I may get your letter about that time at N-York
There is a ship to sail from here tomorrow bound
to Boston by which I forward this.
I have written this as well as I could, my light
is bad and the vessel is rolling about, and
I am quite tired, With the hope that I shall see
you soon I remain very affectionately your husband

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Feb. 2. 1844