

Demerara (South America) Feb 29, 1848
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Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, his wife, written in Demerara, Guyana.

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Eliza Ann Davison
Augusta
Maine

[postmark] NEW YORK
28
MARCH

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