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New Britain

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To be kindly enclosed and forwarded by J.B.S.

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My dear sister Almira

I can hardly realize that such a long time has elapsed without my writing to you. I have no doubt that you have been anxious about me. The fact is, the last three months have been filled with remarkable labours, with journeyings to and fro over the Continent of Europe. But I hope the few Family letters that you have read in the Citizen have been in some degree substitutes for letters written with my own hand. You have read before this all about the Frankfurt Congress, and something about our mission of peace to Denmark & Schleswig Holstein. I am waiting here in Hamburg, the issue of our efforts. This has been the most remarkable mission that I have ever been engaged in, and I have found the promise verified in my own experience "blessed are the peacemakers!" Day before yesterday I dined with the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Schleswig Holstein at Hilt Hill, who treated me with the greatest kindness and

consideration. I hope that this war may  
be brought to a close through our instaura-  
-entality. Would it not be a glorious affair  
if it should? I hope hereafter to give a  
letter every week in the Citizen, so it will  
be like coming home to you again. I was  
rather worn down and exhausted after  
the Congress at Frankfurt, but this new  
enterprise has brought me up again, and  
I was never in better health. I have  
a nice room here in this noble city and  
am making pleasant acquaintance. I  
am preparing the way for my Olive Leaf  
operations, and as soon as this job at  
peace-making between these two countries  
is finished, I hope to throw myself into  
Olive Leaf enterprise with success as well  
as zeal. I am almost astonished at myself  
that I can make myself so much at home  
in these strange countries. I expect to  
remain about 2 months longer on the  
Continent before I return to England. And  
now you cannot think how much I  
desire to hear how you all are getting

on in New Britain.  
I left 20 March has been  
few months. I want to  
a long letter and tell you  
of interest among you.  
more and more dear  
incidents of my boyhood—upon the remembrance  
of old neighbors and friends with great interest.  
I hope that all the Circle of the family, including  
cousins, nephews & nieces are all well and  
prospering. Commend my love to Betsey,  
Mary, and to all the rest of the family. Dear  
~~Henry~~ Louisa you must send twice a piece  
for me. Give my brotherly regards to the  
Strickland, Isaac, Noah & Alfred.  
And your Olive Leaf Circle—I hope it is  
alive and progressing—and that you will have  
many nice meetings, these coming winter  
evenings. They say to them when you meet  
them, that they are the first gem in my  
crown of rejoicing—that their sympathy  
approbation & cooperation are very precious  
to me while sojourning in this far off  
land. When I get through with this embassy  
to a couple of fighting countries, I intend to  
write to them. Now adieu  
affectionately, your Eliza