We have had a severe winter & the spring the mild hers
brought with it colds influenzas & inflamed eyes.
Lucy is well but extremely thin & has had a cough most of
the winter. —
The only thing I want from your Island home will be some
bay rum when you return. by the cask I am told it is
not high & it certainly a more agreable loi let appendage
than cologne — I shall leave a space below for Elina — &
therefore will turn over to give you a postcript. love to all
of our own. & also Miss Dix — yours ever LWG.

Dear cousin Mary

I have received your letter, but have not had an
opportunity to answer it, till now. I hope you are happy at Santa
Cruz, though the little girls have not been cultivated. Are there many
beautiful flowers on the island? I am still at school and am improving
very much. We have had a new rule made, "we must not speak English
from 12 at noon till 8 in the evening, meals excepted." Though very use
fel, it is not so agreable. Whoever speaks English during that time, is obliged
to wear a medal made of card, and then if she hears any one speak English
they gives it to her; the person who has the medal last in the evening puts
it on again at 12 o'clock the next day. I have not been home since Christmas.
I hope Miss Dix's health is better. Do you have church in Santa Cruz?
Oyp Scott has grown quite fat. So a handsome set of china which pa brought from
India many years ago. has been sent on
from Newport for me. I am happy to hear that the farm is in such
good hands, and that Aunt Sarah is so well pleased with his management.
I have had such pretty presents this winter. I have looked over the Young Ladies'
book. I have scarcely read a single book since I have been at school. George writes
to me, sometimes very amusing letters. He says Mr. Cogswell is very indulgent. I have
had a cough for 3 weeks, mama hopes it was the hooping cough, but it was not. My
writing is so bad, I am afraid ashamed to shew it to you, quite a contrast to
yours. Mamma says that when I am at home I must not speak English
I am dear Mary, Elina affectionate cousin