We have had a severe winter & the spring the mild has 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 Elna — & therefore will turn over to give you a postcript. love to all of our own. & also Miss Dix — yours ever LWS.

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 useful, 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? Cyp Scott has grown quite fat. 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 presen & 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, Elna affectionate cousin