

Newport Dec 26,
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My dear Wife

I rec^d a letter from you yesterday which was the first I had rec^d for about ten days, it was dated Dec 28 & the last before that was dated Dec 17th so it seems there was eleven days you did not write or your letters did not reach me I have concluded that the latter is the real cause for I know you would not let so many days pass without writing - even if your forgetful husband would be likely to. I was somewhat disappointed as you can imagine when after waiting so long to get only one letter from my London but dear Maria we are so situated now that neither of us can expect to hear from each other at all regularly for at this season of the year, heavy winds and rough seas will prevent free navigation and we may make up our minds to disappointments