Bark Pilot Bonyee Islands
October 13th 1847

Dear Lydia

with pleasure I address a few lines to you as Capt Wallis is about leaving the Marietta Islands for the land of the brave, when it will be my turn I cant say for I have got only half of my cargo [redacted] to get the other is hard to say although I have done as well if not better than many other vessel on the Coast I think that I Shall make a Charming voyage if nothing more howsomever I Shall try and do something if things works according to my expectations I Shall leave here in about 5 or Six months for Manilla you need not be alarmed about my being gone five years as Vessels is making it done for the present one voyage at a time I must quit Long enough for now if you was with me I could say as Capt Wallis that he did not care when he went home So Long as he could make money thing you can look for me most Sumer I hope that this will find you and all the Children in good health tell Warren that he must be a good boy and

help his mother all he can tell him to
and learn as fast as possible tell Willie
to be a good boy and perhaps i shant stay
it much longer with him when i get home
as i did the last time i should like to
hear from you but i dont expect to
until [illegible] Daniel Mc Walthur is
here sicking for the Counsel he says that
he intends coming home but from
what i dont think that he cares much
about coming as report goes he has not
anny thing else him to bring to his fame
by if that is the case i dont blame him
for not coming for my part i would as
soon go to the Gallows as go empty
handed to my family i have nothing
of Consequence (importance) to write you
more then take care of yourself and
Children and make yourselves as happy
as circumstances will admit
and now i will bid adieu for this
time hoping to meet in about
three months more

Yours truly

Joseph Hartwell