

Cape New Hope. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1842

Bros. Peter.

Your favour dated Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> + 20  
three in all, have reach'd me, for which I return you  
thanks. - I have writt'n you several letters since  
your departure for Washington - all of which I hope  
ere this, have reach'd you. You desire me to write you  
all the news I could. Well, I will gladly do it. - But I  
will give you but little, as I am in possession of but  
very little news. And in the first place, I would  
relate the news of my neighbourhood - Our friend  
& broker Robert W. Nail was unanimously chosen  
Capt. by the various <sup>free</sup> the place vacated by the  
resignation of Ahukitohi. And Noel Gardner was  
also unanimously chosen Capt. in the place of his  
father deceased. - and George W. Hartman was chosen  
speaker whose appointment is to continue until next  
July election, and George Hudson has announced him-  
self a candidate for the Speaker's place -  
Col. Isaac Solomon is, I am told, managing his affairs  
in his Dist. with a keen discernment of a good states-  
man. May God guide him with his Spirit - & make  
him a useful man among his people. - Among the people  
of the Nation in general, they remain just about the same  
as they were when you left us. - The news from Texas  
is that the Santa Fe expedition has been captured -  
and the people in Texas appear to be excited, & no  
doubt they will send out another expedition. -

About the Dragoons you wrote me, there will be only  
four Companies that <sup>will</sup> station at Fort Johnson  
part of the time. - the news of their coming was announced

Here about two months ago. But the people in these parts do not seem to be much elated in their expectations - The Pragoons have <sup>not</sup> yet arrived, and not a word has been heard from them -

Now Sir, let us talk about the female school. In my last I ~~sent~~ gave you a letter from Mr. A. Wright on the subject of female school, which I requested him to give me his views on that subject - I was well pleased with it, so I forwarded it to you to pass your opinion upon it - Please keep safe the copy & return it to me, when you can have - I thought just so, and as still think so yet, is not the manner of teaching <sup>in</sup> Mr. Wright's School about as good as any other? If we should get new set of teachers, will they do better? I am inclined to doubt it - Just look at Mr. King's school, Mr. Potts, Dr. Perry, Denton's, Hatch's, Smidg's, Copelands, Dr. Wilson's, and McKenzie's - thousand of dollars have been spent upon those schools & what was the consequence - a men no more any our young girls have had better schools & with better prospects of doing good. the school taught by my ~~esteemed~~ niece Lavina at Mountain Fork, which your own daughter, & another of my beloved niece Layfhina teach on Pogy, I am happy to say both of those schools look more like school. I could write several sheets on this head - but enough - Mr. Wright's school Mrs. Kingsbury's & Hatch's are good schools - these three are only to be excepted at this time, from the schools taught by white men - the reason is plain - they have been a long time away as engaged in teaching school & they are now made fully competent for the business by experience - Now Peter, be carefull in

all what you do on this business, I mean the female  
school, to fix it always <sup>to us</sup> to have, I mean our notes  
a hand in managing & controlling our female school  
we tried white men long enough, & we find the  
greatest number of them but a monkey in the  
business. Mr. Wright is true & faithful & we have  
confidence in him, but he is old, if he should die,  
& who should succeed him? A new man of course.  
It will take that man twenty years experience to fit  
him to be truly useful as Mr. Wright. My dear  
Peter let us be cautious - times are hard among  
the whites & they are eating for the money - we will  
find a great many come, who in sheep's clothing  
who have ~~less~~ but more often than we - Am

all the different denominations of professing Christians,  
who came here among us, we find but few, compara-  
tively few to be truly devoted to our interests, if we  
find so few true among the professing Christians, how  
much less ought we to place confidence among  
those who make no pretence to good things -  
Now the female school should be ~~under the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~control~~ & govern-  
ment of ~~a~~ pious persons - Greater the Piety the better, if  
that Piety is full of love & gentleness - If we have our girls  
well educated, civilized, christianized, enlightened, when  
they are grown up to be true wives & mothers, they will  
put a stamp in society & character & weight to  
the nation, & their offsprings will be considered civil-  
ized as soon as they are born - O, what advantage -  
& why have we neglected the girls so much, & spent  
all our money only on boys. What great error we have

committed. Now I have not said half of what I wish to say  
you on this school, & I am through this sheet - you see my let-  
ter is full of mistakes & roughly written but as it's you &  
you know me, I just write as I please - if God spare you  
& me too, to see you, we will talk on these things over -  
I am going to put up a cabin to stay in, at the rich Springs  
during the sitting of the General Council for you & me - how do you  
like the idea -

Wm. Lee  
Adelou

Col. Peter P. Pitcher  
Washington City



We are all well. I am now blessed with a son-in-law -  
and now my dear Peter, Christ has died for you & me.  
We are strongly commanded to keep & obey his laws, but our  
sinful hearts strongly opposed to do this, unless we are subdued  
in heart by the Spirit of God - therefore let us ever strive to  
please & obey our Father & Saviour that we may obtain his blessing  
both in this world & in the world to come - I am yours with  
much affection - Isaac Tolson