

Matapuna
June 18th /79

My dear Papa

I have just ^{got} your letter that you sent the end of April, the mail before that I got yours & Mellies ~~was from~~ Marianne & the one that ~~you~~ wrote that ought to have come by the Suez mail, but he did not ~~go~~ via Suez on it so it did not come untill the Trisco mail. I wrote to Marianne by the Suez mail last Sunday fortnight so I expect she has got it. I have little better news to tell you this time, I have let myself ~~to be~~ ^{paid} for 6 months (to the end of October) for £30. It seems small wages after what you told me Francis was getting, but they are such nice people & times are bad this winter so I expect I must be satisfied. Another of his men have left him he has gone back home he was a Scotchman, so I asked Mr. Pees if he wanted another man, because