

thousands of Beautiful Parrots some as large as chickens and others not bigger than a sparrow. I will endeavour to bring some of them home. We have plenty of game around us there is a bird very like an English pheasant which we have almost every day- We eat parrots very generally they are fine well roasted and a most happy circumstance for us we have got an excellent cook - she bakes our bread as good as in England and cooks the parrots in so many different ways that we never weary of them- Last night the servant went out and shot a fine deer - we shall therefore live upon venison for two or three days. The deer are very plentiful in the woods as well as wild Rabbits- I should like very much to have a days shooting but I have no time- Eating and studying occupies nearly all my time- We have also plenty of wild Turkeys which are quite equal to your English tame ones- Monkeys are plentiful here, the inhabitants eat them I have only made two meals of them. They taste much like young pork- I am now almost at the bottom of my sheet I must therefore think about ending my letter- Best regards to all I know. I received the letters of Thomas Nicholson & Joseph Locke which I will answer but in the mean time desire them by all means to write all particulars. Why don't they write every month as the packet leaves England.

Believe me Dear Mother Yours Affectionately

Robert Stephenson