

Papa's Step Daughters.

March 8 1856

My dear Baby.

Uncle Tom sends Baby a picture which he has drawn of Papa's beautiful big dog Sailor. He is such a good kind dog that Papa hopes one day to bring him to England for Baby to play with. He will be so fond of Baby, if Baby will pat him & stroke him and love him very much. He comes to see Papa & Uncle Tom every morning at breakfast. They put a piece of Toast on his nose and then say one - two - three and when they have said three, he tips up his head & catches the toast in the air & eats it.

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The poor dog has been very lame. He was running about on the shore and he trod on a piece of glass which cut his foot very badly. He has not been able to have a good run on shore for many days - but his foot is much better now -

Uncle Tom is going to day to try & shoot an owl and if he can kill one he will get it stuffed and send it home for Baby. There are a great many large owls on the shore with horns on their heads, not horns like a cows, but all feathers. These owls are very fierce and kill a great many other birds, and the young hares.

Dear Papa is very well. He has had a great deal to do lately, for the weather has been very stormy and the wind has blown very hard, and Papa has been up on deck most of the night, to take care of the ship, and has got very little sleep. It is fine weather now but very cold -

Papa sends much love to his dear little boy and so does Uncle Tom to Baby -

March 10.

How does Papas darling baby like  
the big black dog Sailor - He is  
such a kind good natured dog  
has never bit or growled at  
any body. and will be so fine  
of the Baby.

The Ice was so thick that Papa  
could almost have walked  
on shore from the ship this  
morning -

Papa must think of some  
other drawing for the Baby  
Baby should take care of them  
& keep them in a box

Papa does not know what  
he wouldnt give to be able  
to come and see the Baby and  
have a game of Ball with him  
or Hide & Seek.

Babys own der Papa



For Master Edward L. Ryder.

From Uncle Tom.

