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*Victory* May 18th: 1805

150 Leagues WSW from Madiera

My Dearest beloved Emma, I send

you the enclosed that no difficulty

may arise about my Dear Horatia

in case any accident should happen

to me for I know too well the necessity

of taking care of those in case whilst

we have the power, and these arrange:

:ments (arrangements) do not hasten our death I

believe quite the contrary as it

leaves nothing to corrode the mind

in a sick bed. I only hope to get at

the French fleet when if it pleases

God I shall immediately return to

my own dear Emma at Merton

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You will know how to direct Mr.

Haserwood in making out the paper

for the annuity and that Ms. S.

must not presume to chatter *[i.e. share her opinion in opposition of]* for if

She does the annuity ought to be

forfeited, but you will know how to

talk to her. You will see I have wrote

that sort of letter which may be

shown any where or to any body

May God in heaven bless you my

Emma and send us a happy

meeting in the fervent prayer of your

Ever faithful Nelson & Bronte