little flowers, it is not so much the peculiarity of the flower but it grows so many little
and each flower blooms but for a day, whether you are lovers of them I don't know, if you
could send me some little seed it would give me delight, for with that I keep myself busy
much of the time, now cordial greetings from us to you all, from me, Janet and husband, Isaac
us and James and greet also aunt Willemijntje Mina had told, that they still
thought of coming to America, I would surely like to see them here sometime, again cordial
greetings, in my thoughts I am still often with you, so I sign myself your loving niece

if you can write back soon

Catharina J Brandt

LETTER 8, translation

Dear Brothers and Sisters

as I read what Katie has written I find I have nothing
to add because her wishes for you pertaining to your salvation
are also mine Nevertheless she is determined that I should do [write] something
So I hope then that when we receive reply from you you will come with
the message that one and that one in our relationship is born at Zion for this
is sure that the allhighest will confirm such and that those who
are still strangers to this may get pangs toward this birth I mean
a vision of God's Righteousness and Self-condemnation and thus
as one doomed in himself will in secret before the Lord
cast himself to his knees and at the foot of the throne of grace
make confession of all sins such conduct will not
leave such a soul void of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
namely what he is and will be for one so minded it would be impossible for me
to list all the Bible texts that establish that yet read
only Isaiah 55 and Matthew 11 v 25 to 30 and on the other hand the threats
in the same chapter from v 16 to 24 now possibly you might seek
an excuse in v 25 yet to refute this for you I would
have to be able to converse with you much news from the land what
is going on in the world at large we learn from the paper
digging across the island laying of telegraph and railroads and
dyking in of Schoorren as too the running away of C Filius' horses
but write us sometime who are already dead of those I have known
and how things go with you awaiting this your loving

Sister and Brother G Brandt your Sister Maria Brandt