

little flowers, it is not so much the peculiarity of the flower but it grows so many little flowers, 1
and each flower blooms but for a day, accept it then as a remembrance flowers, 2
could send me some little seed it would give me delight, for with that I keep myself busy 3
much of the time, now cordial greetings from us to you all, from me, Janet and husband, Isaac 4
and James and greet also aunt willemitjje ^{us} mina had told^{us} that they still 5
thought of coming to America, I would surely like to see them here sometime, again cordial 6
greetings, in my thoughts I am still often with you, so I sign myself your loving niece 7
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 9
to add because her wishes for you pertaining to your salvation 10
are also mine Nevertheless she is determined that I should do [write] something 11
So I hope then that when we receive reply from you you will come with 12
the message that one and that one in our relationship is born at Zion for this 13
is sure that the allhighest will confirm such and that those who 14
are still strangers to this may get pangs toward this birth I mean 15
a vision of God's Righteousness and Self-condemnation and thus 16
as one doomed in himself will in secret before the Lord 17
cast himself to his knees and at the foot of the throne of grace 18
make confession of all sins such conduct will not 19
leave such a soul void of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ 20
namely what he is and will be for one so minded it would be impossible for me 21
to list all the bible texts that establish that yet read 22
only Isaiah 55 and Matthew 11 v 28 to 30 and on the other hand the threats 23
in the same chapter from v 16 to 24 now possibly you might seek 24
an excuse in v 25 yet to refute this for you I would 25
have to be able to converse with you Much news from Aeeland what 26
is going on in the world at large we learn from the paper 27
digging across the island laying of telegraph and railroads and 28
dyking in of Schorren as too the running away of C Filius' horses 29
but write us sometime who are already dead of those I have known 30
and how things go with you awaiting this your loving 31

Sister and Brother G Brandt your Sister Maria Brandt