

you & the children to be weighed
Mr Cromwell will help you weigh
& send me your weights. Mine this
morning in the clothes I left home
in was 128 lbs. or 9 stone 2 lbs.

I will write to you the last of
this week if your letter should not
reach me sooner, and you may depend
upon receiving an answer from me
written the same day every letter of
yours reaches me if in this world.

Tell Mr Cromwell to please send me
a condensed sort of Stenographic diary
of work under him in your letters.
Over and fower with sweetest
kisses to Mother

Sempre Con Amore

Juan alias

John M Clay

P.S. Morrison McClelland is all right
the best man ever in my stable

JMC

Long Branch Race Course
Eatontown Office
Monmouth County
New Jersey
28th May 1872

Queridita Esposa Mia
Carissima,

Here I sit on a stable
bucket writing with a good pen & ink
on the old box that used to be in
the brick shop your own dear self
had fixed from an old smoke house
into the great convenience it has
always been since whilst I was away.
And the first thing I have to say
is that with great pleasure your
most welcome letter was handed me
this morning. All the ponies & the
beasts seem entirely recovered from