her appetite wanted
her resignation, they were
duly appreciated and
most welcome.

18th February 1878

My dear Lieutenant

It was indeed
very good of you to send us
such a handsome present
and my wife joins me
in thanking you sincerely
for your kind remembrance.
The pines arrived in
splendid condition, and
have been much appreci-
ated by all, among them
friends, and the house too
has splendidly, but not wisely.

Keep it safe until you
duly sampled. I don't
remember ever to have seen
preserved Cajus before. They
are very good indeed, & the
flavour reminds me of
many a Cajun days in the
old Bahia days.

I hope it may not be
long before we have the
pleasure of seeing you
here again, and my wife
asks me to say that she
hopes you will give us
a little more of your time
& a little more warning.

My wife has had a very
sharp attack of influenza
from which she is now
slowly recovering, and so
the pines arrived just when

Your very sincerely,

[your name]

[Signature]