

By mail. 20/51
N. Y. Jan. 14th 1857

TO CHILE
MISSION

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Incomplete letter from [sender unknown] to John [P. Green]
January 14, 1851
[John P. Green Mss. - L.]

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[*Written in margin*]: To Chile Mission

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and several other volumes, with some papers -
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