* Within the folder marked **Call Number 68/26 c MS 3701** at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley, California are two letters to a “Mr. Grases”. The first is in Mary Ellen Pleasant’s handwriting, the second was probably dictated by her.
  + - San Francisco
      * + March 17, 1896
* Mr. Grases, Dear Friend,
* I wrote you a letter some time ago that because I had taken Susie and went responsible for her debts I am not a going to take any advantages of her. I don’t take any thing belonging to any body. Why should I take her peano and I pertending to be such a friend. I would rather give her a pienno costing four times as much than to take one from her. Dear Mr. Grases let be this final with you. Your mother was very near my heart if she not a been I would never have taken Susie. Your sister that is dead and gone. I hold myself responsible for both of her children and both Susie and her little brother I must I will do what I promised your mother in this house when I saw her last. And I told as much to you when I saw you last – that I did not think it wisdom for people to say what I would do.
* I kept your last letter but will not keep this one. The other was a very nice letter and it gave me great comfort to read it but I see by this one you don’t understand me at all.
* I did think it very strange that you did not come to see me when I was sick and I did think from your letter that you were a near friend of mine. Now you come and see me for I am not one thing to you today and another tomorrow no matter what Susie may do I will not turn my back against her memory – First a long letter last month. She is Hattie child and Mrs. Brown grand child and both think a good deal of me. Your mother would rather have died than know anything against Susie. As she told me she wanted to live for those two children. Send me a postal any day before you come so I will see you. I have not been out for about 3 months.
* Mrs. M. E. Pleasant
* 1661 Octavia Street
* 2nd Letter to Mr. Grases (undated). This letter is in different handwriting, and was probably dicated by Mrs. Pleasant
  + - * San Francisco Cal.
* Mr. Gracious
  + Dear Friend
* I have been sick in bed and have not been out of the house and the Dr. has not allowed me to see or talk with anyone but I will see you just as soon as I can see anyone.
* By all means you shall have the piano and everything else I can give her to help her along or any one else belonging to your mother. I hope she has told you of all the nice clothes I have given her since she left here
* While visiting me not withstanding all the things she took from me and from this family while she was here and the most valuable thing is Miss Marie’s pin which I hope to get back if not I see by your letter you understand me exactly, as you always will. Now don’t forget to write and make an appointment with me before you come and I will be here to see you
* M. E. Pleasant
* 1661 Octavia Street
* P. S. If I don’t hear from you for a few days I will make an apointmentment if I feel well enough.
* Note:
* In **Call Number C-G 231 Box 1 MS 24 C3** there is a document that shows that on January 20, 1883, a check made out to James E. Grases was cashed.