S. W. March 7th, 1838

Mr. & Mrs. __

Dear Sir,

When I parted with you in New York I promised you should have heard from me on my arrival at this place. I accordingly set about fulfilling that promise, but when I arrived at the Island of St. Mary it was not more than 20 days from New York this morning. During the greater part of the passage and remarkable weather and from the effects of the cold and wet I was in health should have recovered much, but for fear of taking some cold by adding to my complaint I remained below during the greater part of the passage which could much be endured, on my arrival at St. Mary I found myself a little better and continued in a tolerable state on New Year's Day we left for New York and arrived there the same afternoon. Since I have been here my health has improved but gradually, but gradually improving I have been able to take my exercise a little that I have been able to take my exercise a little.
Station among you the coming Season—

The Island of St. Thomas holds one vast improvement for the entrance to the town, laid at the foot of a Weg, that leads from the Ocean and is almost enclosed with Mountains which render it extremely hot the road an lane except one by which the market people enter the town and as for pleasant Walk & views they have none on the Island, it is a great place for being a free but the great quantity of goods are brought there to be sold from where the principal produce is at present

Pine trees and a considerable part of the island land.

As to St. Vincent I am informed that some a lot of plantations are fitted from that part annually when the slaves there are to be landed at slaver on the barrier for different parts the population is about 15,000 & 2,000 of which are negroes. The Island of St. Lucia is situated at its Kittre as in every respect this Island is perhaps within a higher state of cultivation than any others of the West Indian Islands, as

Highest peaks are come with the sugar cane (the Dorset been the best). They make their Sugar Rum-Molasses. There is her a great making of the quantity of rum and all of the plantations are fenced in more owing to the heavy taxes, the great need of rain to bring the crops forward and the great competition they must with in the quantity of sugar made in Brazil in 1870 that alone exported 40,000 Bales of Sugar 3/4 at that quantity of rum bringing them to 121/2, they have once & a considerable price for the rum at last I heard they were not abroad. The 20,000 Bales of Sugar made an expectation this year will sell three fourths of the quantity, they are selling sugar at 5/4 a ton 1/4 of which is

The Bahums but I must begin to wind up at my time & I fear my Letter will not be most of the Bishops & all of their Bishops as many as I am pleased to them from you how many stand in one Village as well as any. Where you may be pleased to them from you how many stand in one Village as well as any. Many more you may be pleased to them from you. How many
The Alexander is now about one hundred miles from Napier, having just arrived from Nelson. At the present date all on board are well, except our cooper, who, although not dangerously ill, is upon the sick list. Since we left Napier last, Mr. Forster, our second mate, has died. He was sick about three weeks. This season has proved very unsuccessful, both on account of whales and weather, the former few, and the latter very rough. The whole season has been spent in catching cod. We will probably reach home this next Spring, but I shall remain in the Pacific, if long as the Alexander does. Now for a short account of what has happened, and then for home affairs, as it would be rather unseemly not to inquire respecting the loved ones.

From Napier, we shall proceed to the southward, cruise there a short time, go into port, replenish, and proceed to take another season on the Pacific, if not unusually successful at the southward, then direct for home. In order to effect this, we shall have to remain two years longer. A long voyage you say! Well! something of an end to a man's life. But, think of comparatively (that's Lattie for you)! we shall arrive in time to see some little strangers born ten or eleven years old.

You will recollect that in my last letter I wrote that I was unwell. I afterwards became better, and sailed on the Alexander. We are not the only unsuccessful ones as regards the whaling. We have visited or traded with those north of us, and we are very well paid. We left the sound the last of April, before leaving Napier, and have since taken the P. 3/4 Science, 1 whale, 18, well. I suppose we shall arrive in the Bay in the next three months, or we shall be at home earlier.

John Wells

Feb. 10th, 43
Mr. Benjamin A. Cook
The Harbo
Long Island
Mar 16th

The 17th inst.
1834

July
This from Constant
1834.
are now the Sevaen two days before leaving, clean, or rather nothing this season. Several others we have managed to have more, but all with little or no aid. The New England ships we have not heard from.

I was told by one, who was informed by another, who had heard it from an authentic source, that Sarah was married since then I have understood that such was not the case.

By the way, the new church must be in a flourishing condition, nearly if not quite completed, and the organ has a grand effect, I imagine. So you visit it Sunday evening, or are you called away to attend some other business or affair? Has Mary R. lost all relish for something that is going on elsewhere, or is it possible Maria T. has likewise? Has Mary improved upon the farm, and is she still the confidence of M. H. at Hay Ground? Can you meet pretty ships that sail during the summer and pass, to give a general account of the farm, and the proceedings in the Harlan. Fred I suppose is established in some dealing extensively in the wool business.

Saturday Sept 13th We have been in port now two days. The island lies in the same situation, and the inhabitants are as agreeable people, and accomplish as they were last spring. The TEV ships are inside have arrived as yet although we are expecting several every hour. The Stalen has lost three whales I understand. Your mate Douglas has had his leg crushed to splinters by a whale.

Voy the bow, May is present will have to be deftly, probably two years longer. But I am now going on shore after a cup of water. Autum tomorrow.

Sunday Morning 10 O'clock. The bells on shore are
Dear Father:

Our leaving, cleaves at others, we have a little or no oil. I have not heard from any other source, but I have a letter from another, that I have written.

The new church must be the best of your happiness. It is impossible for me to think of you in any other situation than a happy one. I have written a letter toны.

I have been in your mind, and in your situation, in the best of my way, and as long as you have written, I have written. But I have not written for some time. I never wrote you a letter before. I have not written you a letter since.

Yours truly,

According to my promise I'll now write you concerning matters and things, which have happened since leaving this port. On the 24th two vessels reached us, in company with our ship, as you can see by the chart. I shall endeavor to give an account of our actual operations, state of the ships and crew, while I suppose we should have taken the vessel which came in. My letters to you will show dishes and clothes to give an account of every thing of interest that may have happened so far to this body of water. You will be enabled to see a kind of copy of the voyage. I hope to my best to make it interesting to you all. I hope I am likely to be successful in this matter. I shall return this vessel, and as well as I can. Could you have seen this ship and crew that voyage and compare her with this voyage to you? You would find an immense difference in everything. The accident of the ship in my view more important, than ship shape, and the men have some of the latest gear, with which Captain Heeler was equipped. There is also more cordiality between the officers themselves, and the crew than there was to be, a thing, which may make every one as comfortable as possible, will permit the men to get along and agree well together. We set sail on the eastern island, but the N. East head was so much as to render it impracticable, and the first land we reached was the head Bermudas. We stood up on the night, and as the weather was equally bad and threatening, we could not take a fair wind of the wind the weather been good should have helped, and I did obtain some facts, which we said to be very plentiful here, and also to have some effect. Having been some of the cereals had been here before, and by their account the head was fairly well and rocky, and on the most part command. This was only made on the island after a boat would land, and then only in small sets, as on account of the heavy weather and roughs. One and one hundred to the plenty of toys and goats here, in a wild state. It is also the best of mines.
When they reached the B3 they put her over in time before they came to the rise. We were there, and there were some of the gentleman pour us a glass of grog, out of a pocket of a young man. There were some of the young men drinking.

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then the rocks are close here. For this
is very plenty be.

The sail broke, and for my part
some cattle, there is
that had stopped
action, as to be obliged
the whale, and the
stance to chance the
them for awhile, and we pocketed
for the bottom ground
were successively
we were trying to
and we exclaimed to
some of it. Then
another. The eldest
shout were
those old
mendacious france, in
more to be, to the
were of the ship's drudgery to
the sake some of it
the old king's times. Because
would not allow my
old one, for my part
quit; a circumstance
impossible to turn to
the incident. They are
their side and the long
rally, and it is a pretty
and Captain turnover
some distance to
When they could go after they have been in the water. They
sailed to get near the water with their gun, a considerable
before they can get an enough anchor. Their masts to make
them rise. — The two Don o'clock, the swells on
there were water and of which some there. Some cattle, there this
eagle, they being away to give their masts a chance, and some
agreed with the circumstance. But they could not fly, and partly
made out to paddle along fast enough to keep up with the swells.
We used to see hounds of Judas in clusters of a white column with red and
black. They were tame and serviceable as horses of some
ranks and some workers on
yard and agin in great numbers that the away from it. Finally as though
the case not only not to turn them. They did each seem the best paid
of, all and some of more far and some also, looking on, they were
high close to me. at least by any signs of fear
make a pleasant
break in the soundery of voyages through the cold
streaming regions
where they abode. And it's of consequence that's come from it in the
knots on one whale and others there, but could not get him after
having talked, (we are not to get the line, we have plenty of sperm whale
and had no time, partly cool, some get quite considerable out of them.
for the Dy of Alken, we took 2 sperm whale, reaching at 32 hrs. In
the 12 before we had made out the boat to get close to me, we
believe, if not standing up, waiting to get alongside. Though the one
a good ship's breezy, did not gain much on them, so we took to
paddling we did not alight alongside, unless he milled under the
head of the ship's board, and as it led go, which light came to
the head of the boat, as that my arm stuck him on the knee
and went about to 45 hrs. through the block in a line with his
black sailor. Before I could get 2 of my productions, sea were on top
of him (the wheel) the fingers come so before knocked me about 2 from
steerage, up and down. I fell onto the boardman, and before I could
give up my leg the rock was off. The wheel as to have a
unleveled, to get in one 2 hours, and get aloft in the line. Then
in this, nearly about, which were under, some of the middle of the ship, he
came the day in since and never offered to that his jaws
open. The arm cut into and he went off. Being done no more
slams, then went a little later through the bottom streams.
I had taken. The action I could have done) as right across
the boat on one, I thought since the same snake as ordinary
St. Catherine's Island, August the 19th, 1828

Major

I have the honor to inform you that I have arrived here all in good health. The crew with not any sick are here under a very careful guard; and the ship behaves well. She is very tight but does not leak as well as I am led to believe. I arrived here the 17th and found the Hornabrook ready for sea, but did not sail until this morning the wind being almost too dangerous to come out. We are all well and like as we set the treasure is here with 50 lls of salt. I shall sail in two days for the Banks. I think it would be well to continue the Caicos 3 lls taken on board. Eighty lls of cotton as well as I can calculate. One side part of our water has leaked out. I think we have enough to perform the voyage and it does not leak any more.

William Gifford
Charles J. Dering Esq.

Sep. 20th, 1833

Sp. of Heribor County,

Suffolk. and state of Eng.

W. S. A.

Cal. de Janeiro, Sep. 20, 1833.

Rec'd at post 27th, from Augus,

Consul, M.L.A.
As we have nearly arrived at the motion, Island and as it is my watch below, I shall attempt to give you an account of the past week in my mind and almost make me report that every came to me. And yet, and you cannot possibly have any idea of a dotted line. Mayne, I will give you a description of our living. Though generally we have coffee to gather some strong liquor which is called grog with bread & cake. For dinners we have a variety sometimes beef & pork & at others what they call crock boiled & called stuff. For supper we have fish bread & tea, and this is called very good living but I cannot wish it just. Numbers of little incidents since we have been on the passage had time to remind me of the pleasant scenes I have spent on them with thine one in particular which I will relate. One day about 10 o'clock the captain. He raised a gun about 22 times and after we had heard the gun, the ship's boat was at the boat which was hoisted on the top of the ship and was to reconnoitre. After we had armed ourselves we saw twelve a dozen dolphins which reminded me of the renowned song by the poet. We have been in company with the Panama & another until just before which has power to render the passage very agreeable. I shall not have learnt to write to Ashraim at present but will certainly report that the voyage has been one of the most pleasant opportunities. I have enjoyed myself in the water and the space we have been about is not quite as pleasantly as before. About ten I thought (as I walked the deck on our night watch) of the many pleasant hours which we spent at London.
Mr. Benjamin F. Volk
Cap. Haveron
City Island
State of New York

1851
February 23, 1851
Received from John Young
Nov. 11, 1851
During the past Summer and wished myself back. Give my love to all the join men and also to all of the more masculine friends & it is my sincere wish that we might arrive at St. H., in the course of 18 or 20 months and then if there is any pleasure to be obtained in this society I intend to enjoy it.

I would like to have you in the service of this noble ship during smooth time. I can unite there, you, Tom in one end of a chest & myself on the other with a case of Pilot bread in one end, a pot of water in the other & a small tub butter stuffed with beef and pork cattle for dear life.

Aug. 27th. Saturday we bound away our boats for a wharf, 2 days on Tuesday they found none but did not succeed in arresting them. Because the wind was strong enough and the ship is pitching badly. And life I cannot once more as we are very busy and all hands are called on deck. Oh what I long to have the time come when we shall meet again. I expect that no one will think if I understand that any have I shall lose the confidence I have placed in you. What you wish?
Exhored Friend
Barnes, Penacook Island

Mr. W. When you receive this letter I should be upon the South west coast of America and you perhaps surprised by the news of my return yesterday being Thursday I went to church and after service proceeded to the Missionaries where I have left the interest of some of our publications it is about two thousand five above the dwellings if you have another opportunity of sending I wish you to inform me respecting the state of health do not confine yourself with respect to intelligence but mention all as far as they concerning if you have been to South Hampton since we sailed to the house who visited you and how you enjoyed yourself I am in present for the Alexanders Kilby and have written several letters already and am somewhat in a hurry what to write but I will glance around at some of the proceedings of this voyage as perhaps it might interest you a little Our progress from home to the Western islands & Cape of Good Hope was very tedious light, belligerent, contrary winds from the equator to the Cape. After leaving here however we had fresh winds and drove along directly toward New Holland. There we cruised a short time and then proceeded to New Zealand, and upon entering the Pacific we had taken six hundred mile of wind.
From the, we proceeded directly to Pittsfield. (The
same upon which the mentioned of the Berry settled
and between them and Albee, we saw whole’s burned,
fired, and were exposed to a loud whistle. Since then
nothing worth mentioning had occurred. I was well
pleased to receive the book you lent me although I expected
a letter from you, as well as Adrian and Fred. I under-
stand that you are all about to be married in New
Hartford. I know the time and weather so I prepare for the nuptial cer-
emony. I do not doubt that you are all about to be married in the
Harbor. Is it true? I do not know. I hope to see you some
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April 30, 1803

Ofttimes hearing of you last voyage, and that it has been a long time since I wrote to you, and that this will not be the last acceptable in that account.

This morning for the first time in thirty days I have seen the Stars, which is not an unpleasant sight for that has been long since.

You may be somewhat surprised to hear that I am on this Ocean, but not finding the situation so good as I expected, at the Cape of Good Hope, I have continued to go to the North West Coast. While it is a long way, I suppose you will have heard of the favorable voyage since I left the Cape until within the last two thousand miles which I have been detained on account of variable winds and bad weather.

This is very pleasant to be six months in the most part of it buffeting the tips of the Mountains which are covered with Clouds. The Island is about seven thousand feet high and can be seen from twenty five to thirty leagues in clear weather. And yet we have not ascended.

But weather is that the last prospect if it get a little more favorable, we have very unfavorable winds and I never have the weather hold so long as it does here in my life. It has rained so much that you can see streams of it continually running down the Mountains. I am in hopes that the wind will soon be northeast so that we can get on.

If we have the day, I am to go to Socco. There is a small bay not a very large one. There is some help here, and among the 1st one French, 1st of the wind and one English. There appears to be some difficulty
here between the English and the French about the Island and their two Ships are stationed here to watch each other. This is a very fertile Island and abounds with Fruit of almost all kinds. About 10th February we were obliged to see the Spanish and French come in from the Manicouac Island, and being sure that the English Ships have taken possession of those Islands, I am now about ready for Sea and being anxious to get to the West Coast as soon as possible, I shall not make a long stay here. I have nothing more to add in my Letter of Journal as you may call it a Copy of Nott. I am unable to remain with much respect your friend and obedient Servant

William Raper

I give my best respects if you please to Tell that takes the pains to enquire after me and send yours to me.

Last night the Ship productions of the sun came in here into this Town and many Indians gone and the head of his manmost which the Carne away in a Spear.

Capt. of Mr. Raper.

Nott. Island Oct 11th 1763.
Well, we have at last accomplished our purpose of visiting the ship, and it has been done at as low a rate as it could have been done at home. We are now six days nearer the port than we were the last week by the way to the good at which we could be found in the Pacific Ocean. Sydney harbor itself is a most beautiful harbor, ships and steamers run along the city and there are numerous harbors where ships and steamers can enter. They have at present some six or seven steamers which run to different places along the coast. After this there are very few. The population of the city is estimated at from forty to fifty thousand people and within the circumference of twenty miles ed. Close to these are as many more.

The amusements here are not numerous. (If we exclude those which are of daily occurrence) there being but one theatre in the place. In this house the opera has a beautiful garden house which is open to everyone at least about the house. On Command of view of the harbor and upon Sunday, you may see soldiers, sailors, civilians, priests, and pretty women in abundance. The garden is very large, comprising about sixty acres of land, and walks are laid out in every direction adjoining the garden. In a parade ground where the Majesty is always assembled every Sunday. Never the same. And every night the Governor of New South Wales went there.
Mr. Benjamin F. Cook
Bag. Hazlet
Long Island
N.Y. A. 1st of Nov. 185
present himself at the Royal Victoria Theatre, the was done to their credit by a number of officers of the 97th regiment. The band of the same regiment were present and between the acts with their humble servant was there no chance with great music. The performance was excellent, the play being Cinderella in the glee-stopper, Mrs. Harting as Cinderella, and Mrs. Wallace as the same scene, the appearance of all. The dancers are Madame Varrings and Mrs. Neth. St. George, and the shapers (as part of it) were placed a few weeks since. Mrs. Ximenes (who by the way is the prettiest woman in Sydney) performed as St. George. One visit to Sydney and away for home! How are you all getting on there, oh, I well I hope, and perhaps better yet, you are married. It is so long since I have received news from you home, that I begin to think you have all forgotten me. But how are all the girls, all well. I hear most of them. I suppose they remember Mrs. and well they will allow me to take a sympathetic after their health I hope to write upon them. A letter of some would not answer.

Three ten to sail America. Ships have stopped here this season only one from the St. Kilda except perhaps the Steepenhams, but this are here or present the Ceres & Spirit of New York, the same is under repair in Boston says the same in which we took down.

God be with you and him and all. Particularly,

Mary & your parents.

E. H. [Signature]
Dear Friend,

Seville, March 17th, 1838

Believe soon after receiving this letter you will have an opportunity of seeing the writer as we are to be at home along the coast of Spain on the 12th July. We expect to sell our wine and hemp and at all times to obtain a freight for New Orleans.

If the former will be no doubt as we have an opportunity to discharge our cargo tomorrow, preparing to get out of the way of the Czar or an out of position. Although he has reason to expect it and I suppose come in fact. There are some that a few hundred miles in fact from almost every nation in the world, but the majority of the people of America and England, to a beautiful harbour and very large good lodging in front. Every royal coming to such a dwell, as the atmosphere a hotel from the foot Santa Cruz, except the lumber, and then proceed to the Francisco (pronounced Francisco) ground which is about one mile from the end of the city. Then receive the Custom house, at the point.

When ready to discharge, the cargo must be hoisted to the main royal moon head, into the sea head which is all variable, having in the afternoon, the mouth and the discharging ground which is the farthest of the bay, around a small island nearly opposite. This Middle of the city with the head of war and far away from the discharger. Often discharging, when ready to load, the men go still further away to the upper end of the city to the leading point. Then take up in cars. When we move to the Francisco there are two quays leads (continued list of men) in present double play and one large is almost.
SHIP

Mr. Benjamin A. Cook
San Francisco, S. A. Island
of New York

Received Feb. 10th 1838

[Seal]
upon any account to come alongside of vessels, nor except they were the Danish merchant's boats and even these must pull alongside the vessel before we were going to the shore. All the discharging ground there are three of these vessels in it, and at the landing ground two. All the landing grounds are some long, dark, looking cooners, where the loads are brought for us to carry on the upper coast. There are the American vessels of our line, but they are small English vessels. The Bank William also have a fregatte, two loop of a, one ship, one schooner here.

The Mr. C. N. Dyer, of New London, is leaving town here to repairs, then for that coast of all from this. At least the last her Capt. (Church) some time times, by a fall from aloft. We was shore last saturday, but had not known what do it was. We was getting the ship. I should have thought it any day, but Sunday, till the storm was over. I was off to visit a friend, about town the day. That and was coming to go on with lots of coffee on the head, loaded and were going to repair, it on the afternoon a boat fight last place just out of the city. Strong winds for Sunday to an accompanied to our quiet times at home. From here hands always close at home. About one month since we were at distance. I had not met others, where we were obliged to stop the boat by night. The next best thing we had to make it dangerous getting off. While there I had the pleasure of standing with the hand daughter, neither of which could sail the day in writing. The sun was burnt through.
woman, one not fair, but fat and a good sort of ugly. We saw the Mary Ann soon after leaving
them, with one whale. I dare not speak of
these at home, merely hoping if any inquiries
are made you will remember me to them in kind.

For your self, relatives, & friends. Accept
my grateful thanks. Hoping soon to hear
your sweet music from the whole tribe of
Mary Ann's in Boston & memory, &c.

Trust in your kind friend.

C. William

Ship Alexander

To Mr. C. Baker

Yrs. A. Coxe R.

Theodore.