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1840 Series

Thomas Whaley's Trip to Europe
with

his tutor . Monsieur Emile Mallet

ISeries begins with a letter written by
him to his mother Rachel Whaley

addressed: Thomas Pye, Esquire
Newark, Quarry Street, N.J.

This letter written aboard ship commenced
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THOMAS WHALEY TO RACHEL PYE - TRIP TO EUROPE

ADDRESSED TO: THOMAS PYE, ESQ.
NEWARK, QUARRY ST., N.J.

MAY 10, 1844 ON BOARD SHIP
CAPTAIN CHASE

DEAR MOTHER,

YOU HAVE NO DOUBT BY THIS TIME, THOUGHT WE SAFELY ARRIVED IN HAVRE, AND ON MY WAY TO MONS. MALLET'S HOME. THIS WILL UNDECEIVE YOU. WE ARE YET A THOUSAND MILES FROM PORT, CONTENDING WITH CALMS AND HEADWINDS. SINCE I HAVE SEVERAL LETTERS TO WRITE, I AM COMPELLED THUS OF NECESSITY TO COMMENCE. HERE IT IS NOT LIKE BEING ON SHORE, SO MANY INCONVENIENCES TO PUT UP WITH. THE SHIP IS PITCHING FIRST FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER, AND AT TIMES IT IS DIFFICULT TO PUT PEN TO PAPER. I COMMENCE WRITING TO YOU NOW AND SHALL WRITE A LITTLE NOW AND THEN TILL WE REACH HAVRE. YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PASSAGE WE HAVE MADE. I HAVE NOT ROOM TO TELL YOU FOR EACH DAY SO IN A FEW WORDS I WILL SAY IT HAS BEEN A LONG TEDIOUS PASSAGE. WE WERE NOT OUT OF SIGHT OF SANDY HOOK, UNTILL THE 22ND OF APRIL. THE HEADWINDS DETAINED US. THE PILOT LEFT US ON THE 20TH. I WROTE A NOTE TO YOU BY HIM WHICH YOU NO DOUBT RECEIVED. HE SAID HE WOULD DROP IT IN SOME SUBPOST. IT WAS DIRECTED TO THE CARE OF MRS. UNDERHILL. I ALSO WROTE ONE ON THE DAY I GOT ON BOARD AND GAVE IT TO A GENTLEMAN TO DELIVER TO KING. IN IT WAS ENCLOSED GWARTS DUE BILL, AND A KEY FOR MISS DEVERAUX SENT M. MALLET. I EXPECTED JOHN TO COME ON BOARD THE NEXT MORNING AND BRING MY PETITION. WE DID NOT GET OFF UNTIL EIGHT, BUT I SUPPOSE THE REASON HE DID NOT COME WAS BECAUSE HE COULD NOT GET IT FROM MR. LOZIER'S. I DON'T SEE HOW I CAME TO FORGET THIS. ASK MR. LOZIER FOR IT. HIS OFFICE IS IN BECKMAN ST. I THINK NO. 19-RIGHT HAND (SIDE) GOING DOWN, NAME ON THE SHUTTER. THE PETITION IS WRITTEN ON A HALF SHEET OF PAPER-WAVERED TO A BLANK HALF SHEET. NOW, I WANT YOU TO FOLD THIS UP AS IT IS, JUST AS YOU WOULD A LETTER, BUT TO HAVE THE BLANK HALF SHEET ON THE OUTSIDE. THEN DIRECT TO ME THUS:

MONSIEUR WHALEY-DOUARD DESNEUFBOURGH-RUE ST. MARTIN 51,
PARIS, FRANCE.

IN ONE CORNER PUT - PER PACKET. SEND IT ABOUT THE 1ST OF JULY. YOU MAY WRITE UPON THE BLANK HALF SHEET. THE POSTAGE WILL NOT BE MUCH WHEN I RECEIVE IT 25 CENTS. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OUR PASSAGE WAS VERY UNPLEASANT, RAINY OR CLOUDY, HEAD WIND OR NONE AT ALL. THE THIRD WEEK VERY PLEASANT, EVERY WAY. SINCE THEN TILL NOW, THE 19TH OF MAY, IT HAS BEEN VERY COLD, THE HEAD WINDS MOST OF THE TIME WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY SEVERE WEATHER. THE CAPTAIN SAYS HE NEVER HAD A Milder PASSAGE OR SO MUCH HEAD WINDS. THE SEA MOST OF THE TIME IS CALM AS THE WATER OF A MILL POND NOT THE LEAST UNRUFFLED. I WAS NOT SEA-SICK SO MUCH, I VOMITED BUT FOUR TIMES. MONSIEUR DID NOT STAND IT NEAR AS WELL AS I. THERE ARE FOUR LADIES ON BOARD THREE MARRIED, ONE A WIDOW. I HAVE NOT ENJOYED MUCH THEIR COMPANY. TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN SICK MOST ALL THE PASSAGE. AS FOR MONSIEUR HE HAS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO SAY OR DO WITH THEM. SOMEHOW OR OTHER THEY DO NOT SUIT HIS FANCY. THE NAME OF ONE OF THEM IS MRS. COCHRAN, WIFE TO HIM WHO IS NOW WORKING THE "STEAM EARTH EXCAVATOR" LIKE THOSE MACHINES THEY ARE USING IN BROOKLYN YOU NO DOUBT HAVE READ OF THIS POWERFUL MACHINE IN THE PAPER. HE IS THE INVENTOR OF THE CANNON LOCK, A NEW KIND OF GUN, AND A MACHINE FOR BLASTING ROCKS. HE HAS THE FIVE YEAR CONTRACT FOR CLEARING THE ROAD FOR THE HAVRE AND ROUEN RAILROAD. SHE GOES OUT WITH HER FAMILY TO LIVE WITH HIM. THEY HAVE THREE NICE LITTLE GIRLS, THE ELDEST, A CHILD OF 7 IS QUITE INTERESTING. I HAVE SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF MY TIME AMUSING HER. JOHN MUST HAVE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON SOON AFTER MY DEPARTURE AND LEFT YOU AND HARRIET ALONE. WHAT A SMALL FAMILY NOW! AND HOW GREAT A CHANGE FOR YOU! YOU MUST PERCEIVE IT, HAVING ALWAYS BEEN UNDER YOUR OWN ROOF AND THAT OF YOUR FATHERS. YOU MUST FEEL THE CHANGE AND SOMETIMES REGRET. QUITE NATURAL YOU SHOULD, SO MANY YEARS WITH A HOME AND NOW WITHOUT. THIS MUCH I KNOW ONLY.

BE CONTENTED WHERE YOU ARE FOR A SHORT TIME, AND YOU WILL FIND IT MUCH HAPPIER AND PLEASANTER FOR YOU. I DOUBT IF I RETURN THAT I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO PERSUADE YOU TO KEEP HOUSE AGAIN. YOU CONTEMPLATED GOING TO NEWARK AFTER I WAS GONE. BY THIS TIME YOU MUST HAVE RETURNED TO YOUR NEW ABCDE, WHERE YOU MUST BE COMFORTABLE FOR MRS. UNDERHILL IS A NICE CLEVER LADY. YOU WERE FORTUNATE TO GET IN WITH HER HAVING KNOWN HER SO LONG. DO TAKE SOME MEANS TO INTRODUCE HARRIET INTO SOCIETY. I KNOW NO YOUNG LADY WHO HAS FEWER ACQUAINTANCES THAN SHE. YOU KNOW SHE IS NATURALLY BACKWARD AND NEEDS URGING ON. YOU MUST THEREFORE HOLD OUT AN INDUCEMENT TO HER, ONLY LET HER BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THREE OR FOUR YOUNG LADIES OF HER OWN AGE OF RESPECTABLE FAMILIES WHO CAN INTRODUCE HER INTO SOCIETY AND SHE WILL DO VERY WELL. WATCH OVER HER, BUT NOT TOO CLOSELY, AS TO LET HER KNOW IT. LET HER DEPEND MORE UPON HERSELF, WHICH SHE MUST SOMEDAY, AND LOOK TO YOU FOR COUNSEL. IT IS PRETTY NEAR TIME FOR HER TO THINK OF GETTING MARRIED. SHE MUST NOT CHOOSE TOO SOON. WHEN I AM RETURNED, I SHALL INTRODUCE SOME CLEVER FELLOW TO HER. SHE MUST RECIPROCCATE THIS BY LOOKING OUT SOME NICE YOUNG LADY FOR ME. SHE MUST BE AMIABLE AND HAVE SOME LITTLE FORTUNE, NO MATTER ABOUT BEAUTY, THIS LASTS SO SHORT A TIME, HOWEVER I SHALL NOT OBJECT TO IT. I GIVE HARRIET FIVE YEARS TO LOOK HER UP IN.

GRANDFATHER WAS TO HAVE SENT A LETTER. IF HE DID SO SEND IT TO ME THE FIRST OF JULY. I HOPE HE IS WELL GIVE MY RESPECTS TO THE OLD GENTLE MAN AND TELL HIM I HOPE TO SEE HIM AGAIN. I WISH HE MAY LIVE MANY A YEAR AFTER HE HAS USED UP ALL HIS PROPERTY, WHICH AT THE RATE IT IS GOING CANNOT LAST LONG. YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM THEN, SO TELL HIM HOW TO MAKE HIS MONEY GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE OUR AFFAIRS WITH UNCLE JOHN'S ESTATE MAY BE SETTLED BEFORE I COME HOME. I THINK MRS. HARSELL WILL DRIVE IT AHEAD. LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HIM, NO DANGER OF HIS BEING BRIBED, EXPLAIN EVERYTHING CLEARLY. LET YOUR OBJECT BE TO GET ALL YOU CAN FROM THEM. DON'T GIVE AN INCH. I HARDLY THINK WHITING SHOULD HAVE \$25.00 MORE CONSULT HARSELL ABOUT IT. LET HIM SETTLE IT. WHITING HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING. BE CAREFUL OF ALL THE PAPERS I LEFT. LOOK THEM OVER SO AS TO UNDERSTAND THINGS. LET MR. HARSELL KNOW WHAT PAPERS YOU HAVE AND IF HE TAKES ANY KEEP A MINUTE OF THEM. LET HARRIET KEEP NOTES OF ALL THAT PASSES IT MAY BE OF USE. REMEMBER ME TO MR. HARSELL. REMEMBER I HAVE COPIES OF MOST OF THE PAPERS, SO IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WISH TO CONSULT ME ABOUT, WRITE AND I CAN TELL BY LOOKING AT THEM. DID JOHN GET THE \$20.00 -- MC GAY? I HOPE YOU ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO COLLECT ALL YOUR RENT THIS YEAR. NO DOUBT YOU GOT ALL DUE MAY FIRST. DID JOHN GET THE THINGS OUT OF THE LITTLE ROOM AT 3 MOTT ST.? THERE WAS A HAMMER, CHISEL, FILE, THREE SCREW DRIVERS, A KNIFE, CAN HALF FULL OF PAINT (OIL) A CUPFUL OF WHITE LEAD, NAILS, SCREWS, ETC. IF NOT ASK MC GAY FOR THEM. I HOPE THE DUTCHMAN WILL MAKE OUT WELL. DID YOU GET MY LIFE INSURED? FIRST OF AUGUST RENEW THE INSURANCE OF NO. 3 MOTT ST. BE PARTICULAR TO GET YOUR FURNITURE AND LOCKS INSURED. IF FIRE CAME YOU COULD NOT HOPE TO SAVE A SINGLE THING. KEEP ALL YOUR VALUABLES IN A SMALL BOX OR TRUNK AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE, WHERE IT WILL BE HANDY IN CASE OF FIRE AND ALL THE PAPERS AND FATHERS BOOKS IN THE WORK STAND. PUT NOTHING ELSE IN THESE DRAWERS. YOU ARE NEAR TO FLETCHERS GET HIM TO TAKE SOME OF THE LOCKS. HAVE A TALK WITH HIM, YOU MAY LEARN SOMETHING CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF OUR AFFAIRS. I HOPE YOU HAVE SWART'S NOTE. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I HAD TO SEND IT, SINCE I DID NOT SEE JOHN. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE NOT. THE NOTE I WROTE TO YOU THE FIRST DAY I WAS ON BOARD, I ENCLOSED TO ONE I SENT TO MR. KING, REQUESTING HIM TO DELIVER IT THAT EVENING, AS IT WAS SOMETHING PARTICULAR. I GOT 50 CENTS WORTH OF COCCANUTS FROM SWARTS, ONE-AND A HALF LBS OF MAPLE SUGAR AND THE REST IN CANDY. IN THE WHOLE THING WAS \$175. THE REASON I GOT SO MUCH WAS I EXPECTED TO GIVE JOHN SOME TO TAKE HOME. SWARTS IS A PRETTY HONEST FELLOW. HE WAS WILLING TO LET ME HAVE MORE. I BELIEVE HE WILL PAY ALL.

TRY TO GET SOME CASH NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM. YOU MUST NOT PAY MR. PARSONS HE IS AWAY NOW. I HARDLY BELIEVE HE WOULD GO TO LAW, IF HE DOES IT IS NOT LIKELY HE WOULD GAIN ANYTHING IF HE DID IT WOULD COST YOU SOMETHING TOO, SO RATHER THAN HAVE ANY TROUBLE IF HE THREATENS LAW, PAY HIM \$20.00 AND TELL HIM THAT IS ALL YOU WILL PAY AND IF NOT SATISFIED HE MAY GO TO LAW, AND THAT YOU ARE ANNOYED EVERY WAY. VERY LIKELY HE WILL ACCEPT THE \$20.00 DO NO MORE THAN THIS. I AM MUCH OBLIGED TO YOU FOR SWEETMEATS AND OTHER KNICK KNACKS, THEY COME IN FIRST RATE AND I HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST ME TO PORT. I WILL TAKE TWO COCONUTS, MAPLE SUGAR AND A CUP OF PINEAPPLE TO MONSIEUR MALLET--THESE ARE RARITIES IN FRANCE. I SHALL NOT HAVE MUCH CANDY LEFT. I HAVE GIVEN A GOOD DEAL TO THE LITTLE GIRLS, SOME TO THE LADIES, THE REST TO MONSIEUR, AND I HAVE MADE AWAY WITH. I NEVER TASTED SUCH POOR MISERABLE WINE AND BRANDY, MISERABLE STUFF. I HAVE DRANK VERY LITTLE OF IT, FOR I COULD NOT. THE BOTTLE OF BRANDY BROKE BY ACCIDENT WHEN THE SHIP ROLLED, I DID NOT REGRET IT. WHAT I HAVE LEFT I WILL GIVE TO THE STEWARD. THIS WITH A HALF-DOLLAR WHICH I HAVE IN SIX PENNY PIECES IS ALL I CAN AFFORD TO GIVE HIM. I HAVE NOT HAD MANY FAVORS TO ASK OF HIM. MONSIEUR SHARED HIS WINE WITH ME. WE HAVE HAD EVERYTHING IN ABUNDANCE THAT WE COULD DESIRE. WE SHARED TOGETHER, HE HIS AND I MINE. HE HAD TWO JARS OF OYSTERS, VERY GOOD, I HAD A PIE MADE OF THE PEACHES AS THEY WERE FERMENTING. I GAVE MY EGGS TO THE STEWARD AS WE HAD PLenty ON THE TABLE. WE HAVE HAD A FIRST RATE TABLE. ALL THE TIME MEAT THREE TIMES A DAY, NEVER LESS THAN A DOZEN DIFFERENT DISHES ON THE TABLE. THREE OR FOUR OF WHICH WERE MEATS. FRESH BREAD TWICE A DAY, PUDDING OR PIE FOR DINNER WE COULD EITHER HAVE TEA COFFEE OR CHOCOLATE FOR BREAKFAST. MY MILK LASTED ONLY THREE OR FOUR DAYS-- IT BEGAN TO SCUR. I GAVE IT TO THE COOK TO MAKE BISCUITS OF. WE HAVE HAD FRESH MEAT EVERY DAY--WHAT WE GOT AT NEW YORK LASTED TEN OR TWELVE DAYS. WE THEN COMMENCED DESTROYING CHICKENS AND PIGS. I HAD NO IDEA THAT SHIPS FARE WAS SO GOOD. HAD I KNOWN IT I WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT A SINGLE THING WITH ME. I BROKE MY BOTTLE OF CATSUP IT WAS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRUNK. FORTUNATELY IT SOILED NOTHING BUT A PAIR OF DRAWERS. I GAVE THEM TO THE STEWARD TO WASH OUT FOR ME. TO GUARD AGAINST ACCIDENT I TOOK ALL THE BOTTLES OUT OF THE TRUNK AND PUT THEM IN THE HAT BOX. I HAVE KEPT MY JOURNAL ALL OF THE TIME OF COURSE WHEN I WAS SEASICK I DID NOT FEEL LIKE WRITING, BUT I HAVE NOTES FOR THOSE DAYS. SO THAT I CAN WRITE AT ANY TIME. I HAVE ABOUT FIFTY PAGES WRITTEN. WE HAVE BEEN VERY WELL EXCEPT SEA SICKNESS. IT IS ASTONISHING HOW THIS HANGS ON, EVEN AFTER A PERSON HAS VOMITED THEY FEEL IT. YOU KNOW NOT WHAT TO DO, IN FACT YOU CAN DO NOTHING BUT SIT WALK OR LAY DOWN. YOU HAVE NO INCLINATION FOR READING OR WRITING AND VERY LITTLE FOR TALKING. IF YOU KNOW HOW A PERSON FEELS JUST BEFORE VOMITING - YOU MAY CONCEIVE WHAT SEA SICKNESS IS-- THE FEELING OF THE FORMER LASTS BUT FOR A FEW MINUTES-- THE LATTER FOR DAYS. IT IS REALLY TERRIBLE. THE CAPTAIN SAID HE NEVER SAW A PERSON STAND IT AS WELL AS I DID--I WAS SICK ONLY TWO DAYS AND ABSENT FROM THE TABLE BUT TWO OR THREE TIMES. I HAVE FELT OCCASIONALLY DURING THE WHOLE PASSAGE MOMENTS ENNUI. YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW SHORT THE TIME SEEMS TO ME. I HAVE NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO ARRIVE I AM COMFORTABLE HERE. IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT I AM AT SEA. ALL IS GENERALLY SO STILL. I THINK THAT I AM ON BOARD A SHIP MERELY TO LOOK AROUND, AS I FREQUENTLY DID WITH ANSON AND THAT WHEN THE NIGHT COME I WILL COME HOME. I CANNOT REALIZE THAT I AM AWAY FROM HOME ON THE WAY TO FRANCE. I HAVE NOT BEEN HOMESICK, I DO NOT DREAD THAT FOR I NEVER WAS. SOMETIMES I HAVE FELT A LITTLE LONESOME WHEN I AM IN THE CABIN ALONE, THE LADIES IN A SMALL CABIN BY THEMSELVES AND MONSIEUR ASLEEP, I SOON FORGET THIS AND COMMENCE READING OR WRITING. I HAVE READ THROUGH BARNABY RUDGE, MILTON, FLAMAEUE, ROBIN HOOD, SOME IN PICKWICK, KENDALL'S SANTA FE EXPEDITION AND IN SEVERAL OTHER BOOKS. I GENERALLY RISE AT EIGHT TAKE BREAKFAST, DINNER AT ONE TEA AT SUNDOWN, AND RETIRE AT TWELVE SOME TIMES LATER.

I HAVE WORN MY OLD CLOTHES ALL THE TIME; EXCEPTING LAST SUNDAY (MAY 19TH) WHEN I THOUGHT TO PLEASE ME I WOULD RIG UP IN MY BEST BIB AND TUCKER, OVERALL I PUT MY COAT SO THAT NO ONE WOULD BE JEALOUS IN SEEING ME FINELY DRESSED. WHEN WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN I DREW A BUCKET OF WATER AND FILLED A BOTTLE I MEANT TO HAVE TAKEN THIS AS A CURIOSITY TO FRANCE BUT SOMEHOW UNFORTUNATELY IT GOT BROKE. I HARDLY DARED TO TIGHTEN MY SUSPENDERS FOR FEAR OF BURST MY BREECHES SOMEWHERE. THEY ARE WORN SO THIN IN FRONT. ONE DAY IN HAULING THEM ON I THRUST THE TOE OF MY BOOT THROUGH THEM AND I AM EVERY MOMENT IN FEAR OF MY KNEES OR SOME OTHER PART BREAKING FORTH. I AM VERY GLAD I BOUGHT A CAP. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT IT. I HAVE WET MY HEAD SEVERAL TIMES, DIPPED IT INTO A BUCKET OF SEA WATER OR HOGSHEAD HAVE THE WATER POURED OVER IT. MR. PALMER MAY HAVE SOME OF THE LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION FOR ME. WHEN I WAS THERE LAST HE TOLD ME TO CALL, BEFORE I WENT THAT HE MIGHT THINK OF SOMEONE TO WHOM HE COULD GIVE ME LETTERS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ATTEND TO ANY BUSINESS FOR HIM, HE SAID HE MIGHT HAVE SOME THAT HE WOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN I CALLED. I WAS THERE THE DAY I SAILED IN THE MORNING HE WAS NOT IN I WAS VERY SORRY FOR IT. I SHOULD HAVE LIKE TO SEE HIM BEFORE I WENT. WHEN HE COMES TO SEE YOU JUST ASK HIM ABOUT THIS. GIVE MY BEST RESPECTS TO HIM. IF HE HAS NOT BEEN TO SEE YOU YET, YOU MUST WRITE A VERY POLITE NOTE TO HIM ASKING HIM TO COME AND TAKE TEA AND SPEND THE EVENING. DO NOT FORGET TO DO THIS, DIRECT IT TO ASTOR HOUSE, REMEMBER ME TO MRS. UNDERHILL, SUSAN & SARAH. I SHALL FREQUENTLY THINK OF THESE GOOD FOLKS, NOW DO NOT GIVE THEM NO MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU CAN HELP. I THINK YOU MUST LIVE VERY COMFORTABLY TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY. THESE ARE TWO FINE GIRLS, THEY WOULD MAKE FINE WIVES, SEEMING NO ONE APPRECIATES THEIR WORTH. I CANNOT BELIEVE BUT WHAT THEY MUST HAVE OFFERS I SUSPECT THEY ARE TOO PARTICULAR, PERHAPS TO AN EXTREME; IT MAY BE THEIR FAULT, IF SO THEY MUST INEVITABLY DIE OLD MAIDS! WHAT A PITY! THESE ODD CREATURES ARE COUNTED AS CROSS, PEEVISH AND SNAPPISH. YOU NEED NOT TELL THEM THAT I SAY THIS FOR IT MAY DISPLEASE THEM.

((HARRIET, YOU MUST INVITE MISS BUSHNELL TO TEA AND SPEND AN EVENING. AS MUCH AS I KNOW OF HER, I THINK HER A FINE AMIABLE GIRL AND ONE WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE. THERE IS NOT THAT MEANNESS ABOUT HER WHICH CHARACTERIZES HER BROTHERS. I SHOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU TWO THROUGH SOME KEY-HOLE, CRACK OR CREVICE WHEN YOU ARE TOGETHER; NO DOUBT THE INTERVIEW WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING, WITHALL INSTRUCTIVE. YOU WOULD DESCANT LEARNEDLY ON THE MOST OBSTRUCE SUBJECTS LOOK HERE TOT (OR PET) UNLESS YOU SPRUCE UP AND TALK A LITTLE NO ONE WILL EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU I'D RATHER LOVE THE STATUE VENUS DE MEDICI THOUGH NO GENELE ACCENTS WOULD FALL UPON MY EAR THOUGH THE MOST GRACEFUL FIGURE WOULD CHARM MY EYE. I DO NOT MEAN TO SAY YOU ARE HOMELY. YOU HAVE FINE FLOWING RINGLETS GLISTENING LIKE GOLD, AND SOFT BLUE EYES EXPRESSIVE AND FULL OF MILDNESS. THESE ARE PERSONAL CHARMS AND ATTRACTIONS. SOME BUXOM SWAIN WILL COURT YOUR LOVE, IF BUT FOR THESE. SO CHEER UP MY LASSIE, NE'ER BE DISCOURAGED. IF YOU WRITE TO MISS BUSNELL DIRECT YOUR NOTE TO THE CARE OF CHARLES I. BUSHNELL- 20 NASSAU STREET. I PROMISED BUSHNELL TO WRITE TO HIM. I CANNOT NOW BEFORE I REACH HAVRE. IF YOU SEE HIM (AND IT IS NOT LIKELY YOU WILL) WITHOUT YOU INVITE HIS SISTER SOON, TELL HIM I HAVE NOT FORGOT MY PROMISE TO WRITE & THAT I WILL DO SO WHEN I ARRIVE AT COLOGNE, IF NOT BEFORE THEM. REMEMBER ME TO HIM AND GIVE MY TENDEREST REGARDS TO HIS SISTER MISS ANNA MARIA. YOU NEED SAY NOTHING TO CHARLIE HARRIS FOR I'VE A LETTER ALMOST WRITTEN TO HIM. AS TO ANSON I AM IN HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO HIM BEFORE I REACH PORT, IF NOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER. MISS LAWRENCE WILL VERY LIKELY CALL TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS SHE PROMISED ME. WHEN I WAS TO SEE HE SHE SAID SHE WAS ACCQUAINTED WITH SOMEONE NEAR YOU. I ASKED IF SHE WOULD NOT CALL TO SEE YOU SOMETIME, SHE SAID SHE WOULD; YOU REMEMBER YOU WAS AT HER HOUSE WITH ME ABOUT FIVE OR (YEARS) AGO. SHE IS ABOUT YOUR AGE. YOU MUST GET HARRIS TO LET YOU READ MY LETTER TO HIM. YOU WILL SEE WHAT AN ADVENTURE I HAD ON MY FIRST DAY FROM HOME. NOW WHEN HARRIS COMES TO SEE YOU DON'T LOOK CROSS, WHY, YOU WILL FRIGHTEN HIM AWAY IF YOU DO. WEAR SMILES

UPON YOUR FACE. BE TALKATIVE AND FAMILIAR WITHAL RESERVED. IF HE ASKS YOU TO PLAY THE PIANO, DO IT, ACCOMPANYING IT WITH YOUR VOICE. I HAVE KNOWN HIM A LONG TIME NOW, THIS MUCH I CAN SAY FOR HIM ONE MIGHT LOOK A LONG WHILE BEFORE FINDING HIS EQUAL FOR AMIABILITY AND GENEROSITY. I KNOW NOTHING AS TO HOW RICH HE IS LIKELY TO BE OR HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS TO HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE, WHEN YOU HAVE HIM BEFORE YOU, JUDGE OF YOURSELF. BUT WE SHALL SEE TIME REVEALS ALL; IT IS TOO SOON TO THINK OF YOUR GETTING MARRIED YET AND I FEAR MOTHER WILL BLAME ME FOR PUTTING SUCH NONSENSE INTO YOUR HEAD I DO NOT INTEND YOU TO DIE AN OLD MAID; NOR DO I BELIEVE YOU WOULD WISH TO. YOU MUST GET MARRIED, THAT IS ONE THING CERTAIN. YOU NEED A PROTECTOR. AS TO ME IT MATTERS VERY LITTLE IF EVER I AM MARRIED; ALTOGETHER OPTIONAL. I MUST BE ABLE TO PROTECT MYSELF. ENDEAVOR TO BECOME PROFICIENT IN MUSIC, MAKE IT A RULE TO PRACTICE AN HOUR OR TWO EVERY DAY. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF LEISURE TIME NOW SO DARN YOUR STOCKINGS AND DENOTE ONE DAY IN PARTICULAR TO VENDING MY GLOVES. I SHALL WANT THEM WHEN I COME HOME, SO DON'T FORGET. I HAVE BUT ONE PAIR OF GLOVES AND THEY ARE WHITE KID I BLAME YOU OR THANK YOU FOR NOT HAVING MENDED THEM WHEN YOU PROMISED ME AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I AM AT A LOSS BEING WITHOUT THEM. I MUST REPLACE THEM WHEN I GET TO FRANCE AND THAT WILL TAKE MONEY. WE ALWAYS HAVE SOME LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS. I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE FAULT TO BE YOURS, PERHAPS I JUDGED YOU WRONGLY, AT ANY RATE I AM WILLING TO THINK SO NOW AND TAKE ALL THE BLAME. YOU MUST STUDY TO BE MORE GENEROUS MORE AMIABLE AND MORE ACCOMODATING. THESE ARE FAILINGS IN YOUR COMPOSITION AS GREAT AS THEY ARE IN WINE. I ALSO IN THE MEANTIME WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CORRECT MYSELF. IF WE BOTH SUCCEED AND HEAVEN PERMITS US TO MEET AGAIN HOW MUCH HAPPIER WE SHALL BE! THEN LET US FORGET OUR PARTING AND LOOK FORWARD WITH HOPE TO OUR MEETING. WE SHOULD NOT DESIRE IT UNLESS IT BE AMIABLE. SITUATED AS WE ARE COMFORTABLE WE SHOULD BE A HAPPY AND LOVING CIRCLE BUT IS IT SO? ALAS! MUST I RESPOND NO, NO, WE CONTINUALLY ARE WRANGLING AND QUARRELING AND SEEMINGLY IT APPEARS EACH ONE STUDIES TO SEE HOW UNACCOMODATING AND DISAGREEABLE HE OR SHE MAY RENDER HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE OTHERS WHILE MOTHER COMPLAINS JUSTLY "I WISH YOU WOULD GO AWAY, I HAVE NO PEACE THE DAY LONG". NOW SUCH A STATE OF THINGS SHOULD NOT EXIST. IT IS DEPLORABLE BUT WHY DECRY WHEN THE MEANS TO REMEDY THE EVIL IS WITHIN OUR POWER. RESOLUTION IS ONLY WANTING! THEN LET YOU AND ME AND ALL OF US TAKE THE GOOD RESOLUTION IN A SHORT TIME MOTHER WOULD CRY, "WHAT A CHANGE!" - I AM CONTENTED NOW, MY CHILDREN ARE HAPPY AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER! HOW PLEASANT ALL THIS IS TO READ! BUT HOW MUCH PLEASANTER TO SEE IT ENACTED!! YOU SHOULD DEVOTE A COUPLE OF HOURS EACH MORNING TO STUDY, YOU ENJOY AN ADVANTAGE NOW, ANYTHING YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND SARAH IS CAPABLE AND NO DOUBT UPON BEING ASKED WILL CHEERFULLY EXPLAIN TO YOU. THEN YOU MUST ATTEND TO READING TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON, NOT THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE DAY, WERE TRASH; BUT STANDARD WORKS. MOTHER WILL NOT BEGRUDGE SPENDING A LITTLE THIS WAY. IF YOU BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH MISS LAWRENCE I WISH YOU TO ASCERTAIN ALL YOU CAN FROM HER IN RELATION TO ME. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HER EVERY WORD AND ACTION. MAKE TRIAL OF HER TEMPER AND WATCH HER DISPOSITION THE AFFECTION I SORE HER IN CHILDHOOD AND CURIOSITY INDUCED ME TO VISIT HER BEFORE DEPARTING FOR LA BELLE FRANCE. MY RECEPTION FROM HER FATHER WAS OPEN AND GENEROUS. I QUITE LIKED HIS GENTLEMANLY DEPORTMENT. I WAS NEARLY AN HOUR CONVERSING WITH HIM. HE RELATED TO ME HIS AFFLICTIONS THAT HIS TWO ELDEST DAUGHTERS WHO WERE MARRIED HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO ETERNITY WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF EACH OTHER. THEY WERE INTERESTING GIRLS, THAT HE HAD LATELY LOST HIS MOTHER, AND THAT NOW A NEAR RELATIVE WAS ON THE POINT OF DYING. I EXPRESSED BY CONDOLENCES AND CHEERED HIS DESPONDANCY. THE VICTORIES OF DEATH WERE NOT ALL THAT WE TALKED ABOUT. WE SPOKE OF THINGS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF THE VARIOUS TOPICS OF THE DAY, ELECTIONEERING, PROGRESS OF THE ARTS, AND SCIENCES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MACHINERY- TO SUM IT ALL UP OUR CONVERSATION WAS VERY AGREEABLE; JUST AFTER HIS DAUGHTER MISS HANNAH MADE HER APPEARANCE HE GOT UP TO RETIRE FOR BUSINESS HOURS WERE DRAWING NIGH AND AS HE WAS RETIRING, POLITELY REQUESTED ME TO CALL AGAIN THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE ME.

I THANKED HIM FOR HIS FRANK INVITATION AND REPLIED THAT I WOULD BE GRATIFIED TO AVAIL MYSELF OF IT BUT THAT FOR THE PRESENT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE NEXT DAY I WAS TO START FOR EUROPE; AFTER SOME FEW MOMENTS MORE PARLAYING HE SHOOK ME CORDIALLY BY THE HAND AND LEFT THE PARLOR. THEN I WAS ALONE IN COMPANY WITH MY GUANDOM LOVE. I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED I'LL ALLOW WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER AT SCHOOL I THOUGHT HER A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AND SO I EXPECTED TO FIND HE, BUT I MUST MAKE SOME ALLOWANCES FOR HER SABLE ATTIRE AND MOISTENED CHEEKS. OUR INTERVIEW WAS LONG AND AS YOU MAY SUPPOSE FRIENDLY NOTHING MORE. WE TALKED AS THOUGH WE HAD MET DAILY. I TOLD HER IN CHILDHOOD WE LOVED BUT THAT SEPARATION AND LAPSE OF TIME HAD MADE US STRANGERS, AND SO WE AND THAT I HOPED WE MIGHT BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED I SHALL NEITHER THINK OR DREAM OF HER ANYMORE. MY CURIOSITY HAS BEEN GRATIFIED AND MY MIND IS NOW AT REST. I KNOW HER TO BE OF GOOD FAMILY AND NO DOUBT SHE IS A VERY FINE GIRL, BUT WHAT OF THAT, I SHALL NOT THINK OF HER OR ANY GIRL THESE FIVE YEARS. SEND ME A NEWSPAPER NOW AND THEN. I LOVE JOHN'S WATCH AND BREST PIN, THE LATTER HE MUST GIVE ME THE FORMER I AM WILLING TO ALLOW HIM FIVE DOLLARS OR RETURN IT IN GOOD ORDER WHEN I COME HOME. REMEMBER ME TO CHARLOTTE COOPER, GIVE HER A KISS FOR ME AND TELL HER I THINK BETTER OF HER SINCE SHE TOOK HOLD OF MY ARM. IT WAS A QUEER NOTION OF HERS NOT TO TAKE HOLD OF THE ARM OF ANY GENTLEMAN UNTIL SHE WAS MARRIED. I AM GLAD SHE YIELDED TO MY GOOD REASONING. WHEN YOU WRITE TO JOHN AND HENRY REMEMBER ME TO THEM. TELL THEM I WILL WRITE SOME IN MOTHER'S LETTER NEXT TIME. YOU CAN COPY IT OFF AND SEND IT. I BELIEVE THEY WILL MAKE OUT WELL IF THEY PERSEVERE-NOTHING HINDERS THEM. LEST I HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE REMEMBER ME TO ONE AND ALL AND KISS THEM FOR ME, IF A GENTLEMAN, IF YOU LIKE. I HAVE MADE A BOOK IN WHICH I KEEP AN ACCOUNT OF ALL MONEYS REC'D AND SPENT. I NOW HAVE \$65.84 YOU WILL SEE HOW LONG THIS WILL LAST ME. MY EXPENSES AT HAVRE, WE WILL SAY - \$2.00 TO ROUEN AND BACK TO HAVRE, A LARGE CITY, DISTANCE TWENTY MILES SAY -\$3.00 FROM HAVRE TO COLOGNE, SAY -\$7.00. TWO MONTHS BOARD AT MALLETT'S -\$16.00 FROM COLOGNE TO ALENCON AND BACK -\$2.00 - THEN FROM COLOGNE TO PARIS -\$5.00. NOW I MUST BUY SOME CLOTHES:- BOOTS-\$3.00, HAT -\$3.00, MAKING FROCK COAT -\$3.00, SUMMER PANTS -\$3.00, VEST-1.50 MENDING SHOES .50, PRESSING LEHORN HAT AND SUSPENDERS-.50 - STEWARD .50, AND TRIMMING FOR COAT -\$1.00. ALL THIS MAKES \$51.00. THERE NOW REMAINS BUT \$14.84. I HAVE ALLOWED NOTHING FOR SMALL EXPENSES SUCH AS SEEING SMALL PLACES AND AMUSEMENTS, FOR THIS, -\$10.00 WOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH TO ALLOW. WHEN I ARRIVE IN PARIS THE FIRST OF AUGUST I SHALL HAVE BUT \$4.84. NOW YOU SEE I MUST HAVE SOME BY THAT TIME, SO THE FIRST OF JULY YOU WILL PLEASE TO SEND ME \$75.00 OR AT LEAST \$50.00 WITHOUT FAIL. DON'T MISS FOR YOU KNOW HOW MISERABLE I SHALL BE WITHOUT MONEY AMONGST STRANGERS. GET THREE BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND SEND ONE BY THE FIRST OF JULY BY THE STEAMER, BRITISH AND ONE BY HAVRE PACKET AND THE OTHER BY THE NEXT PACKET. GET MR. PALMER OR MARSELL TO ATTEND TO THIS GO TO SOME GOOD HOUSE, FOR IF IT FAILED WHILE I HELD THE BILL THE MONEY WOULD BE LOST. HAVE THE BILL PAYABLE AT TWO MONTHS AFTER SIGHT. MONSIEUR MALLETT SAYS YOU CAN'T SEND LESS THAN \$60.00 FOR THIS AMOUNT WOULD GET BILLS DRAWN FOR \$315 OR \$320 FRANCS. SEND IMMEDIATELY. WHEN I GET IT I WILL GET IT DISCOUNTED. I KNOW YOUR RENTS ARE NOT DUE TILL AUGUST FIRST BUT THEN JOHN WAS TO LET YOU HAVE SOME OR I SHALL NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. I HAVE NO DOUBT BUT THAT YOU CAN FIX IT SO AS TO SEND IT. I CAN SAY NOTHING MORE TO URGE YOU. REMEMBER YOU ONLY LET ME HAVE \$15.84 WHEN I CAME AWAY OUT OF THE \$20.00. I SPENT \$4.16 IN NEW YORK JUST AS YOU TOLD ME.

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WIND IS UNFAVORABLE. I HOPE WE MAY ARRIVE SO THAT I MAY BE IN TIME TO SEND BY STEAMER. WE HAVE MADE A LONG PASSAGE. YOU MUST BE ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF MY SAFE ARRIVAL. I AM VERY GLAD I CAME BY THIS SHIP. CAPTAIN CHASE IS A VERY ABLE CAPTAIN AND GENTLEMANLY. IF I WAS ON BOARD A PACKET I WOULD NOT BE AS WELL OFF. I WOULD BE OBLIGED TO CONFORM TO ALL THE LAWS OF ETIQUETTE ONE DOES NOT FEEL LIKE THAT AT SEA.

I INTEND TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF MY MONEY AND SEE ALL I CAN WITH IT. I SHALL WRITE PRETTY SOON AGAIN. I HAVE IN HAND POSTAGE TO PAY BOTH WAYS TO AND FROM HAVRE. YOU MUST GIVE A PENNY WITH A LETTER HAND IT TO THE POSTMASTER AT THE WINDOW. IF YOU HAVE TO DOUBLE POSTAGE DON'T BEGRUDGE FOR THIS LETTER IS LONG. YOU CAN WRITE IN YOUR LEISURE HOURS DURING THE SUMMER AFTERNOONS. I WISH YOU ALL WELL. IF YOUR NEXT LETTER CONTAINS THE FIRST BILL OF EXCHANGE DIRECT IT TO DROUARD DESNEUFSBOURGS OR IF NOT TO ME AT MR. MALLETS HOUSE. HARRIET MUST KEEP AN ACCOUNT OF ALL MONEY YOU RECEIVE AND SPEND. IN MY NEXT I WILL RELATE WHAT I SAW ON MY PASSAGE. I HAVE WRITTEN A LONG LETTER. I'VE FORGOT NOTHING. TELL ME EVERYTHING IN YOURS. I MUST BUY ME AN UMBRELLA AND GET MY WATCH FIXED. IF YOU SHOW THIS LETTER TO ANYONE, EXCUSE THE WRITING I LABOR UNDER EVERY DISADVANTAGE. MY DIRECTION AT MONSIEUR MALLETS : - A COLOGNE, PRES LES MISLE-SUR LARTHE ORVE -PER HAVRE PACKET, FRANCE. IF YOU WRITE BY STEAMER, WRITE BY BRITISH STEAMER. WHEN I AM IN PARIS MY EXPENSES WILL NOT BE SO MUCH THERE WILL BE NO TRAVELING; SEEING WONDERS AND CLOTHES. I HOPE I SHALL BE MUCH IMPROVED WHEN I COME HOME. I AM SPENDING MY MONEY FOR THAT.

JUNE 5, 1844

THE SUNNY SHORES OF MERRY FRANCE ARE IN SIGHT. HAVRE IS IN SIGHT THREE MILES DISTANCE. IT WAS HIGHTIDE AT 12:00 TODAY AND AS WE ARRIVED AT 12:30 WE MUST SPEND THE NIGHT TACKLING ABOUT THE BAY, THE COAST FROM CAPE D COUX TO CAPE LE HEVE IS MOST BEAUTIFUL. IT IS NOW 200 FEET HIGH AND REGULAR ON TOP, EXTENDING SOME 10 OR 15 MILES. IN REALITY I TOOK IT TO BE A LARGE CITY. IT IS LIKE ROCKS AND RESEMBLES THE PALISADES AND NORTH RIVER ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.

JUNE 6, 1844

WE SHALL ARRIVE TODAY AT 1:00 O'CLOCK, THANK GOD! AFTER A LONG PASSAGE OF FIFTY DAYS. I DO NOT DESIRE MUCH TO GO ASHORE IT HAS BEEN SO PLEASURE- MONSIEUR WAS FIFTY DAYS COMING TO AMERICA. I HAVE BEEN WELL.

JUNE 6, 1844

THERE ARE MANY VESSELS IN THE BAY AS SOON AS THE TIDE IS NEARLY HIGH WE ENTER THE BASIN, JETTIES ARE OPENED AND WE ENTER THE DOCK I EXPECT TO REMAIN TWO NIGHTS IN HAVRE. I SHALL SPEND THE NIGHTS ON BOARD SHIP AND TAKE MY MEALS AT A RESTAURANT. FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON BOARD. THE GREAT FAIRS WHICH IS ONCE IN FIVE YEARS IS NOW IN PARIS. MESSIEUR ADVISES ME TO GO AS IT IS A GRAND AFFAIR. THINGS FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE ARE THERE. MESSIEUR WOULD GO WITH ME BUT HE MUST SEE HIS FOLKS FIRST. IT WILL NOT COST ME AS MUCH AS IT WOULD TO GO TO HIS HOUSE. I TAKE THE STEAMBOAT TO ROUEN SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS THERE THEN TAKE THE RAILROAD TO PARIS WHERE I SHALL REMAIN BUT TWO WEEKS THEN GO TO MESSIEURS HOUSE AND SPEND TWO MONTHS AND THEN RETURN TO PARIS. I HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL AND HAPPY AS I. THE MATE WILL CALL TO SEE MISS DEVEREAUX. NOW DO TRY TO SEND ME SOME MONEY OR I SHALL NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. GOODBYE, REMEMBER ME TO ALL. MESSIEUR DESIRES TO BE REMEMBERED TO YOU, HE LOOKS VERY WELL AND HAS GROWN FAT AS WELL AS MYSELF. I HAVE A LETTER NEARLY FINISHED FOR HARRIS.

YOUR YOUNGEST SON, THOMAS WHALEY

P.S. I WANT HARRIET TO WRITE ME IN YOUR NEXT TO TELL ME ALL YOUR NEWS. IS TEXAS ANNEXED TO THE UNION? HOW ARE THE NATIVE AMERICANS MAKING OUT? NO DOUBT THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIGHTING AMONG THE IRISH. MY LIKENESS IS AT MR. WHITNEY'S A VERY GOOD ONE. HE CHARGED \$2.00 FOR IT. YOU HAD BETTER GET IT. HAS ANSON RETURNED THE BOOKS AND FISHING POLE. I WROTE A NOTE TO ANSON REQUESTING HIM TO BRING DOWN THE BOOKS BEFORE YOU MOVED. IF HE HAS NOT LET ME KNOW AND WHEN I WRITE I WILL MENTION THEM. DON'T YOU ASK HIM.

LETTER ADDRESSED TO: MRS THOMAS WHALEY
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THOMAS WHALEY TO RACHEL PYE - TRIP TO EUROPE

ADDRESSED TO: THOMAS PYE, ESQ.
NEWARK, QUARRY ST., N.J.

MAY 10, 1844 ON BOARD SHIP
CAPTAIN CHASE

DEAR MOTHER,

YOU HAVE NO DOUBT BY THIS TIME, THOUGHT WE SAFELY ARRIVED IN HAVRE, AND ON MY WAY TO MONS. WALLET'S HOME. THIS WILL UNDECEIVE YOU. WE ARE YET A THOUSAND MILES FROM PORT, CONTENDING WITH CALMS AND HEADWINDS. SINCE I HAVE SEVERAL LETTERS TO WRITE, I AM COMPELLED THUS OF NECESSITY TO COMMENCE. HERE IT IS NOT LIKE BEING ON SHORE, SO MANY INCONVENIENCES TO PUT UP WITH. THE SHIP IS PITCHING FIRST FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER, AND AT TIMES IT IS DIFFICULT TO PUT PEN TO PAPER. I COMMENCE WRITING TO YOU NOW AND SHALL WRITE A LITTLE NOW AND THEN TILL WE REACH HAVRE. YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PASSAGE WE HAVE MADE. I HAVE NOT ROOM TO TELL YOU FOR EACH DAY SO IN A FEW WORDS I WILL SAY IT HAS BEEN A LONG TEDIOUS PASSAGE. WE WERE NOT OUT OF SIGHT OF SANDY HOOK, UNTILL THE 22ND OF APRIL. THE HEADWINDS DETAINED US. THE PILOT LEFT US ON THE 20TH. I WROTE A NOTE TO YOU BY HIM WHICH YOU NO DOUBT RECEIVED. HE SAID HE WOULD DROP IT IN SOME SUBPOST. IT WAS DIRECTED TO THE CARE OF MRS. UNDERHILL. I ALSO WROTE ONE ON THE DAY I GOT ON BOARD AND GAVE IT TO A GENTLEMAN TO DELIVER TO KING. IN IT WAS ENCLOSED GWARTS DUE BILL, AND A KEY FOR MISS DEVERAUX SENT M. WALLET. I EXPECTED JOHN TO COME ON BOARD THE NEXT MORNING AND BRING MY PETITION. WE DID NOT GET OFF UNTIL EIGHT, BUT I SUPPOSE THE REASON HE DID NOT COME WAS BECAUSE HE COULD NOT GET IT FROM MR. LOZIER'S. I DON'T SEE HOW I CAME TO FORGET THIS. ASK MR. LOZIER FOR IT. HIS OFFICE IS IN BECKMAN ST. I THINK NO. 19-RIGHT HAND (SIDE) GOING DOWN, NAME ON THE SHUTTER. THE PETITION IS WRITTEN ON A HALF SHEET OF PAPER-WAFERED TO A BLANK HALF SHEET. NOW, I WANT YOU TO FOLD THIS UP AS IT IS, JUST AS YOU WOULD A LETTER, BUT TO HAVE THE BLANK HALF SHEET ON THE OUTSIDE. THEN DIRECT TO ME THUS:

MONSIEUR WHALEY-OCUARD DESNEUFBOURGH-RUE ST. MARTIN 51,
PARIS, FRANCE.

IN ONE CORNER PUT - PER PACKET. SEND IT ABOUT THE 1ST OF JULY. YOU MAY WRITE UPON THE BLANK HALF SHEET. THE POSTAGE WILL NOT BE MUCH WHEN I RECEIVE IT 25 CENTS. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OUR PASSAGE WAS VERY UNPLEASANT, RAINY OR CLOUDY, HEAD WIND OR NONE AT ALL. THE THIRD WEEK VERY PLEASANT, EVERY WAY. SINCE THEN TILL NOW, THE 1YTH OF MAY, IT HAS BEEN VERY COLD, THE HEAD WINDS MOST OF THE TIME WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY SEVERE WEATHER. THE CAPTAIN SAYS HE NEVER HAD A Milder PASSAGE OR SO MUCH HEAD WINDS. THE SEA MOST OF THE TIME IS CALM AS THE WATER OF A MILL POND NOT THE LEAST UNRUFFLED. I WAS NOT SEA-SICK SO MUCH, I VOMITED BUT FOUR TIMES. MONSIEUR DID NOT STAND IT NEAR AS WELL AS I. THERE ARE FOUR LADIES ON BOARD THREE MARRIED, ONE A WIDOW. I HAVE NOT ENJOYED MUCH THEIR COMPANY. TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN SICK MOST ALL THE PASSAGE. AS FOR MONSIEUR HE HAS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO SAY OR DO WITH THEM. SOMEHOW OR OTHER THEY DO NOT SUIT HIS FANCY. THE NAME OF ONE OF THEM IS MRS. COCHRAN, WIFE TO HIM WHO IS NOW WORKING THE "STEAM EARTH EXCAVATOR" LIKE THOSE MACHINES THEY ARE USING IN BROOKLYN YOU NO DOUBT HAVE READ OF THIS POWERFUL MACHINE IN THE PAPER. HE IS THE INVENTOR OF THE CANNON LOCK, A NEW KIND OF GUN, AND A MACHINE FOR BLASTING ROCKS. HE HAS THE FIVE YEAR CONTRACT FOR CLEARING THE ROAD FOR THE HAVRE AND ROUEN RAILROAD. SHE GOES OUT WITH HER FAMILY TO LIVE WITH HIM. THEY HAVE THREE NICE LITTLE GIRLS, THE ELDEST, A CHILD OF 7 IS QUITE INTERESTING. I HAVE SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF MY TIME AMUSING HER. JOHN MUST HAVE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON SOON AFTER MY DEPARTURE AND LEFT YOU AND HARRIET ALONE. WHAT A SMALL FAMILY NOW! AND HOW GREAT A CHANGE FOR YOU! YOU MUST PERCEIVE IT, HAVING ALWAYS BEEN UNDER YOUR OWN ROOF AND THAT OF YOUR FATHERS. YOU MUST FEEL THE CHANGE AND SOMETIMES REGRET. QUITE NATURAL YOU SHOULD, SO MANY YEARS WITH A HOME AND NOW WITHOUT. THIS MUCH I KNOW ONLY.

BE CONTENTED WHERE YOU ARE FOR A SHORT TIME, AND YOU WILL FIND IT MUCH HAPPIER AND PLEASANTER FOR YOU. I DOUBT IF I RETURN THAT I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO PERSUADE YOU TO KEEP HOUSE AGAIN. YOU CONTEMPLATED GOING TO NEWARK AFTER I WAS GONE. BY THIS TIME YOU MUST HAVE RETURNED TO YOUR NEW ABODE, WHERE YOU MUST BE COMFORTABLE FOR MRS. UNDERHILL IS A NICE CLEVER LADY. YOU WERE FORTUNATE TO GET IN WITH HER HAVING KNOWN HER SO LONG. DO TAKE SOME MEANS TO INTRODUCE HARRIET INTO SOCIETY. I KNOW NO YOUNG LADY WHO HAS FEWER ACQUAINTANCES THAN SHE. YOU KNOW SHE IS NATURALLY BACKWARD AND NEEDS URGING ON. YOU MUST THEREFORE HOLD OUT AN INDUCEMENT TO HER, ONLY LET HER BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THREE OR FOUR YOUNG LADIES OF HER OWN AGE OF RESPECTABLE FAMILIES WHO CAN INTRODUCE HER INTO SOCIETY AND SHE WILL DO VERY WELL. WATCH OVER HER, BUT NOT TOO CLOSELY, AS TO LET HER KNOW IT. LET HER DEPEND MORE UPON HERSELF, WHICH SHE MUST SOMEDAY, AND LOOK TO YOU FOR COUNSEL. IT IS PRETTY NEAR TIME FOR HER TO THINK OF GETTING MARRIED. SHE MUST NOT CHOOSE TOO SOON. WHEN I AM RETURNED, I SHALL INTRODUCE SOME CLEVER FELLOW TO HER. SHE MUST RECIPROCATATE THIS BY LOOKING OUT SOME NICE YOUNG LADY FOR ME. SHE MUST BE AMIABLE AND HAVE SOME LITTLE FORTUNE, NO MATTER ABOUT BEAUTY, THIS LASTS SO SHORT A TIME, HOWEVER I SHALL NOT OBJECT TO IT. I GIVE HARRIET FIVE YEARS TO LOOK HER UP IN.

GRANDFATHER WAS TO HAVE SENT A LETTER. IF HE DID SO SEND IT TO ME THE FIRST OF JULY. I HOPE HE IS WELL GIVE MY RESPECTS TO THE OLD GENTLE MAN AND TELL HIM I HOPE TO SEE HIM AGAIN. I WISH HE MAY LIVE MANY A YEAR AFTER HE HAS USED UP ALL HIS PROPERTY, WHICH AT THE RATE IT IS GOING CANNOT LAST LONG. YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM THEN, SO TELL HIM HOW TO MAKE HIS MONEY GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE OUR AFFAIRS WITH UNCLE JOHN'S ESTATE MAY BE SETTLED BEFORE I COME HOME. I THINK MR. HARSELL WILL DRIVE IT AHEAD. LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HIM, NO DANGER OF HIS BEING BRIBED, EXPLAIN EVERYTHING CLEARLY. LET YOUR OBJECT BE TO GET ALL YOU CAN FROM THEM. DON'T GIVE AN INCH. I HARDLY THINK WHITING SHOULD HAVE \$25.00 MORE CONSULT HARSELL ABOUT IT. LET HIM SETTLE IT. WHITING HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING. BE CAREFUL OF ALL THE PAPERS I LEFT. LOOK THEM OVER SO AS TO UNDERSTAND THINGS. LET MR. HARSELL KNOW WHAT PAPERS YOU HAVE AND IF HE TAKES ANY KEEP A MINUTE OF THEM. LET HARRIET KEEP NOTES OF ALL THAT PASSES IT MAY BE OF USE. REMEMBER ME TO MR. HARSELL. REMEMBER I HAVE COPIES OF MOST OF THE PAPERS, SO IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WISH TO CONSULT ME ABOUT, WRITE AND I CAN TELL BY LOOKING AT THEM. DID JOHN GET THE \$20.00 -- MC GAY? I HOPE YOU ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO COLLECT ALL YOUR RENT THIS YEAR. NO DOUBT YOU GOT ALL DUE MAY FIRST. DID JOHN GET THE THINGS OUT OF THE LITTLE ROOM AT 3 MOTT ST.? THERE WAS A HAMMER, CHISEL, FILE, THREE SCREW DRIVERS, A KNIFE, CAN HALF FULL OF PAINT (OIL) A CUPFUL OF WHITE LEAD, NAILS, SCREWS, ETC. IF NOT ASK MC GAY FOR THEM. I HOPE THE DUTCHMAN WILL MAKE OUT WELL. DID YOU GET MY LIFE INSURED? FIRST OF AUGUST RENEW THE INSURANCE OF NO. 3 MOTT ST. BE PARTICULAR TO GET YOUR FURNITURE AND LOCKS INSURED. IF FIRE CAME YOU COULD NOT HOPE TO SAVE A SINGLE THING. KEEP ALL YOUR VALUABLES IN A SMALL BOX OR TRUNK AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE, WHERE IT WILL BE HANDY IN CASE OF FIRE AND ALL THE PAPERS AND FATHERS BOOKS IN THE WORK STAND. PUT NOTHING ELSE IN THESE DRAWERS. YOU ARE NEAR TO FLETCHERS GET HIM TO TAKE SOME OF THE LOCKS. HAVE A TALK WITH HIM, YOU MAY LEARN SOMETHING CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF OUR AFFAIRS. I HOPE YOU HAVE SWART'S NOTE. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I HAD TO SEND IT, SINCE I DID NOT SEE JOHN. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE NOT. THE NOTE I WROTE TO YOU THE FIRST DAY I WAS ON BOARD, I ENCLOSED TO ONE I SENT TO MR. KING, REQUESTING HIM TO DELIVER IT THAT EVENING, AS IT WAS SOMETHING PARTICULAR. I GOT 50 CENTS WORTH OF COCONUTS FROM SWARTS, ONE-AND-A-HALF LBS OF MAPLE SUGAR AND THE REST IN CANDY. IN THE WHOLE THING WAS \$175. THE REASON I GOT SO MUCH WAS I EXPECTED TO GIVE JOHN SOME TO TAKE HOME. SWARTS IS A PRETTY HONEST FELLOW. HE WAS WILLING TO LET ME HAVE MORE. I BELIEVE HE WILL PAY ALL.

TRY TO GET SOME CASH NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM. YOU MUST NOT PAY MR. PARSONS HE IS AWAY NOW. I HARDLY BELIEVE HE WOULD GO TO LAW, IF HE DOES IT IS NOT LIKELY HE WOULD GAIN ANYTHING IF HE DID IT WOULD COST YOU SOMETHING TOO, SO RATHER THAN HAVE ANY TROUBLE IF HE THREATENS LAW, PAY HIM \$20.00 AND TELL HIM THAT IS ALL YOU WILL PAY AND IF NOT SATISFIED HE MAY GO TO LAW, AND THAT YOU ARE ANNOYED EVERY WAY. VERY LIKELY HE WILL ACCEPT THE \$20.00 DO NO MORE THAN THIS. I AM MUCH OBLIGED TO YOU FOR SWEETMEATS AND OTHER KNICK KNACKS, THEY COME IN FIRST RATE AND I HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST ME TO PORT. I WILL TAKE TWO COCOANUTS, MAPLE SUGAR AND A CUP OF PINEAPPLE TO MONSIEUR MALLE--THESE ARE RARITIES IN FRANCE. I SHALL NOT HAVE MUCH CANDY LEFT. I HAVE GIVEN A GOOD DEAL TO THE LITTLE GIRLS, SOME TO THE LADIES, THE REST -- MONSIEUR, AND I HAVE HAVE MADE AWAY WITH. I NEVER TASTED SUCH POOR MISERABLE WINE AND BRANDY, MISERABLE STUFF. I HAVE DRANK VERY LITTLE OF IT, FOR I COULD NOT. THE BOTTLE OF BRANDY BROKE BY ACCIDENT WHEN THE SHIP ROLLED, I DID NOT REGRET IT. WHAT I HAVE LEFT I WILL GIVE TO THE STEWARD. THIS WITH A HALF-DOLLAR WHICH I HAVE IN SIX PENNY PIECES IS ALL I CAN AFFORD TO GIVE HIM. I HAVE NOT HAD MANY FAVORS TO ASK OF HIM. MONSIEUR SHARED HIS WINE WITH ME. WE HAVE HAD EVERYTHING IN ABUNDANCE THAT WE COULD DESIRE. WE SHARED TOGETHER, HE HIS AND I MINE. HE HAD TWO JARS OF OYSTERS, VERY GOOD, I HAD A PIE MADE OF THE PEACHES AS THEY WERE FERMENTING. I GAVE MY EGGS TO THE STEWARD AS WE HAD PLENTY ON THE TABLE. WE HAVE HAD A FIRST RATE TABLE. ALL THE TIME MEAT THREE TIMES A DAY, NEVER LESS THAN A DOZEN DIFFERENT DISHES ON THE TABLE. THREE OR FOUR OF WHICH WERE MEATS. FRESH BREAD TWICE A DAY, PUDDING OR PIE FOR DINNER WE COULD EITHER HAVE TEA COFFEE OR CHOCOLATE FOR BREAKFAST. MY MILK LASTED ONLY THREE OR FOUR DAYS- IT BEGAN TO SCUR. I GAVE IT TO THE COOK TO MAKE BISCUITS OF. WE HAVE HAD FRESH MEAT EVERY DAY-WHAT WE GOT AT NEW YORK LASTED TEN OR TWELVE DAYS. WE THEN COMMENCED DESTROYING CHICKENS AND PIGS. I HAD NO IDEA THAT SHIPS FARE WAS SO GOOD. HAD I KNOWN IT I WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT A SINGLE THING WITH ME. I BROKE MY BOTTLE OF CATSUP IT WAS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRUNK. FORTUNATELY IT SCILED NOTHING BUT A PAIR OF DRAWERS. I GAVE THEM TO THE STEWARD TO WASH OUT FOR ME. TO GUARD AGAINST ACCIDENT I TOOK ALL THE BOTTLES OUT OF THE TRUNK AND PUT THEM IN THE HAT BOX. I HAVE KEPT MY JOURNAL ALL OF THE TIME OF COURSE WHEN I WAS SEASICK I DID NOT FEEL LIKE WRITING, BUT I HAVE NOTES FOR THOSE DAYS. SO THAT I CAN WRITE AT ANY TIME. I HAVE ABOUT FIFTY PAGES WRITTEN. WE HAVE BEEN VERY WELL EXCEPT SEA SICKNESS. IT IS ASTONISHING HOW THIS HANGS ON, EVEN AFTER A PERSON HAS VOMITED THEY FEEL IT. YOU KNOW NOT WHAT TO DO, IN FACT YOU CAN DO NOTHING BUT SIT WALK OR LAY DOWN. YOU HAVE NO INCLINATION FOR READING OR WRITING AND VERY LITTLE FOR TALKING. IF YOU KNOW HOW A PERSON FEELS JUST BEFORE VOMITING - YOU MAY CONCEIVE WHAT SEA SICKNESS IS- THE FEELING OF THE FORMER LASTS BUT FOR A FEW MINUTES- THE LATTER FOR DAYS. IT IS REALLY TERRIBLE. THE CAPTAIN SAID HE NEVER SAW A PERSON STAND IT AS WELL AS I DID-I WAS SICK ONLY TWO DAYS AND ABSENT FROM THE TABLE BUT TWO OR THREE TIMES. I HAVE FELT OCCASIONALLY DURING THE WHOLE PASSAGE MOMENTS ENNUI. YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW SHORT THE TIME SEEMS TO ME. I HAVE NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO ARRIVE I AM COMFORTABLE HERE. IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT I AM AT SEA. ALL IS GENERALLY SO STILL. I THINK THAT I AM ON BOARD A SHIP MERELY TO LOOK AROUND, AS I FREQUENTLY DID WITH ANSON AND THAT WHEN THE NIGHT COME I WILL COME HOME. I CANNOT REALIZE THAT I AM AWAY FROM HOME ON THE WAY TO FRANCE. I HAVE NOT BEEN HOMESICK, I DO NOT DREAD THAT FOR I NEVER WAS. SOMETIMES I HAVE FELT A LITTLE LONESOME WHEN I AM IN THE CABIN ALONE, THE LADIES IN A SMALL CABIN BY THEMSELVES AND MONSIEUR ASLEEP, I SOON FORGET THIS AND COMMENCE READING OR WRITING. I HAVE READ THROUGH BARNABY RUDGE, MILTON, FLAMAGUE, ROBIN HOOD, SOME IN PICKWICK, KENDALL'S SANTA FE EXPEDITION AND IN SEVERAL OTHER BOOKS. I GENERALLY RISE AT EIGHT TAKE BREAKFAST, DINNER AT ONE TEA AT SUNDOWN, AND RETIRE AT TWELVE SOME TIMES LATER.

I HAVE WORN MY OLD CLOTHES ALL THE TIME; EXCEPTING LAST SUNDAY(MAY 19TH) WHEN I THOUGHT TO PLEASE ME I WOULD RIG UP IN MY BEST SIB AND TUCKER, OVERALL I PUT MY COAT SO THAT NO ONE WOULD BE JEALOUS IN SEEING ME FINELY DRESSED. WHEN WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN I DREW A BUCKET OF WATER AND FILLED A BOTTLE I WENT TO HAVE TAKEN THIS AS A CURIOSITY TO FRANCE BUT SOMEHOW UNFORTUNATLEY IT GOT BROKE. I HARDLY DARED TO TIGHTEN MY SUSPENDERS FOR FEAR OF BURST MY BREECHES SOMEWHERE. THEY ARE WORN SO THIN IN FRONT. ONE DAY IN HAULING THEM ON I THRUST THE TOE OF MY BOOT THROUGH THEM AND I AM EVERY MOMENT IN FEAR OF MY KNEES OR SOME OTHER PART BREAKING FORTH. I AM VERY GLAD I BOUGHT A CAP. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT IT. I HAVE WET MY HEAD SEVERAL TIMES, DIPPED IT INTO A BUCKET OF SEA WATER OR HOGSHEAD HAVE THE WATER POURED OVER IT. MR. PALMER MAY HAVE SOME OF THE LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION FOR ME. WHEN I WAS THERE LAST HE TOLD ME TO CALL, BEFORE I WENT THAT HE MIGHT THINK OF SOMEONE TO WHOM HE COULD GIVE ME LETTERS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ATTEND TO ANY BUSINESS FOR HIM, HE SAID HE MIGHT HAVE SOME THAT HE WOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN I CALLED. I WAS THERE THE DAY I SAILED IN THE MORNING HE WAS NOT IN I WAS VERY SORRY FOR IT. I SHOULD HAVE LIKE TO SEE HIM BEFORE I WENT. WHEN HE COMES TO SEE YOU JUST ASK HIM ABOUT THIS. GIVE MY BEST RESPECTS TO HIM. IF HE HAS NOT BEEN TO SEE YOU YET, YOU MUST WRITE A VERY POLITE NOTE TO HIM ASKING HIM TO COME AND TAKE TEA AND SPEND THE EVENING. DO NOT FORGET TO DO THIS, DIRECT IT TO ASTOR HOUSE, REMEMBER ME TO MRS. UNDERHILL, SUSAN & SARAH. I SHALL FREQUENTLY THINK OF THESE GOOD FOLKS, NOW DO NOT GIVE THEM NO MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU CAN HELP. I THINK YOU MUST LIVE VERY COMFORTABLY TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY. THESE ARE TWO FINE GIRLS, THEY WOULD MAKE FINE WIVES, SEEMING NO ONE APPRECIATES THEIR WORTH. I CANNOT BELIEVE BUT WHAT THEY MUST HAVE OFFERS I SUSPECT THEY ARE TOO PARTICULAR, PERHAPS TO AN EXTREME; IT MAY BE THEIR FAULT, IF SO THEY MUST INEVITABLY DIE OLD MAIDS! WHAT A PITY! THESE ODD CREATURES ARE COUNTED AS CROSS, PEEVISH AND SNAPPISH. YOU NEED NOT TELL THEM THAT I SAY THIS FOR IT MAY DISPLEASE THEM.

((HARRIET, YOU MUST INVITE MISS BUSHNELL TO TEA AND SPEND AN EVENING. AS MUCH AS I KNOW OF HER, I THINK HER A FINE AMABLE GIRL AND ONE WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE. THERE IS NOT THAT MEANNESS ABOUT HER WHICH CHARACTERIZES HER BROTHERS. I SHOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU TWO THROUGH SOME KEY-HOLE, CRACK OR CREVICE WHEN YOU ARE TOGETHER; NO DOUBT THE INTERVIEW WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING, WITHALL INSTRUCTIVE. YOU WOULD DESCANT LEARNEDLY ON THE MOST GESTRUCED SUBJECTS LOOK HERE TOT (OR PET) UNLESS YOU SPRUCE UP AND TALK A LITTLE NO ONE WILL EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU I'D RATHER LOVE THE STATUE VENUS DE MEDICI THOUGH NO GENTLE ACCENTS WOULD FALL UPON MY EAR THOUGH THE MOST GRACEFUL FIGURE WOULD CHARM MY EYE. I DO NOT MEAN TO SAY YOU ARE HOMELY. YOU HAVE FINE FLOWING RINGLETS GLISTENING LIKE GOLD, AND SOFT BLUE EYES EXPRESSIVE AND FULL OF MILDNESS. THESE ARE PERSONAL CHARMS AND ATTRACTIONS. SOME BUXOM SWAIN WILL COURT YOUR LOVE, IF BUT FOR THESE. SO CHEER UP MY LASSIE, NE'ER BE DISCOURAGED. IF YOU WRITE TO MISS BUSNELL DIRECT YOUR NOTE TO THE CARE OF CHARLES I. BUSHNELL-20 NASSAU STREET. I PROMISED BUSHNELL TO WRITE TO HIM. I CANNOT NOW BEFORE I REACH HAVRE. IF YOU SEE HIM(AND IT IS NOT LIKELY YOU WILL) WITHOUT YOU INVITE HIS SISTER SOON, TELL HIM I HAVE NOT FORGOTT MY PROMISE TO WRITE & THAT I WILL DO SO WHEN I ARRIVE AT COLOGNE, IF NOT BEFORE THEM. REMEMBER ME TO HIM AND GIVE MY TENDEREST REGARDS TO HIS SISTER MISS ANNA MARIA. YOU NEED SAY NOTHING TO CHARLIE HARRIS FOR I'VE A LETTER ALMOST WRITTEN TO HIM. AS TO ANSON I AM IN HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO HIM BEFORE I REACH PORT, IF NOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER. MISS LAWRENCE WILL VERY LIKELY CALL TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS SHE PROMISED ME. WHEN I WAS TO SEE HER SHE SAID SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SOMEONE NEAR YOU. I ASKED IF SHE WOULD NOT CALL TO SEE YOU SOMETIME, SHE SAID SHE WOULD; YOU REMEMBER YOU WAS AT HER HOUSE WITH ME ABOUT FIVE OR (YEARS) AGO. SHE IS ABOUT YOUR AGE. YOU MUST GET HARRIS TO LET YOU READ MY LETTER TO HIM. YOU WILL SEE WHAT AN ADVENTURE I HAD ON MY FIRST DAY FROM HOME. NOW WHEN HARRIS COMES TO SEE YOU DON'T LOOK CROSS, WHY, YOU WILL FRIGHTEN HIM AWAY IF YOU DO. WEAR SMILES

UPON YOUR FACE. BE TALKATIVE AND FAMILIAR WITHAL RESERVED. IF HE ASKS YOU TO PLAY THE PIANO, DO IT, ACCOMPANYING IT WITH YOUR VOICE. I HAVE KNOWN HIM A LONG TIME NOW, THIS MUCH I CAN SAY FOR HIM ONE MIGHT LOOK A LONG WHILE BEFORE FINDING HIS EQUAL FOR AMIABILITY AND GENEROSITY. I KNOW NOTHING AS TO HOW RICH HE IS LIKELY TO BE OR HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS TO HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE, WHEN YOU HAVE HIM BEFORE YOU, JUDGE OF YOURSELF. BUT WE SHALL SEE TIME REVEALS ALL; IT IS TOO SOON TO THINK OF YOUR GETTING MARRIED YET AND I FEAR MOTHER WILL BLAME ME FOR PUTTING SUCH NONSENSE INTO YOUR HEAD I DO NOT INTEND YOU TO DIE AN OLD MADE; NOR DO I BELIEVE YOU WOULD WISH TO. YOU MUST GET MARRIED, THAT IS ONE THING CERTAIN. YOU NEED A PROTECTOR. AS TO ME IT MATTERS VERY LITTLE IF EVER I AM MARRIED; ALTOGETHER OPTIONAL. I MUST BE ABLE TO PROTECT MYSELF. ENDEAVOR TO BECOME PROFICIENT IN MUSIC, MAKE IT A RULE TO PRACTICE AN HOUR OR TWO EVERY DAY. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF LEISURE TIME NOW SO DARN YOUR STOCKINGS AND DEVOTE ONE DAY IN PARTICULAR TO MENDING MY GLOVES. I SHALL WANT THEM WHEN I COME HOME, SO DON'T FORGET. I HAVE BUT ONE PAIR OF GLOVES AND THEY ARE WHITE KID I BLAME YOU OR THANK YOU FOR NOT HAVING MENDED THEM WHEN YOU PROMISED ME AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I AM AT A LOSS BEING WITHOUT THEM. I MUST REPLACE THEM WHEN I GET TO FRANCE AND THAT WILL TAKE MONEY. WE ALWAYS HAVE SOME LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS. I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE FAULT TO BE YOURS, PERHAPS I JUDGED YOU WRONGLY, AT ANY RATE I AM WILLING TO THINK SO NOW AND TAKE ALL THE BLAME. YOU MUST STUDY TO BE MORE GENEROUS MORE AMIABLE AND MORE ACCOMODATING. THESE ARE FAILINGS IN YOUR COMPOSITION AS GREAT AS THEY ARE IN MINE. I ALSO IN THE MEANTIME WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CORRECT MYSELF. IF WE BOTH SUCCEED AND HEAVEN PERMITS US TO MEET AGAIN HOW MUCH HAPPIER WE SHALL BE! THEN LET US FORGET OUR PARTING AND LOOK FORWARD WITH HOPE TO OUR MEETING. WE SHOULD NOT DESIRE IT UNLESS IT BE AMIABLE. SITUATED AS WE ARE COMFORTABLE WE SHOULD BE A HAPPY AND LOVING CIRCLE BUT IS IT SO? ALAS! MUST I RESPOND NO, NO, WE CONTINUALLY ARE WRANGLING AND QUARRELING AND SEEMINGLY IT APPEARS EACH ONE STUDIES TO SEE HOW UNACCOMODATING AND DISAGREEABLE HE OR SHE MAY RENDER HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE OTHERS WHILE MOTHER COMPLAINS JUSTLY "I WISH YOU WOULD GO AWAY, I HAVE NO PEACE THE DAY LONG". NOW SUCH A STATE OF THINGS SHOULD NOT EXIST. IT IS DEPLORABLE BUT WHY DECRY WHEN THE MEANS TO REMEDY THE EVIL IS WITHIN OUR POWER. RESOLUTION IS ONLY WANTING! THEN LET YOU AND ME AND ALL OF US TAKE THE GOOD RESOLUTION IN A SHORT TIME MOTHER WOULD CRY, "WHAT A CHANGE! - I AM CONTENTED NOW, MY CHILDREN ARE HAPPY AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER" HOW PLEASANT ALL THIS IS TO READ! BUT HOW MUCH PLEASANTER TO SEE IT ENACTED!! YOU SHOULD DEVOTE A COUPLE OF HOURS EACH MORNING TO STUDY, YOU ENJOY AN ADVANTAGE NOW, ANYTHING YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND SARAH IS CAPABLE AND NO DOUBT UPON BEING ASKED WILL CHEERFULLY EXPLAIN TO YOU. THEN YOU MUST ATTEND TO READING TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON, NOT THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE DAY, MERE TRASH; BUT STANDARD WORKS. MOTHER WILL NOT BEGRUDGE SPENDING A LITTLE THIS WAY. IF YOU BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH MISS LAWRENCE I WISH YOU TO ASCERTAIN ALL YOU CAN FROM HER IN RELATION TO ME. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HER EVERY WORD AND ACTION. MAKE TRIAL OF HER TEMPER AND WATCH HER DISPOSITION THE AFFECTION I BORE HER IN CHILDHOOD AND CURIOSITY INDUCED ME TO VISIT HER BEFORE DEPARTING FOR LA BELLE FRANCE. MY RECEPTION FROM HER FATHER WAS OPEN AND GENEROUS. I QUITE LIKED HIS GENTLEMANLY DEPORTMENT. I WAS NEARLY AN HOUR CONVERSING WITH HIM. HE RELATED TO ME HIS AFFLICTIONS THAT HIS TWO ELDEST DAUGHTERS WHO WERE MARRIED HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO ETERNITY WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF EACH OTHER. THEY WERE INTERESTING GIRLS, THAT HE HAD LATELY LOST HIS MOTHER, AND THAT NOW A NEAR RELATIVE WAS ON THE POINT OF DYING. I EXPRESSED BY CONDOLENCES AND CHEERED HIS DESPONDANCY. THE VICTORIES OF DEATH WERE NOT ALL THAT WE TALKED ABOUT. WE SPOKE OF THINGS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF THE VARIOUS TOPICS OF THE DAY, ELECTIONEERING, PROGRESS OF THE ARTS, AND SCIENCES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MACHINERY- TO SUM IT ALL UP OUR CONVERSATION WAS VERY AGREEABLE; JUST AFTER HIS DAUGHTER MISS HANNAH MADE HER APPEARANCE HE GOT UP TO RETIRE FOR BUSINESS HOURS WERE DRAWING NIGH AND AS HE WAS RETIRING, POLITELY REQUESTED ME TO CALL AGAIN THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE ME.

I THANKED HIM FOR HIS FRANK INVITATION AND REPLIED THAT I WOULD BE GRATIFIED TO AVAIL MYSELF OF IT BUT THAT FOR THE PRESENT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE NEXT DAY I WAS TO START FOR EUROPE; AFTER SOME FEW MOMENTS MORE PARLAYING HE SHOOK ME CORDIALLY BY THE HAND AND LEFT THE PARLOR. THEN I WAS ALONE IN COMPANY WITH MY QUANDOM LOVE. I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED I'LL ALLOW WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER AT SCHOOL I THOUGHT HER A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AND SO I EXPECTED TO FIND HE, BUT I MUST MAKE SOME ALLOWANCES FOR HER SABLE ATTIRE AND MOISTENED CHEEKS. OUR INTERVIEW WAS LONG AND AS YOU MAY SUPPOSE FRIENDLY NOTHING MORE. WE TALKED AS THOUGH WE HAD MET DAILY. I TOLD HER IN CHILDHOOD WE LOVED BUT THAT SEPARATION AND LAPSE OF TIME HAD MADE US STRANGERS, AND SO WE AND THAT I HOPED WE MIGHT BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED I SHALL NEITHER THINK OR DREAM OF HER ANYMORE. MY CURIOSITY HAS BEEN GRATIFIED AND MY MIND IS NOW AT REST. I KNOW HER TO BE OF GOOD FAMILY AND NO DOUBT SHE IS A VERY FINE GIRL, BUT WHAT OF THAT, I SHALL NOT THINK OF HER OR ANY GIRL THESE FIVE YEARS. SEND ME A NEWSPAPER NOW AND THEN. I LOVE JOHN'S WATCH AND BREAST PIN, THE LATTER HE MUST GIVE ME THE FORMER I AM WILLING TO ALLOW HIM FIVE DOLLARS OR RETURN IT IN GOOD ORDER WHEN I COME HOME. REMEMBER ME TO CHARLOTTE COOPER, GIVE HER A KISS FOR ME AND TELL HER I THINK BETTER OF HER SINCE SHE TOOK HOLD OF MY ARM. IT WAS A QUEER NOTION OF HERS NOT TO TAKE HOLD OF THE ARM OF ANY GENTLEMAN UNTIL SHE WAS MARRIED. I AM GLAD SHE YIELDED TO MY GOOD REASONING. WHEN YOU WRITE TO JOHN AND HENRY REMEMBER ME TO THEM. TELL THEM I WILL WRITE SOME IN MOTHER'S LETTER NEXT TIME. YOU CAN COPY IT OFF AND SEND IT. I BELIEVE THEY WILL MAKE OUT WELL IF THEY PERSEVERE-NOTHING HINDERS THEM. LEST I HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE REMEMBER ME TO ONE AND ALL AND KISS THEM FOR ME, IF A GENTLEMAN, IF YOU LIKE. I HAVE MADE A BOOK IN WHICH I KEEP AN ACCOUNT OF ALL MONEYS REC'D AND SPENT. I NOW HAVE \$65.84 YOU WILL SEE HOW LONG THIS WILL LAST ME. MY EXPENSES AT HAVRE, WE WILL SAY - \$2.00 TO ROUEN AND BACK TO HAVRE, A LARGE CITY, DISTANCE TWENTY MILES SAY -\$3.00 FROM HAVRE TO COLOGNE, SAY -\$7.00. TWO MONTHS BOARD AT MALLETT'S -\$16.00 FROM COLOGNE TO ALENCON AND BACK -\$2.00 - THEN FROM COLOGNE TO PARIS -\$5.00. NOW I MUST BUY SOME CLOTHES:- BOOTS-\$3.00, HAT -\$3.00, MAKING FROCK COAT -\$3.00, SUMMER PANTS -\$3.00, VEST-\$1.50, MENDING SHOES .50, PRESSING LEGHORN HAT AND SUSPENDERS-.50 - STEWARD .50, AND TRIMMING FOR COAT -\$1.00. ALL THIS MAKES \$51.00. THERE NOW REMAINS BUT \$14.84. I HAVE ALLOWED NOTHING FOR SMALL EXPENSES SUCH AS SEEING SMALL PLACES AND AMUSEMENTS, FOR THIS, -\$10.00 WOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH TO ALLOW. WHEN I ARRIVE IN PARIS THE FIRST OF AUGUST I SHALL HAVE BUT \$4.84. NOW YOU SEE I MUST HAVE SOME BY THAT TIME, SO THE FIRST OF JULY YOU WILL PLEASE TO SEND ME \$75.00 OR AT LEAST \$50.00 WITHOUT FAIL. DON'T MISS FOR YOU KNOW HOW MISERABLE I SHALL BE WITHOUT MONEY AMONGST STRANGERS. GET THREE BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND SEND ONE BY THE FIRST OF JULY BY THE STEAMER, BRITISH AND ONE BY HAVRE PACKET AND THE OTHER BY THE NEXT PACKET. GET MR. PALMER OR HARSELL TO ATTEND TO THIS GO TO SOME GOOD HOUSE, FOR IF IT FAILED WHILE I HELD THE BILL THE MONEY WOULD BE LOST. HAVE THE BILL PAYABLE AT TWO MONTHS AFTER SIGHT. MONSIEUR MALLETT SAYS YOU CAN'T SEND LESS THAN \$60.00 FOR THIS AMOUNT WOULD GET BILLS DRAWN FOR \$315 OR \$320 FRANCS. SEND IMMEDIATELY. WHEN I GET IT I WILL GET IT DISCOUNTED. I KNOW YOUR RENTS ARE NOT DUE TILL AUGUST FIRST BUT THEN JOHN WAS TO LET YOU HAVE SOME OR I SHALL NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. I HAVE NO DOUBT BUT THAT YOU CAN FIX IT SO AS TO SEND IT. I CAN SAY NOTHING MORE TO URGE YOU. REMEMBER YOU ONLY LET ME HAVE \$15.84 WHEN I CAME AWAY OUT OF THE \$20.00. I SPENT \$4.16 IN NEW YORK JUST AS YOU TOLD ME.

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WIND IS UNFAVORABLE. I HOPE WE MAY ARRIVE SO THAT I MAY BE IN TIME TO SEND BY STEAMER. WE HAVE MADE A LONG PASSAGE. YOU MUST BE ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF MY SAFE ARRIVAL. I AM VERY GLAD I CAME BY THIS SHIP. CAPTAIN CHASE IS A VERY ABLE CAPTAIN AND GENTLEMANLY. IF I WAS ON BOARD A PACKET I WOULD NOT BE AS WELL OFF. I WOULD BE OBLIGED TO CONFORM TO ALL THE LAWS OF ETIQUETTE ONE DOES NOT FEEL LIKE THAT AT SEA.

I INTEND TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF MY MONEY AND SEE ALL I CAN WITH IT. I SHALL WRITE PRETTY SOON AGAIN. I HAVE IN HAND POSTAGE TO PAY BOTH WAYS TO AND FROM HAVRE. YOU MUST GIVE A PENNY WITH A LETTER HAND IT TO THE POSTMASTER AT THE WINDOW. IF YOU HAVE TO DOUBLE POSTAGE DON'T BEGRUDGE FOR THIS LETTER IS LONG. YOU CAN WRITE IN YOUR LEISURE HOURS DURING THE SUMMER AFTERNOONS. I WISH YOU ALL WELL. IF YOUR NEXT LETTER CONTAINS THE FIRST BILL OF EXCHANGE DIRECT IT TO DROUARD DESNEUFSBOURGS OR IF NOT TO ME AT MR. WALLETS HOUSE. HARRIET MUST KEEP AN ACCOUNT OF ALL MONEY YOU RECEIVE AND SPEND. IN MY NEXT I WILL RELATE WHAT I SAW ON MY PASSAGE. I HAVE WRITTEN A LONG LETTER. I'VE FORGOT NOTHING. TELL ME EVERYTHING IN YOURS. I MUST BUY ME AN UMBRELLA AND GET MY WATCH FIXED. IF YOU SHOW THIS LETTER TO ANYONE, EXCUSE THE WRITING I LABOR UNDER EVERY DISADVANTAGE. MY DIRECTION AT MONSIEUR WALLETS : - A COLOGNE, PRES LES VISLE-SUR LARTHE ORVE -PER HAVRE PACKET, FRANCE. IF YOU WRITE BY STEAMER, WRITE BY BRITISH STEAMER. WHEN I AM IN PARIS MY EXPENSES WILL NOT BE SO MUCH THERE WILL BE NO TRAVELING; SEEING WONDERS AND CLOTHES. I HOPE I SHALL BE MUCH IMPROVED WHEN I COME HOME. I AM SPENDING MY MONEY FOR THAT.

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THE SUNNY SHORES OF MERRY FRANCE ARE IN SIGHT. HAVRE IS IN SIGHT THREE MILES DISTANCE. IT WAS HIGHTIDE AT 12:00 TODAY AND AS WE ARRIVED AT 12:30 WE MUST SPEND THE NIGHT TACKLING ABOUT THE BAY, THE COAST FROM CAPE O COUX TO CAPE LE HEVE IS MOST BEAUTIFUL. IT IS NOW 200 FEET HIGH AND REGULAR ON TOP, EXTENDING SOME 10 OR 15 MILES. IN REALITY I TOOK IT TO BE A LARGE CITY. IT IS LIKE ROCKS AND RESEMBLES THE PALISADES AND NORTH RIVER ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.

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WE SHALL ARRIVE TODAY AT 1:00 O'CLOCK, THANK GOD! AFTER A LONG PASSAGE OF FIFTY DAYS. I DO NOT DESIRE MUCH TO GO ASHORE IT HAS BEEN SO PLEASURE- MONSIEUR WAS FIFTY DAYS COMING TO AMERICA. I HAVE BEEN WELL.

JUNE 6, 1844

THERE ARE MANY VESSELS IN THE BAY AS SOON AS THE TIDE IS NEARLY HIGH WE ENTER THE BASIN, JETTIES ARE OPENED AND WE ENTER THE DOCK I EXPECT TO REMAIN TWO NIGHTS IN HAVRE. I SHALL SPEND THE NIGHTS ON BOARD SHIP AND TAKE MY MEALS AT A RESTAURANT. FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON BOARD. THE GREAT FAIRS WHICH IS ONCE IN FIVE YEARS IS NOW IN PARIS. MESSIEUR ADVISES ME TO GO AS IT IS A GRAND AFFAIR. THINGS FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE ARE THERE. MESSIEUR WOULD GO WITH ME BUT HE MUST SEE HIS FOLKS FIRST. IT WILL NOT COST ME AS MUCH AS IT WOULD TO GO TO HIS HOUSE. I TAKE THE STEAMBOAT TO ROUEN SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS THERE THEN TAKE THE RAILROAD TO PARIS WHERE I SHALL REMAIN BUT TWO WEEKS THEN GO TO MESSIEURS HOUSE AND SPEND TWO MONTHS AND THEN RETURN TO PARIS. I HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL AND HAPPY AS I. THE MATE WILL CALL TO SEE MISS DEVEREAUX. NOW DO TRY TO SEND ME SOME MONEY OR I SHALL NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. GOODBYE, REMEMBER ME TO ALL. MESSIEUR DESIRES TO BE REMEMBERED TO YOU, HE LOOKS VERY WELL AND HAS GROWN FAT AS WELL AS MYSELF. I HAVE A LETTER NEARLY FINISHED FOR HARRIS.

YOUR YOUNGEST SON, THOMAS WHALEY

P.S. I WANT HARRIET TO WRITE ME IN YOUR NEXT TO TELL ME ALL YOUR NEWS. IS TEXAS ANNEXED TO THE UNION? HOW ARE THE NATIVE AMERICANS MAKING OUT? NO DOUBT THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIGHTING AMONG THE IRISH. MY LIKENESS IS AT MR. WHITNEY'S A VERY GOOD ONE. HE CHARGED \$2.00 FOR IT. YOU HAD BETTER GET IT. HAS ANSON RETURNED THE BOOKS AND FISHING POLE. I WROTE A NOTE TO ANSON REQUESTING HIM TO BRING DOWN THE BOOKS BEFORE YOU MOVED. IF HE HAS NOT LET ME KNOW AND WHEN I WRITE I WILL MENTION THEM. DON'T YOU ASK HIM.

LETTER ADDRESSED TO: MRS. THOMAS WHALEY
CARE OF HUNT UNDERHILL 266 BROADWAY EAST,
NEW YORK

Trip to Europe R. Thaley to Mother - on board ship May 10, 1844
First page straight thru every other line, rec'd
when you reach end of page 1. that will be: July 25, 1844
"I have not enjoyed much their company"

turn page

read four lines, then skip every other line to
bottom of page 2: "Waiting has not done anything".
third page: Read straight through. "one day in hauling"
fourth page: read straight thru until you read this
line "She is about your age", then turn to first
page and read interlines.

5th Top of first page: "When Harris comes to see you"
read down 7 lines then start reading every other line, at
"to die an Old Maid" (spelled) Made
ending with "topics of the day, election" turn page
begin fifth line down "eering, progress", then every other
line to the bottom of the page.

bottom of page "just as you told me" turn page

Begin page three-left hand side at bottom

"I intend to be very careful of my money" continue read-
ing from left to right, ending with "At the window"
holding letter in same position start reading at bottom
left to right "if your next letter contains" continue to
end - turn to page 4 see above instructions

page 4 left hand margin - top line is almost directly over
the address - "Tell me everything in yours"
turn the page upside down

read from left to right "I must buy me an umbrella"

page 4 - top left margin - read from left to right - starting
with "My direction at Monsieur Maillet's" - which is enclosed
in a box - then begin at top of page "If you write" ending
with "I have been well"

skip the addressed portion of the letter and drop down to
left "Anne 6th. There are many vessels" ending with

"your youngest son, Thomas" of right hand edge

turn page sideways - at bottom of right hand edge ~~begin to~~
~~begin~~ begin "I want Harriet" ~~ends with~~

read to top ends with "Fighting among the Irish"

Page 1 (turn up side down - top edge)

top edge turned up side down - begins "My likeness"

ends "fishing pole" - turn continue reading on edge

"I wrote a note" ending with "Don't you ask him"

Letter Received July 25, 1844 -
Sent to Thomas P. Jones Esq. - Thomas Whaley to Mather
Newark, Quarry St, N.J. Captain Chase

Dear Mather, Commenced May 10, 1844 ^{on board ship}

You have no doubt by this time thought me
safely arrived in Haver, & on my way to Mather Mallet's
home. This will undeceive you. We are 1000 miles
from Port, contending with calms & headwinds.
Since I have several letters to write, I am compelled
thus of necessity soon to commence. Here it is not
like being on shore, so many inconveniences
to put up with. The ship is pitching first from
one side then to the other, and at times it is
difficult to put pen to paper. I commence
writing to you now & shall write little now & then
till we reach Haver. You will want to know
what kind of passage we have made. I have
not room to tell you for each day, so in a few
words I will say it has been a long tedious
passage. We were not out of sight of Sandy
Hook, until the 20th of April. The headwinds
detained us. (Sat. sail on 20th (?) The Pilot left
us on the 20th. I wrote a note to you by him
which you no doubt received. He said he would
drop it into some sub-post. It was directed to
the care of Mrs. Underhill (see envelope). I also
wrote one on the day I got on board & gave it to
a gentleman to deliver to King. In it was enclosed
Hewes's due bill, & a key for Miss Severant sent
M. Mallet. I expected him to come on board the
next morning & bring my petition. We did not
get off till night, but I suppose the reason
he did not come was because he could not
get it from ^{Mr} Rogers. I don't see how I came to

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forget this. Ask Mr. Rozier for it. His office is in
Beekman St. I think No. 19 - Right hand (side) going
down, name on the shutter. The petition is
written on a half sheet of paper - wafered to
a blank half sheet. Now I want you to fold this
up as it is, just as you would a letter, but to
have the blank half sheet on the outside. Then
direct to me thus: Messrs Whaley - Darnard
Darnembourg (Darnembourg's) Rue St. Martin 51,
Paris, France. In one corner put - Per of Packet.
Send it about the 1st of July. You may write upon
the blank half-sheet. The postage will not be
much when I receive it 25¢. The first two
weeks of our passage were very unpleasant,
raining or cloudy, head wind or none at all.
The third week very pleasant, every way. Since
then till now, the 14th of May, it has been
very cold, the head winds most of the time.
We have not had any severe weather. The
Captain says he never had a milder passage or
so much headwinds. The sea most of the
time is calm as the water of a mill pond not
the least unrippled. I was not sea-sick much.
I vomited but 4 times. Monsieur did not stand
it near as well as I. There are 4 ladies on board
3 married, one a widow. I have not enjoyed
much their company. Two of them have been sick
most all the passage. As for Monsieur he has
as little as possible to say or do with them.
Somehow or other they do not suit his fancy.

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The name of one of them is Mrs Cochran, wife to him¹¹ who is now working the "steam earth excavator" like those machines they are using in Brooklyn. You no doubt have read of this powerful machine in the paper. He (Cochran) is the inventor of the Cannon lock, a new kind of gun, & a machine for blasting rocks. He has the five year contract for clearing the road for the Haver & Raven railroad. She goes out with her family to live with him. They have 3 nice little girls, the eldest, a child of 7 is quite interesting. I have spent a good deal of my time amusing her. John must have returned to Washington soon after my departure & left you & Harriet alone. What a small family now! And how great a change for you! You must perceive it, having always been under your own roof & that of your fathers. You must feel the change & sometimes regret. Quite natural you should, so many years with a home & now without. This much I know only. Be contented where you are for a short time, & you will find it much happier & pleasanter for you. I doubt if I return that I shall not be able to persuade you to keep house again. You contemplated going to Newark after I was gone. By this time you must have returned to your new abode, where you must be comfortable for Mrs Underhill is a nice clever lady. You were fortunate to get in with her, having known her so long. Do take some means to

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introduce Harriet into society. I know no young lady who has fewer acquaintances than she. You know she is naturally backward & needs urging on. You must therefore hold out an inducement to her, only let her become acquainted with 3 or 4 young ladies of her own age of respectable families who can introduce her into society & she will do very well. Watch over her, but not too closely, as to let her know it. Let her depend more upon herself, which she must someday, & look to you for counsel. It is pretty near time for her to think of getting married. She must not choose too soon. When I am returned, I shall introduce some clever fellow to her. She must reciprocate this by looking out some nice young lady for me. She must be amiable & have some little fortune, no matter about beauty, this lasts so short a time, however I shall not object to it. I give Harriet five years to look her up in.

Grandfather was to have sent a letter. If he did so send it to me the 1st of July. I hope he is well give my respects to the old gentleman & tell him I hope to see him again. I wish he may live many a year after he has used up all his property, which at the rate it is going cannot last long. You will have to take care of him then, so tell him how to make his money go as far as possible. I hope our affairs with Uncle John's estate may be settled before I come home. I think

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Mr Harrell will drive it ahead. Leave everything to him, no danger of his being bribed, explain everything clearly. Let your object be to get all you can from them. Don't give an inch. I hardly think Whiting should have \$25. more. Consult Harrell about it. Let him settle it. Whiting has not done anything. Be careful of all the papers I left. Look them over so as to understand things. Let Mr Harrell know what papers you have + if he takes any keep a minute (record) of them. Let Harriet keep notes of all that passes it may be of use. Remember me to Mr Harrell. Remember I have copies of most of the papers, so if there is anything you wish to consult me about, write + I can tell by looking at them. Did John get the \$20. Mc Gay? I hope you are fortunate enough to collect all your rent this year. No doubt you got all due May 1st. Did John get the things out of the little room at 3 Mott St? There was a hammer, chisel, file, 3 screw drivers, a knife, can half full of Paint (oil) a cup full of white lead, nails, screws, etc. If not ask Mc Gay for them. I hope the Dutchman will make out well. Did you get my life insured? First of Aug. renew the insurance of No 3 Mott St. Be particular to get your furniture + locks insured. If fire came you could not hope to have a single thing. Keep all

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your valuables in a small box or trunk & put it somewhere, where it will be handy in case of fire & all the papers & fathers books in the work stand. Put nothing else in these drawers. You are near to Fletcher get him to take some of the locks. Have a talk with him, you may learn something concerning the settlement of our affairs. I hope you have Swarts' note. It was the only way I had to send it, since I did not see John. Let me know if you have not. The note I wrote to you the first day I was on board, I enclosed to one I sent to Mr King, requesting him to deliver it that evening, as it was something particular. I got 50¢ worth of coconuts from Swarts, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of maple sugar, the rest in candy. In the whole thing was \$1.75. The reason I got so much was I expected to give John some to take home. Swarts is a pretty honest fellow. He was willing to let me have more. I believe he will pay all. Try to get some cash next time you see him. You must not pay Mr. Parsons he is away now. I hardly believe he would go to law, if he does it is not likely he would gain anything. If he did it would cost you something too, so rather than have any trouble

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if he threatens law, pay him \$20, & tell him that is all you will pay & if not satisfied he may go to law, & that you are annoyed every way. Very likely he will accept the \$20. Do no more than this. I am much obliged to you for sweetmeats & other knick-knacks, they came in first rate & I have enough to last me to port. I will take 2 coconuts, maple sugar & a cup of pineapple to Mr Mallet - There are parties in France. I shall not have much candy left. I have given a good deal to the little girls, some to the ladies, the rest Monsieur & I have made away with. I never tasted such poor miserable wine & brandy, miserable stuff. I have drunk very little of it, for I could not. The bottle of brandy broke by accident. When the ship halted, I did not regret it. What I have left I will give to the steward. This with a half-dollar which I have in six penny pieces is all I can afford to give him. I have not had many favors to ask of him. Monsieur shared his wine with me. ~~the~~ We have had everything in abundance that we could desire. We shared together, he his & I mine. He had 2 jars of oysters, very

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good, I had a pie made of ^{the} Peaches as
they were fermenting. I gave my eggs to the
steward as we had plenty on the table.
We have had a first rate table: All the time
meat three times a day, never less than a
dozen different dishes on the table, three or
four of which were meats. Fresh bread
twice a day, pudding or pie for dinner we
could either have tea, coffee or chocolate
for breakfast. My milk lasted only 3 or
4 days - It began to sour. I gave it to the cook
to make biscuits of. We have had fresh meat
every day - What we got at New York lasted
10 to 12 days. We then commenced destroy-
ing chickens & pigs. I had no idea that
ships fare was so good. Had I known it
I would not have brought a single thing
with me. I broke my bottle of catsup it
was in the bottom of the trunk. Fortunately
it spoiled nothing but a pair of drawers.
I gave them to the steward to wash out for
me. To guard against accident I took
all the bottles out of the trunk & put
them in the hat box. I have kept my
journal all of the time ^{of course} When I was
seasick I did not feel like writing, but
I have notes for these days. So that I
can write at anytime. I have about
50 pages written. We have been very well

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We have been very well except sea-sickness. It is astonishing how this hangs on, even after a person has vomited they feel it. You know not what to do, in fact you can do nothing but sit up or lay down.

You have no inclination for reading or writing + very little for talking. If you knew how a person feels just before vomiting - you may conceive ^{what} a sea-sickness is - The feeling of the former lasts but for a few minutes - The latter for days. It is really terrible. The captain said he never saw a person stand it as well as I did - I was sick only two days + absent from the table but two or 3 times. I have felt occasionally during the whole passage moments of ennui.

You do not know how short the time seems to me. I have no particular desire to arrive I am comfortable here. It does not seem that I am sea. All is generally so still. I think that I am on board a ship merely to look around, as I frequently did with Anson + that when night comes I will come home. I cannot realize that I am away from home on the way to France. I have not been homesick, I do not dread that for I never was. Sometimes I have felt a little lonesome.

When I am in the cabin alone, the ladies in a small cabin by themselves + Merriam asleep. I soon forget this + commence reading or writing. I have read there: Barnaby Rudge, Milton, Flammarion, Robin Hood, some in Pickwick, Kendall's Santa Fe Expedition + in several other books. I generally rise at 8 take breakfast, dinner at 1:00 tea at sundown + retire at 12:00 sometimes later. I have worn my old clothes all the time, excepting last Sunday (May 19th) when I thought to please me I would rig up in my best bib + tucker. Overall I put my coat so that no one would be jealous in seeing me finely dressed. When we were in the middle of the ocean I drew a bucket of water and filled a bottle I meant to have taken this as a curiosity to France but somehow unfortunately it got broke I hardly dared to tighten my suspenders for fear of burst my breeches somewhere. They are worn so thin in front. One day in hauling them on I thrust the top ^{at page} of my boat through them + I am every moment in fear of my knees or some other part breaking forth.

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I am very glad I brought a cap. I do not know what I would have done without it. I have wet my head several times, dipped it into a bucket of sea water or hogshead (hogshead) have the water poured over it. Mr. Palmer may have some letters of introduction for me. When I was there last he told me to call, before I went that he might think of someone to whom he could give me letters. Told him I would be pleased to attend to any business for him, he said he might have some that he would let me know when I called. I was there the day I sailed in the morning he was not in, I was very sorry for it. I should have like to see him before I went. ^{top of page} When he comes to see you just ask him about this. Give my best respects to him. If he has not been to see you yet, you must write a very polite note to him asking him to come & take tea & spend the evening. Do not forget to do this, direct it to Astor House, remember me to Mrs Underhill, Susan & Sarah. I shall frequently think of these good folks, now do not give them no more trouble than you can help. I think you must live very comfortably together as one family. These are two fine girls, they would make fine wives, seeming

no one appreciates their worth, I cannot believe but what they must have offers I suspect they are too particular, perhaps an extreme! It may be their fault, if so they must inevitably die old maids! What a pity! These odd creatures ~~are~~ are counted as cross, peevish & snappish. You need not tell them that I say this for it may displease them.

Miss
 (Harriet; you must invite ~~Miss~~ Bushnell to tea & spend an evening. As much as I know of her, I think her a fine amiable girl & one whom you would like. There is not that meanness about her which characterizes her brothers. I should be pleased to see you two there some day, here, crack or converse when you are together; no doubt the interview would be very interesting, with all instruction. You would I suspect learned by on the most abstract subjects look here I at, (or Pet) (endearing expression) unless you spruce up. - Talk a little no one will ever fall in love with you I'd rather have the statue Venus de Medicis though no gentle accents would fall upon my ear though the most graceful

figure would charm my eye. I do not mean to say you are homely. You have fine flowing ringlets glistening like gold & soft blue eyes expressing & full of mildness. These are personal charms & attractions. Some husband swain will court your love, if but for these. So cheer up my lassie never be discouraged. If you write to Miss Busnell direct your note to the care of Charles I. Busnell - 20 Nassau St. I promised Busnell to write to him. I cannot now before I reach home. If you see him (and it is not likely you will) without you invite his sister soon) Tell him I have not forgot my promise to write & that I will do so when I arrive at Cologne, if not before then. Remember me to him & give my tenderest regards to his sister Miss Anna Maria. You need say nothing to Charlie Harris for I have a letter almost written to him. As to Anson I am in hopes to be able to say a few words to him before I reach Port, if not as soon as possible after. Miss Lawrence will very likely call to see you soon as she promised me. When I want to see her she said she was acquainted with someone

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Near you. I asked if she would not call to see
 you sometime. She said she would you
 remember you was at her house with me
 about 5 or 6 (years) ago. She is about your
 age. You must get Harris to let you read my
 letter to him. You will see what an ^{adventurer} ~~Top~~ ^{read every line} ~~thing~~
 I had on my first day from home. Now when ^{think} Harris
 comes to see you don't look cross, ^{like} you
 will frighten him away if you do. Wear smiles
 upon your face. Be talkative & familiar withal
 reserved. If he asks you to play the piano, do
 it, accompanying it with your voice. I have
 known him a long time now. This much
 I can say for him one might look a long
 while before finding his equal for amiability
 & generosity. I know nothing as to how rich
 he is likely to be or his present circumstances
 as to his personal appearance, when you have
 him before you, judge of yourself. But we
 shall see time reveals all! It is too soon
 to think of your getting married yet & I fear
 mother will blame me for putting such
 nonsense into your head. I do not intend
 you to ^{ever get married} die an old maid. nor do I believe
 you would wish to. You must get married,
 that is one thing certain. You need a protector.
 As to me it matters very little if ever I am
 married; althogether optional. I must be
 able to protect myself. Endeavour to become
 proficient in music, make it a rule to
 practice an hour or two every day.

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You have plenty of leisure time now, so darn your stockings & devote one day in particular to mending my gloves. I shall want them when I come home, so don't forget. I have but one pair of gloves & they are white kid. I blame you or thank you for not having more. You must feel sorry for not having mended them when you promised me & now that you know how much I am at a loss being without them. I must replace them when I get to France & that will take money. We always have some little misunderstanding. I don't know how it was, I always thought the fault to be yours, perhaps I judged you wrongly, at any rate I am willing to think so now & take all the blame. You must study to be more generous more amiable & more accomodating. These are failings in your composition as great as they are in mine. I also in the meantime will make every effort to correct myself. If we both succeed & heaven permits us to meet again how much happier we shall be! Then let us forget our parting & look forward with hope to our meeting. We should not desire it unless it be amiable. Situated as we are comfortable we should be a happy & loving circle but is it so? Alas! must I respond no, no we continually are wrangling & quarrelling.

and seemingly it appears each one studies to see how unaccommodating & disagreeable he or she may render himself or herself to the others while mother complains justly, "I wish you would go away, I have no peace the day long". Now such a state of things should not exist, it is deplorable but why decry when the means to remedy the evil is within our power. Resolution is only wanting! Then let you + me + all of us take the good resolution in a short time mother would cry, "What a change! I am contented now, my children are happy + love one another" How pleasant all this is to read! But how much pleasanter to see it enacted!! You should devote a couple of hours each morning to study, you enjoy an advantage now, anything you do not understand Sarah is capable + no doubt upon being asked will cheerfully explain to you. Then you must attend to reading 2 hours in the afternoon, not the publications of the day, mere trash; but standard works. Mother will not be grudge spending a little this way. If you become acquainted with Miss Lawrence I wish you to ascertain all you can from her in relation to me. Pay particular attention to her every word + action. Make trial of her temper + watch her disposition. The affection I bore her in childhood + curiosity induced me to visit her before departing for La Belle France. My Reception

from her father was open & generous. I quite liked his gentlemanly deportment. I was nearly an hour conversing with him. He related to me his afflictions that his two eldest daughters who were married had been summoned to eternity within a short time of each other. They were interesting girls, that he had lately lost his mother, & that now a near relation was on the point of dying. I express my condolences & cheered his despondency. The vicissitudes of death were not all that we talked about. We spoke of things past present & future, of the various topics of the day, election ^{By 2 at 1/2} ~~being~~ ^{your line down every day} progress of the arts & sciences & the introduction of machinery. To sum up all in all our conversation was very agreeable; just after his daughter Hannah made her appearance he got up to retire for business hours were drawing nigh. ^{fast} As he was retiring, politely requested me to call again, that he would be happy to see me. I thanked him for his frank invitation, replied that I would be gratified to avail myself of it but that for the present it was impossible as the next day I was to start for Europe. After some few moments more playing he shook me cordially by the hand & left the parlor. Then was I alone in company with my quondam love. I was a little disappointed I'll allow when we were

together at school I thought her a beautiful girl & so I expected to find her, but I must make some allowances for her pale attire & moistened cheeks. Our interview was long & as you may suppose friendly nothing more. We talked as though we had met daily. I told her in childhood we loved but that separation & lapse of time had made us strangers, & so we & that I hoped we might become better acquainted. I shall neither think or dream of her any more. My curiosity has been gratified & my mind is now at rest. I know her to be of good family & no doubt she is a very fine girl, but what of that, I shall not think of her or any girl these 5 years. Send me a newspaper now & then. I have John's watch & breastpin, the latter he must give me the former I am willing to allow him ¹⁵5. or return it in good order when I come home. Remember me to Charlotte Casper, give her a kiss for me, tell her I think better of her since she took hold of my arm. It was a queer notion of hers not to take hold the arm of any gentleman until she was married. I am glad she yielded to my good reasoning. When you write to John & Henry remember me to them. Tell them I will write some in Mother's letter next time. You can copy it off & send it. I believe they will make out well ch.

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they persevere - nothing hinders them. Let
 I have forgotten anyone remember me
 me to one - all + kiss them for me
 if a gentleman, if you like. I have made
 a book in which I keep an account of
 all money rec'd + spent. I now have
 \$5.84 - You will see how long this will
 last me. My expenses at Havre, we will
 say \$2.00 to Rouen + back to Havre, a
 large city, distance 20 miles say \$3.00 -
 from Havre to Cologne say \$7.00. Two
 months board at Mallets \$16.00. From
 Cologne to Alencon + back \$2.00 - Then from
 Cologne to Paris \$5.00. Now I must buy
 some clothes: - coat \$3.00, hat \$3.00 -
 making frock coat \$3.00, summer pants \$3.00
 vest \$1.50, mending shoes .50¢ + pressing legmen
 hat + suspenders 50¢ - steward 50¢ +
 trimming for coat \$1.00 - All this makes
 \$51.00. There now remains but 14.84. I have
 allowed nothing for small expenses such
 as seeing small places + amusements, for
 this \$10.00 would not be too much to
 allow. When I arrive in Paris the first
 of Aug I shall have but \$4.84. Now you see
 I must have come by that time, so

^{top sheet of letter, turn up like}
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^{last line left to right continue}
Longitude 7, Latitude 49 -

Wind is unfavorable. I hope we may arrive so that I may be in time to send by the steamer. We have made a long passage. You must be anxious to learn of my safe arrival. I am very glad I came by this ship.

Capt. Chase is a very ^{able} Captain & gentlemanly. If I was on board a packet I would not be as well off. I would be obliged to conform to all the laws of etiquette one does not feel like that at sea,

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The 1st of July you will please to send me
75.00 or at least 50.00 without fail.

Don't miss for you know how miserable
I shall be without money amongst
strangers. Get 3 bills of exchange & send
one the first of July by the steamer,
British & one by Havre Packet & the other
by the next packet. Get Mr Palmer or
Parrell to attend to this go to some good
house, for if it failed while I held the bill
the money would be lost. Have the bill
payable at 2 months after sight. Messrs
Mallet says you can't send less than ^{fr}60.
for this amount would get bills drawn
for 315.00 or 320 francs. Send immediately.
When I get it I will get it discounted.

I know your rents are not due till Aug 1st
but then John was to let you have some
or I shall not know what to do. I have
no doubt but what you can find it as
to send it. I can say nothing more to urge
you. Remember you only let me have
15.54 when I came away out of the ^{fr}20.00

I spent 4.16 in N.Y. just as you told me.
* I intend to be very careful of my money
& see all I can with it. I shall write
pretty soon again. I have in hand postage
to pay both ways to & from Havre. You must

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give a penny with a letter hand it to the
Postmaster at the ^{see insert} window. If your ^{first} ^{next}
letter contains the first bill of exchange
direct it to Drouard Desneufsbourgo or
if not to me at Mr Mallets house.
Harriet must keep an account of all
money you receive + spend. ^{in my next}
I will relate what I saw on my package.
I have written a long letter. I've forgot
nothing. ^{all my everything in yours -} ^{turn page up side down} I must buy me an umbrella
+ get my watch fixed. If you show this
letter to anyone, excuse the writing labor
under every disadvantage. ^{B4} My direction
at Mr. Mallets - at Cologne - près.
Les Misle - sur - Harthe ^(Ordie) ^{incorp} ^{turn} ^(over) ^{quad} ^{my} ^{line}
Havre Packet France - (address check) If
you write by steamer, write by British
steamer. When I am in Paris my expenses
will not be so much as not. There will
be no travelling; seeing wonders + clothes
I hope I shall be much improved when
I come home. I am spending my money
^{my for that purpose} June 5th The sunny shores of merry
France are in sight. Havre is in
sight 3 miles distance. It was high tide
at 17:00 today + as we arrived at
17:30 we must spend the night

If you have to trouble postage
don't begrudge for this letter
is long - You can write in your
leisure hours during the summer
afternoons. I wish you all well -
^{top} edge - Page 3 - ^{turned} up side down -

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Ship

taking (about) around in the bay the coast from Cape de Camp to Cape de Hève is most beautiful. It is 200 ft high & regular upon the top, extending some 10 or 15 miles. In reality I took it to be a large city. It is like rocks & resembles the Palisades & North River on Brooklyn Heights.

June 6th We shall arrive today at 1:00 o'clock, Thank god! after a long passage of 50 days. I do not desire much to go ashore it has been so. pleasure - Messieur was 50 days coming to America. I am well - (Ship's address & location)

June 6th - There are many vessels in the bay, as soon as the tide is nearly high we enter the (basin, jetties are opened) and we enter the dock. I expect to remain 2 nights in Harke, I shall spend the nights on board ship & take my meals at a restaurant. Fires are not allowed on board. The great fair which is once in 5 years is now in Paris. Messieur advises me to go as it is a grand affair. Things from all parts of Europe are there, Messieur would go with me but he must see his folks first. It

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will not cost me as much as it would to go to his house. I take the Steamboat to Rouen spend a couple of days there then take the Railroad to Paris & believe I shall remain but 2 weeks then go to Messieurs house & spend 2 months & then return to Paris. I hope you are all well & happy as I. The mate will call to see Miss Devereaux. Now do try to send me some money or I shall not know what to do. Goodbye, remember

me to all. ~~Your youngest son, Thomas~~
Messeur desires to be remembered to you, he looks very well,

~~your youngest son~~ has grown fat as well as myself. I have a letter nearly finished for Harris. Your youngest son,

Pg 1 of 10 from fragment of letter. To Thomas Whaley
I want Harriet to write me in your next to tell me all your news. Is Texas annexed to the Union? How are the Native Americans making out? No doubt there has been some fighting among the Irish. ^{XP 20 top edge upside down} My likeness is at Mr Whitney's a very good one. He charged 2r, so for it. You had better get it. Has Anson returned the

24 ^{Sept 10 1844 on ship}
books & fishing file. I write a note to
Anson requesting him to bring down the
books before you moved. If he has not
let me know & when I write I will ^{mention} ask
them, Don't you ~~write him~~ ^{ask him}

Mrs Thomas is lady
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