Sunday Sept 28th 1838 21 days out Sat 25 to Long 19° 49'

My dear Wife & Family, You have been so kind to hear a long letter from me when I arrive after a long passage that I suppose that you will feel pleased if you do not get one giving you a short account of this passage & its little incidents. We left Cardiff 21 days ago this morning with a hard wind after leaving there 8 days' more hence. I should like to have stopped but 8 days longer and got your other letter, as well as one from B & W, but I had little to do so long that I was really ashamed of myself. Besides it was fine weather when I started, and in the North about 60 other vessels of all sizes and the whole Chester the only clipper among them, so you see it would not have done for me to have hung back. Well we had a head wind all the way down the channel and long after. And between there and the Western Islands the wind & severe gales of wind from the NE with a heavy high turbulent sea which made the whole venture come back. I told you, she is bringing 21 feet of water on an even keel and for about 8 days. Her decks were dry. We were from the main sail to more deep with water, and I have only been this dry one since the last gales. We passed the Isle of Madeira Thence 18 days and

which is a very long passage we have been running since 3 1/2 days with a fair wind Northwest, but alone to drift and all 18 ships but one, the sea rolling in right over the top of the monkey rail, amidships. And she does not have itate to take it in on the hoop in large quantities too, so that I have to keep the after deck sail down all the time, but there is one thing she keeps tight and she sails faster than ever she did before since she was launched. She goes 11 knots on the wind with 15 kedges set and 12 1/2 18 with the wind a little faster. I suppose it is being to see being on an even keel. She is as stiff as a church and I can easily sail in the rest as long as the wind will stand.
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sleeper. I suppose it is easy to live being on an even keel. She is as stiff as
a church. And I can lay sail on the great as long as the guns will stand
(And they will stand some I can tell you). Now what shall I say about
myself. I must say that I have felt a little homesick ever since I left Cairo.
I wish that I had any attachment there but to think that I was cast upon the
Wide Wide Ocean again to spend another year or more before I should see my
Dear Wife & Family again but I have not felt one quarter so bad as I do
when leaving Boston. So you see by that. That a person can get homesick from home
after a while. But for all that I feel rather down hearted I now directed at times
sometimes I think that I shall not live to come again but that is in my own self
I dont know but I am just as like to live this voyage at last but you know every year
that gives things me one minute to the end of our journey, so should I have to finish
this voyage. I hope that I shall be at the end of my journey over the ocean
I am sure in my 19th voyage to India and I suppose that I shall have to go
one more time or other the break up. So, then I think that I will do just go
but I suppose you will say more than the 30th. But that go you have been
through. Well, I don't know but I think so too.

Marine, I have been acting the Capt. this voyage thus far. And I find
that I get along much better than ever I did before. I have got a quiet note
in the mate. And I give my orders to Mr. Scott. I need not tell you that
I hope them executed for you know that yourself. I stay below roll on the
Doy, read novels, smoke cigars of sleep all I can and take lots of quiet
I tell you if you and I do more only here it seems as if my happiness
would be complete, but you are not. I cannot get you either this voyage
because I hope you will try to take all the comfort that you can, don't let my
absence deprive it any way a shape. Remember life is short. Enjoy yourself
while you are going, but do not forget our aged parents. It is my sincere wish
that they should have every thing that is needful to make their old age comfortable
And that they may, end their days in peace and plenty. For you know that they
have both had hard working in days that are gone by. Some times when
I think of myself. I think that I might as well be out of the world
as in it. For I do not take any comfort myself and I have never
been of any close to any one else either public or private. Then I look
at it on the other side of the picture. And I think that I have been of good
deal of close during my short life. Of course I shall not pretend to say
that you have been benefited by my existence, but I think candidly
that our brothers have been. And I hope will continue to be so until
death calls them away. And perhaps there is some other individuals in
my family who may have been benefited by my life.
I shall give you a few more only these it seems as if my happiness would be complete, but you are not if I cannot get you either this voyage hence I hope you will try to take all the comfort that you can, don’t let any abstinence deprive you of it in any way or shape. Remember life is but enjoy yourself while you are living, but do not forget our aged parents, it is my sincere wish that they should have every thing that is needful to make their old age comfortable and that they may end their days in peace & plenty, so you know that they have both had hard struggling in days that are gone by. Some times when I think of myself I think that I might as well be out of the world as in it. So I do not take any comfort myself and I have never been of any use to any one else either public or private. Then I look at it on the other side of the picture and I think that I have been of good deal of use during my short life, of course I shall not pretend to say that you have been benefited any by my existence but I think candidly that our Brothers have been and I hope will continue to be so until death calls them away, and perhaps there is some other individuals in our Families that have also been helped around a tight place some time or other, so I don’t suppose that I have been altogether a useless member, now why is it that I don’t take comfort myself now I am with as good ships under my feet as floats, and as good wages as most any other Captains gets. Good officers, plenty to eat & drink and going good Voyages. A good home when I get there, and a Dear Mary Hope to make me welcome when I get there too, why is it that I am not a happy Old Minister. I wish that you could read all my thoughts about you & home. It was be a cursorious business, sometimes you would laugh it sometimes you would try over it, sometimes angry with me & sometimes thinks’d it so it good.
Sometimes I think that I am a Happy Man and take lots of comfort, and then again I think that I am the most miserable devil on earth, which do you suppose is right. Sunday Oct 10th 35 days out. Sat 5° 40' N 90°. This last voyage we have been by hard luck, light becalming airs, calms, hard squalls, & heavy showers of rain. Yesterday we had a severe squall which came day more taking the masts out of our but fortunately it escaped without much damage. As it has been a dead labor existence so that the ship has not had strange crew. So you see we are in for a long passage this time. I wrote you that the old steward left the ship in St. Helena, and I took the look for a steward and he does just rate equally as good as the other except making nice print letters. Of those other little persons that he was so good at, he spent every cent of his money in St. Helena and went away about 80 or 100 dollars in debt. You know in one of your letters, that Mr. Downie wanted I should send him some of Joseph's wages. When we arrived in St. Helena the ship was up the same as every other ships on board the ship, except the Captain, and I paid him off at his own request, the same as I did the rest of the crew. When I left, I then told him that I would send this money home for him but the he had rather take it himself. If I had kept it back I suppose he would have lost me, the same as the boys did in San Francisco. There is time to keep any boys wages after the voyage is up. Without further instructions from their parents, Mr. Downie's wages for the voyage amounted to $ 8, 201. 59. Mr. Downie you know, shipped with me as ordinary Seaman for $ 14 per month. I took him in the cabin, called him 2nd Mate, I gave him $ 10 per month until I was ready for sea at Singapore, I then made him 2nd Mate, and gave him $ 22 per month the rest of the voyage, which I thought he was doing pretty well by him, then when he was paid off he grumbled at it, Warren did not the least mess just as good as time for him, so he kept it all at St. Helena.
Tiring in Bremen. I spent away about 80 d. dollars in debt. You wrote in one of your letters that Mr. Doane wanted I should send the some of Joseph's wages. When we arrived in Bremen, his voyage was up the same as they often was on board the ship except the Captain, and I paid him off at his own request, the same as I did the rest of the crew. Then & Bopp, I then told him that I would send his money home for him but Mr. he had rather take it himself. I think kept it back I suppose he would have saved me the same as the Bopp did in San Francisco. The power to keep any Bopp wages after the voyage is up. Without written instructions from their parents, no matter if he is not more than 18 years old.

Joseph's wages for the voyage amount to $ 347.47

Mr. Handen you know, shipped with me as ordinary Seaman for $ 14 d. per month. Stook him in the cabin, called him 1st Mate, I gave him $ 16 d. per month until I was ready for sea at Singapore, I then made him 2nd Mate, and gave him $ 20 d. per month with the run of the voyage. Which I thought was very pretty well by him, then when he was paid off he Grumbled at it, however what he had was just as good as done for him, for he spent it all at Bremen. And would have spent more if he had it. Joseph's wages for the voyage amount to $ 513.33. I only mention this because I expect he will have something to say about it. When he gets home, I heard that he and 2 or 3 others got something in Bremen for their money. Which they took away with them. I suppose they will take it home. Mr. Handens as a present to his new Wife. instead of his wages that he ought to have taken to live

They lived pretty fast in Bremen. I tell you they were like young cattle just let out to pasture. And they went on the principle of go it. While you are going I dont think so much of the boys being a little wild, but Mr. Handen said take it away.
That have drives at home and going home to them without a dollar after an 18 months voyage, I think it is to bad dont you. Perhaps I ought not to have said any thing about them. But I thought I would just let you know about them the last letter. We were to day so good by by Dear Beloved ones.

Sunday Nov 7th. Lat 36° 06' South Long. 5° 14' best 63 days out.

My Dear Wife it has been nearly a month since I have written any thing. During that time we have had very hard luck. Head seas calms, light airs the last 8 days we have had a fine breeze from N.E. and have got it over and the air is going along finely. My health is about as usual the ship keeps tight & good as ever. And every thing is board goes along about the same old rate. I suppose by this time you have got through with your Summers work & your harvest all in, Oh how I wish that I was there to help you eat your Thanksgiving Dinner which will soon come now. I wonder if I shall ever eat another one at home. Sometimes I think that I shall keep right on going to sea as long as I live, & as long as any body will have me, for I am about as well off here as anywhere.

Then another time I think that I shall not go another voyage or any consideration, but I suppose that I shall have to. Particularly if she should come to Europe, but it is no use to say any thing about that at a while. Time enough when you know where we are going I hope you have got you a fine horse before now so that you can ride about it dont your relations & other persons all you can since to Leslie go days.

Sunday Nov 28th. 51 days out Lat 28° 30' Long 75° east.

Since writing the above we have run up our estoading and a pretty time the head of it for 3 days. If you had seen there what should have seen me living with you, you would have grudged so. I had the cabin shut up as tight as I could get it, and then it took 3 days about all the time to bail the water out. My room sometimes
Sundries were all in, and when I think that I was then to help give that your Thanksgiving Dinner which will soon come now. I wonder if I shall ever eat another one at home. Sometimes I think that I shall keep right on going to sea as long as I live, as long as any body will have me, for I am about as well off here as anywhere. Then another time I think that I shall not go another voyage on any consideration, but I suppose that I shall have too. Particularly if we should come to Europe, but it is no use to say any thing about that yet awhile. Time enough when we know where we are going. I hope you have got your fish home before now so that you can ride about it for relations. I enjoy myself all you can. I love to India, good day.

Sunday Mar 8th 8th days out Sat 22° 30' Long 25° East.

Since writing the above we have run up an Easterly and a pretty time the head of it for 4 days. If you had been here there would been me living with you, you would have gone it so. I had the cabin shut up as tight as I could get it, and then it took 3 days about all the time to bail the water out. My room sometimes being 3 or 4 inches deep with water, the main deck froze from one to three feet deep all the time. And when the sea did not break in over the weather quarter she would ship the sea quite all over, so she was completely flooded with water all the time from stern to stern, but tight in her bottom. All this time the men running with the small boats along the beam, part of the line with Royals, and all the time North Top gall sail in her. She ran for 4 days 268° 265° 280° 373° Miles which I call pretty good going being 31° 45' of water. Ask Sam Hennes if he has got a ship that will load that and carry 1500 tons of coal too.
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My dear Wife in your last letter you Mentioned about my going of to Sea again feeling as I did when I wrote to David. You must Excuse my for Writing as I did, for I could not help it. I dont know what made me feel so bad, but I suppose one thing was, I felt almost sure that I should meet you on my arrival in Falmouth. And then being so suddenly disappointed Made me feel rather low in the Cups. but it has all passed of now, and I have got bravely over it. I have only had one attack of the Blues Since, that only lasted 1 or 2 days. I will Endeavour in future not to write so discouraging, for I know it is all folly, and it makes you feel bad, but some how or other I Can’t help it. When I have got the fit on me it seems as if I wanted to sit right down and say something to somebody, and as I Can’t say it Verbally I must do it on paper. I notice that you Mention that Lulu is very fond of going to meeting for which I feel very much pleased, Altho, I am not much of a Church going man myself. I think that Children ought to be brought up to remember & reverence the Sabbath, it makes them better while they are young, and does not do them any harm when they get old. Tho too much fanaticism, such as raising up Bugbears to frighten them should they do any thing wrong on the Sabbath, I think is a great Injury, because what is told to Children when they are about Lulu’s age they will always remember, Either to benefit them, or to injure them, all through their life. Consequently We Cannot be to Careful. I know that you are a judicious Manager of Children, So I will not say any more on that Subject. I am a better Manager of Sailors than Children perhaps Tell Lulu Father wants to see her very much And little Fly Fly too. I Expect she will be able to read to me very handsomely by the time that I get home. Next Summer I suppose you will send her to school, & then I Expect she will have Every thing bad that School Children are subject too. but I hope she will learn something good with it. I wish that I could get her Canary bird to her for really it does sing beautiful. And it is a pity to carry it out to India again, Altho I am very fond of hearing it sing myself, and I know that she would be delighted with it. I am afraid that it will Die, or it will get out of the Cage and get lost before I get home but if it does I will buy her another one. I have Joseph’s Louisa’s & your Portraits also that pretty little Picture the Steward gave [over page; a continuation of the previous] Lulu last Voyage Painted & hung up in my room Which makes it look very pretty they are better than nothing to me but I had rather have the original I sent mine home by the Steamer and that Sailed from Bremen about the 6th of Aug Capt Ludlow said he would forward it to you by Express which I hope he will. The paintings Cost $8 Each frames $1.25 so you see they are not Expensive ones. I should like’d to have had yours taken as large as life in
place of the one we have at home. I think the artist that painted mine could have got a good likeness of you if he had had life to paint from, or Even if he had a good Daguerotype. as it is he has succeeded very well. Lulu’s is first rate. Joseph's is good too. I wish that I had sent his home with mine, but I did not think of it Untill it was too late. Perhaps I shall have a good Chance from Cardiff, if so I shall send it. If I do it is a present to little Josey, when she is 8 years old, not before.

Tues 10th of Aug here we are in the Bristol Channel about 75 miles from Cardiff with a very light wind right ahead We beat most all the Way down the Eng Channel and now we have got to beat all the Way up the Bristol Channel. Such is life on the Ocean. To day I Expected we should have a little fun on board the Wild Hunter but it all turn’d out Smoke. This Morning I was inform’d that one of my young men in the Forecastle had lost all his clothes. I immediately roused Every body & Every thing out of the Forecastle Overhaul’d Every chest & bag but of Course could find Nothing for the thief Would have been a fool toput them in his chest however I was in hopes to find some little thing just Enough to Condemn the man or men. If I had I will bet a Goose they would remember’d the Capt of Wild Hunter all their lives. I would given them Marks that they could show their friends the day before they died! After searching in the Forecastle We Overhaul’d the rest part of the Ship. Under the Top Gall Forecastle we found the greater part of them Stowed away under the Blocks & old rigging, the thieves intending to take it on Shore the first night in and raise some Money on them. there yet remains 3 Woolen Shirts 2 do drawers 2 Flannels Socks Handkerchiefs &c the owner is a young German fitted out with clothes by his Father & Mother Most of them made by his Mother. he felt Very bad I tell you. There is 3 that I suspect if I could only get any proof is all I want. I have offered $10 reward and if I could find out the right ones before I get in I would give 20 dolls [next page is no. 7 in the sequence scanned, but comes third in the narrative:]
Cardiff Aug 13th I am happy to inform you of my safe arrival at this place yesterday Morning. And it is a place Coal Coal Coal Nothing but Coal. A Clean Shirt is a think unknown half hour after you go in the street. but thank fortune we shall not be here long they Commenced yesterday taking out ballast Shall be ready to receive Coal this afternoon. Shall probably get away in about 10 or 12 days.

I rec on my arrival 3 home Papers I suppose sent by you for which I am Very Much Obliged there is not letters here from you yet nor from My owners the Mail leaves this Eve by which I am going to send this letter. I have had a faint hope that I might Meet David here perhaps I shall yet before I leave, but I Doubt it.

I see by the paper that my tax is only 56 dolls I dont think that is much out of the way in Proportion to others do you I see all the Ships that have come from India are going back again Without Coming home so you see you and I are not alone, as regards that. Cheer up My Dear Wife the time will soon pass off. As for myself I feel in Very good spirits Only I want to get out of this place.

Yours Affectionately & Devotedly Joshua

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Perhaps I had better not said any think [sic, thing] about My boys spending their money So you need not say any thing about it as it is none of our business. Give my respects to Frank Homer & his Wife too but I dont know her hope I shall when I get home J S

[And the remainder of the page continues:]

Sunday Sept 25th 21 days out Lat 25 00 N Long 19º W

My dear Wife & Family. You have been so used to having a long letter from me when I arrive after a long passage that I suppose that you will feel Slighted if you do not get one giving you a Short account of this passage & its little incidents &c. We left Cardiff 21 days ago this morning with a head wind After laying there 8 days wind-bound. I should like to have Stop’d 2 or 3 days longer and got your other letter, as well as one form B & W, but I had stayed so long that I was really ashamed of myself. besides it was fine Weather When I started, and in Co With about 60 other Vessels of all sizes and the Wild Hunter the only Clipper among them. So you see it would not have done for me to have hung back. Well we had head wind all the way down the Channel and very strong. And between that and the Western Islands we had 2 severe gales of wind from the SW with a very high turbulent sea which made the Wild Hunters bones Crack I tell you. She is drawing 21 feet of Water on an Even Keel, and for about 8 days her Decks were any Where from the main rail to Knee deep with Water, and I have only seen them dry once since we left Cardiff. We passed the Isle of Medaria[47] Thurs 18 days out Which is a very long passage We have been running.
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Minerva I have been Acting the Capt this Voyage thus far and I find that I get along much better than Ever I did before. I have got a first rate 2nd Mate. And I give My orders to Mr Scott & I need not tell you that he sees them Executed for you know that yourself. I Stay below, loll on the Sofa, Read novels, smoke cigars & sleep all I can and take lots of Comfort I tell you if you and Lulu were only here it seems as if my happiness Would be complete, but you are not & I cannot get you Either this Voyage however I hope you will try to take all the Comfort that you can, dont let my Absence deprive you of it in any way or Shape. Remember life is Short Enjoy yourself While you are young but do not forget our Aged Parents. It is my sincere wish that they should have Every thing that is needful to Make their old age Comfortable and that they may End their days in peace & plenty, for you know that they have both had hard [---]tring in days that are gone by. Some times when I think of myself, I think that I might as well be out of the World as in it. For I do not take any comfort myself and I have never been of Any Use to Any one Else Either Public or Private. Then I look at it on the other side of the Picture and I think that I have been of good deal of Use during my short life. Of Course I shall not pretend to say that you have benifited any by my Existence, but I think candidly that our Mothers have been. And I hope will continue to be so untill death Calls them Away. And
perhaps there is some other individuals in Our Families that have also been help'd around a tight place some time or other. So I dont suppose that I have been altogether a Useless Member. Now why is it that I don't take Comfort myself. here I am With as good Ship under my foot as floats, And as good Wages as most any other Capt gets. Good Officers. Plenty to Eat & drink And going good Voyages. A good home when I get there, and a Dear loving Wife to Make Me welcome when I get there too. Why is it I am not a happy man Oh Minerva I wish that you could read all my thoughts about you & home. it would be a curious mess. Sometimes you would laugh & sometimes you would Cry over it, Sometimes angry with me & sometimes Pleas’d & so it goes. Perhaps I had better have left some of the Above out you must Excuse me I cannot always Control my fellings

Sometimes I think that I am a happy man & take lots of Comfort. And then again I think that I am the most Miserable Devil on Earth. Which do you suppose is right

Sunday Oct 10th 35 days out Lat 5°00 North. This last fortnight we have had very hard luck, light baffling airs, Calms, hard squalls, & heavy showers of rain. Yesterday noon We had a severe squall which came very near taking the Masts out of her but fortunately we Escaped without much damage, & it has been a dead Calm Ever since so that the Ship has not had Steerage way. So you see we are in for a long passage this time. I wrote you that the old Steward left the ship in Bremerhaven and I took the Cook for a Steward and he does first rate. Equally as good as the other Except Making nice pies & Cakes & those other little fixins that he was so good at. He spent Every cent of his Money in Bremerhaven & went away about 30 or 40 dolls in debt. You wrote in one of your letters, that Mrs Doane Wanted I should send her some of Joseph’s Wages. When we arrived in Bremerhaven his Voyage was up the Same as Every other Man’s on board the Ship, Except the Captain, and I paid him off at his own request, the same as I did the rest of the Crew Men & Boys. I then told him that I would send his money home for him but No he had rather take it himself. If I had kept it back I suppose he would have sued me, the same as the Boys did in San Francisco. I have no Power to keep any Boys Wages after the Voyage is up Without Written instructions from their Parents, no matter if he is not more than 10 years old. Doane’s wages for the Voyage amounted to $217.47

Mr Handren you know, shipped with me as ordinary Seaman for $14 pr month I took him in the Cabin, Called him a 3rd Mate & gave him $16 p. month until I was ready for Sea at Singapore. I then made him 2nd Mate, and gave him $24 p month the run of the Voyage, Which I thought was doing pretty well by him. then when he was paid off he Grumbled at it. However what he had was just as good as more for him, for he spent it all at Bremerhaven and would have spent more if he had it. his wages for the Voyage Amounted to $313.33. I only mention this because I Expect he will
have some thing to say about it when he gets home. I heard that he and 2 or 3 others got something in Bremerhaven for their Money, which they took away with them, & perhaps they will take it home, Mr Handrens as a present to his New Wife instead of his Wages that he ought to have taken to her ----

They lived pretty fast in Bremerhaven I tell you they were like young Colts just let out to Pasture. And they went on the Principle of go it while you are young I dont think so much of the Boys being a little Wild but Mr Handren, Sailmaker & Steward that have Wives at home and going home to them without a dollar after an 18 Months Voyage, I think is to bad, dont you. Perhaps I ought not to have Said any thing about them. But I though I would just let you know about how the Case stood. No more to say so good by my Dear beloved ones

Sunday Nov 7th  Lat 40º00 South  Long 5º00 East  63 days out

My Dear Wife it has been nearly a month since I have written any to you during that time we have had very hard luck. Head winds Calms, & light winds the last 3 days We have had a fine breeze from N E and have got it now and we are going along finely. My health is about as usual the Ship Keeps tight & as good as Ever. And Every thing on board goes along about the same old trott. I suppose by this time you have got through with your Summers work & your harvest all in. oh how I wish that I was there to help you Eat your thanksgiving Dinner which will soon come now. I wonder if I shall Ever Eat another one at home. Sometimes I think that I shall Keep right on going to sea as long as I live, or as long as Any body will have me, for I am about as well off here as any where. Then another time I think that I will not go another Voyage on any consideration, but I suppose that I shall have to, particularly if we should come to Europe. but it is no use to say any thing about that yet awhile. time Enough when we know hwere we are going I hope you have got you a fine Horse before now so that you can ride about & visit your relations & Enjoy yourself all you can  Love to Lulu
good day [written vertically in right margin: “Oh for a Cot down by the Sea Side where we Could dig Clams”]

Sunday Nov 28th  84 days out  Lat 28º S  Long 75º East

Since writing the above we have run up our Easting and a pretty time we had of it for 21 days If you had been here there would been No living with you, you would have Grawl’d so. I had the Cabin Shut up as tight as I Could get it, and then it took 2 boys About all the time to bail the water out. My room sometimes was 3 or 4 inches deep with water. her Main Deck was from one to three feet deep All the time. And when the sea did not break in over the Weather quarter she would dip the Sea quarter all under, so she was completely flooded with Water all the time from Stem to Stern, but tight in her bottom. All this time we were running with the Wind 3 pts abaft the beam, part of the time with Royals, and all the time With Top gall sails on her. She run for 4 days, 258” 265” 280’ 272’ Miles which I call pretty good going drawing 21ft 03in of Water. Ask Levi Howes if he has got a Ship that
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