and wish that you would always
have more space on your papers
for longer comments. I am
writing this letter from my
bedroom, feeling a bit sad,
not because of anything
specific, but because I have
been thinking about the
past week quite a lot. I
missed spending time with
you, and I am looking forward
to seeing you again soon.

Just as a reminder, the
travel arrangements are
still the same. We will
leave on Thursday and
arrive on Saturday. Please
make sure you have all
your belongings ready.

Take care, and I look
forward to seeing you soon.
It seems that the land had suddenly parted itself off from the distant
foreland, leaping past nothingness and
the Equator - While I drifted in all
manifestation collapsing in
directions. I saw that dark suddenly
more Blessings came to what art
might be called a blank.

As I
faced the stark reality of Sable's
eye, I could not

remember much that one emotion would

take possession. I must

foretell the next day when

one day occurred. Myself:

Taking my hand to the
front to make certain.

I shall

enough.

And

Dearly will forever. And this is too

much of go on. Have

waited a night for ten days. It will

reach the very end of December.

As I stand in the日后 and look

around you can find, more and

more everything. Yesterday took

a moment in the sky and that enough

at again the pitch right end of the
July 24, 1861, 8:30 A.M.

Said to an old gentleman who came in to
ask for Mr. Lincoln...
Tuesday Dec 15th 1853

12th. Another storm. south west winds.

Getting down here with an abating gale. still have moderate gales. mind and considered the rain. this morning the first.

Paid off 3 & 1/2 hours & a half.

Took my time & had another 2 & a half.

Curled and have into the bed.

I think you will enlighten me on this point. censure or praise in my present situation.

Stayed long enough to be able to take these请假 as it was further on

Toward that.

Complains the evening.

Paid you all promising. make due. truck. we are as good mates. as and. would be able to go. gladning the day with you. had an hour. and. was the same as you gained.

The right after the left and more.

Got along as you promised. and for this purpose as you told.
but shortly before it was done I the cavemen could not count. What a great deal harder....

To what the Peace was in the disorder I must not say. I have learned from some who should make me the whole thing through the whole thing. I will not say. It is a matter of fact some of them who have come to me not to speak that I have done some pay for them...
Sunday Nov 14th 1880

Well we are once more on our way (rejoicing?) and I suppose I may as well begin my scratching. Four days out and at noon we were 594 miles from Pt. Lobos. 24 hours made 203 miles with a good strong N.N.W. wind blowing pretty fresh. Split Mizzen Topmast and Main T'Gallant Staysails and Skysail didn't get them all in order again. Dark last eve but don't mind it so much if I do split a sail in a fair wind. Consider it gone in a good cause. Yesterday it was quite moderate and today it is almost calm — so that Chester managed to get her aback twice in about an hour. I do hope we are not doomed to so much calm weather as we had on our outward passage — and this is just the time.

[Page 2:] bark is again loaded just right as she appears to be very lively in fact fully enough so, - if the grain was not settling all of the time for the first month or so. Think I have about 1000 Tons in Hold and not in Between decks. Haven't got over my disgust yet that we have no more grain in - What a pity I did not tear down that great lumber room in the bow of her! Will do it must time, sure, if find she is going with grain again. Don't pay to cart around any extra weight at 3/17/6 per ton - why couldn't I have thought so before? I suppose Danel will send you copy of disbursements of San Fran'te I am afraid they will run up to quite a total, still I was trying all this time to keep them down. Got every thing I thought was needed and
anything else didn’t go with the luxuries a bit. Hope all will be satisfied with my performance

Sunday Nov 21st

Lat 13 – 27 N

Long 124 – 32 W

How I wish I had my sister Cora with me this passage – and I think she would enjoy it too. Sailing down through the trades with a good breeze (but not too much) weather just a pleasant as possible and every thing very comfortable on board – an if she had Lucy as a companion don’t see what more could be asked for – except perhaps the Logomachy[?] cards – and the “Rig Paz glo” (who is that?) Have had nothing but fine weather since leaving and with ordinary luck may probably expect a continuance of same for a month longer. After that we may get some wind that will make the Bark “tip” as Cora calls it, but then that don’t last long and soon you are up aro[un]d the Cape and into good weather on the other side

[Page 4:] but as I don’t see much chance of having such good company this passage, I suppose I must entertain myself as best I know how – which I can do very well as long as the winds blow, but as soon as it becomes moderate I want to go to sleep and lose all consciousness of passing events until it breezes up again. I was intending to buy some Books of travel in San Franco this time, but I spent so much money for other things that I only bought very little reading matter – however there is enough on board to last me for 2 or 3 years and perhaps it might be better if I got entirely out if I would only take up some study. If Cora were here she would have to teach me French – and I think I could take an interest in that but I can’t do any thing trying to get hold of the pronunciation by written rules. It is all the more important that I should know French as we may be sent to Havre and even an imperfect Knowledge of that language might be of advantage to me. However I have no doubt I will get along very well as some of the rest of them – Well I have just finished dinner and as usual don’t feel any better for it – in fact if I were to follow out my inclination the matter – think I would take a nap – and perhaps some of you can imagine how I would feel when I awoke - I wonder if Cora had a chance to get any good out of her Hammock this Summer? I am afraid she had to work too hard for that - hope you will let up a little on her this winter. Did I tell you that I have a dog with me on this passage? Yes, Gus gave me one – quite young yet – about four months old – and as homely as he can be (in color) yet he is quite Knowing and I am becoming quite attached to him. Don’t think he is good for any

[Page 5:] thing except to amuse the captain. Two evenings since when I came down into the cabin I found he had been entertaining himself with two
pair of my slippers and one pr of Rubbers – all of which bore evidence to the
good quality of the canine teeth. But he is a nice little fellow if he don’t take
to shoe leather and I find him considerable company. Nor are we without
cats this time as Mr Howes succeeded in bringing four with us. All nice
looking ones too – but of course not equal to old Toms I don’t think we
have many rats on board – have’nt hear of any since we left but suppose
they will find plenty to eat down below. You will see that we Keep well to
the Westward, but the wind has had us s[---]hing in since we took the
trades – so that I could only make about a south course and Keep a good
hard press. It won’t take very long to run it up after we get down into the
“brave West winds”

[Page 7:] I wonder if I ought to get the Bark salted[?] in Europe – or has she
been so long without it that it is now too late to begin on it - I suppose it
will throw out say 50 Tons of cargo - I spoke to mr Baker abou tit but he
spoke as if he did’nt Know what was the best thing to do –

9 am

Thanksgiving day

and a dead Calm and the Colusa is lying like a log with courses hauled up
and Jibs, Staysails and Spanker down waiting for a breeze – quite hot
weather and plenty of rain – every thing filled up and the deck tub running
over. I was quite surprised upon going on deck this morning to find a Bark
in sight as we did’nt steer at all last night I don’t see how he should be
much nearer now than we were at dark yesterday. I judge it is the Ger.
Bark “Brittania” that sailed the same day, but he is so far off I am by no
means sure of it

[Page 8:]
I was quite disgusted this morning to find that my dog had been making a
l[---]d-off of my hat during the night – I shall have to try to break him of
this bad habit of eating between meals or soon I shall have “nothing to
wear”. So here goes another Thanksgiving Day and I’m not in Indian Fields.
I would like very much to sit down to the Turkey with you all to day – I
wish you all in very good condition to enjoy all of the good things you can
get. We pretend to make a kind of a holiday of it here – that is to say Jack
has a little can’d meat made into a Sea pie – and we do no work except Keep
the sails b[---]d & which if the wind becomes as baffling as it was yesterday,
will probably take up most of his time. I just happen to think that I don’t
Know who then I wrote to you in regard to those Photos that I sent home,
but if I did not I don’t suppose its hardly worth while to

[Page 9:] say much about it now. I am sorry I had on such a melancholy
look – don’t think any one would ever think I could be Guilty of so foolish an
act as a smile – But in truth I was in remarkably good Spirits (for me) that
day as I had been enjoying myself with friend Gus (but don’t tell this to any
one or they might naturally wonder what the expression would be when feeling Crozęs and disgusted.

P.M. – No, I was mistaken in regard to that Bark – A little air has just sprung up – so I can say he is going to the Northward. I suppose he is probably from Australia Have set our Ensign and signals but don’t believe he will make them out –

28th – well we have got the S E trades I think – came up in a squall yesterday – I am rather far to the westward but Guess I can get down all right if the wind dont hang too

[Page 10:] far to Southward – Saw a couple of dolphin arrived last night at dark first fish I have seen this passage – if I except a shark which I don’t fancy. This is a very poor vessel for fish – wish I Knew how Mark manages to get so many. Position at noon Lat 5-45 N Long 124-55W

Monday am Nov 29th Well I have been reading over all my San Fco letters for about the fourth time and being fully convinced that I can find nothing more of news in them have filed them away – shall probably read them all over again after we get around the Cape – if we are so fortunate. As usual after getting to Sea, I now regret that I did not write more while in port, especially to Cora who I’m afraid I neglected but it never seems an Easy job for me to set down to write a letter in port unle∫ I have some thing in particular to write about – I hope I am already forgiven for all my shortcomings. I had a verry pleasant time of it in San Francisco – thanks to Cyrus who

[Page 11:] paid me considerable attention – I hope he will be able to get his foot cured – when I left he was trying electricity and thought (or, perhaps only hoped) he had found the right thing – He felt very bad when I told him of Edda Shivericks death Since he had always hoped to see him again – they used to be such fast friends. I wonder how Charlie Shiverick’s health is now? You may remember he was very feeble when I was home, but as no mention was made of him I Suppose he is still alive – Good boys both of them – Well, do you wonder what we are doing? Suppose I tell you just what each of the 19 men who compose the Colusa’s compliment are doing at the present time! In the first place it is the Port’s watch below so that Mr Howes and his 7 men are asleep or might be if they chose – although it was but a short time ago that I saw Chester with his bed & beddings

[Page 12:] up with TopGallant Forecastle – and from his actions and my personal Knowledge I judge he was waging war against a certain species of Bug, the very name of which must not be mentioned in these pages. Well, as I was saying the port watch is below and the 2d mate has one man to work on a sail one sits on the main yard (I gues he is putting on some kind of a mat where the Topsail sheet comes across the head earing of the mainsail and a man oiling the bright work around the poop so that it won’t get weather beaten – two men (Chase is one of them) putting into the seams where the timbers (or Bulwark stantions) come up through the costring board – These with the man at the wheel (not Ixion[?] on the wheel) make
up the Starboard Watch. The Carpenter is putting pieces into the main

door where it is beginning to get a little rotten. I want to get it done so as to
give it a

[Page 13:] good coat of fire proof paint before we get down into heavy
weather – but I am afraid I will not be able to as it is only on very smooth
days that he can get it to dry enough to work on – I ought to have done it
coming out, but did not have the right Kind of wood on board – I had to
take an ordinary who is nothing of a sailor but has worked some Jack
Carpentering so I keep him at work with the Carpenter when it is his watch
on Deck. Well, the Steward has been washing (being Monday) but has
never got his clothes on the line and is setting the table for dinner. As I
have said many times before – he is very good and I am glad he is with us
again – The Cook I suppose is in his Galley – he don’t often get far from
there – Nothing extra as a cook, but tends right to his work and don’t waste
anything – Also keeps his Galley and himself very clean all of the time. and
now I have accounted for all I believe

[Page 14:] AS I need make no mention of the present occupation of your
humble servant? The dog 4 cats and 22 hens (I have killed 2 of them) are
running around the decks and appears to be in very good condition but I
wish I knew how to make these hens lay – not that I care so much for the
Eggs, as the satisfaction of “getting the best” of the hens. We are all in very
good health – no call for any kinds of medicine yet. I judge we have a pretty
good crew which is more than I expected considering the scarcity of men
when we left, [---] American in the lot than any crew in[---] [---] part before
the mast tells me one of th[---] belongs to Sandwich and I see the name of
Baker and Dunbar on the Articles. Well, it has struck 7 Bells and I will go
up to “take the Sun”. will Give you the position when I find it out. have
not made a sighting for a couple of days as the wind has been dead ahead
(South) and my light,

[Page 15:] 22 Days out – Dec 2d

1880

Yesterday afternoon we again crossed that “imaginary line” that separates
North from South and once more we are on the South Pacific Ocean – being
at noon in 1º-49’ So. Lat. 128º-25’ W Long. I don’t think I will ever cross
the Equator without thinking of Johnnie Wright a young English boy who
worked his passage with us down to Callao. He was a cabinet maker by
trade and had a very fair common school education. Calvin had him to
work a good deal of the time making some changes in his state room – and
he proved to be a very handy fellow. Well, one day as we were getting down
towards the Line he came to me to find out as near as possible when we
would cross – I told him as I remember now, that our crossing would take
place on the dog watch – but I was quite surprised the next day when
Johnnie expressed considerable astonishment that he could detect no
difference between North & South Lat. And I learned after-
ward that the lad had actually posted himself up on the TopGallant Forecastle to get a good view of the Equator – Well I suppose we all make mistakes sometimes in our lives. I see that last year we were 26 Days down to this Lat. from San Pedro which is some satisfaction. but I wish we would get a little to the Eastward before we get down towards the Low Archipillagoes have now a westerly current of 20 miles a day – wind moderate E to ESE Sailed yesterday S. 153 miles

Dec 12th
I have'nt had a very good time this last week – too much calm – and very light airs from N.E. to N.W. Thought before that we were getting along pretty well for us, but this is too much of a set-back. Have’nt taken a sight for two days so will wait till aft. before I give our position. Day before yesterday had a Good rain for an hour or so – and filled up everything. Yesterday not a cloud in the sky – and hot enough to draw the pitch right out of the decks – and the tar out of the rigging. Speaking of decks makes me think that the Carpenter has just finished the deck – put in 485 pieces of white pine – more of the rotten places extended more than one reach into the deck – so by cutting all the decayed wood out and putting some white lead into the hold before putting the new wood in and then giving the whole a good coat of Paint I think I will be able to arrest the rotting. Ship in company on Port Beam – hull down – Mr Howes says it is an Englishman – I don’t Know what he is – judge he is steering rather more to the southward than we. – may be able to see more of him after a while. Wind is very light – about North. Going ahead about three miles an hour – try not to worry about hard luck and think that by and bye we will probably have all the wind we care for. Would like to know where the “Snow and Burgess” and “Red Cloud” are

Suppose the “Susanna” is on her way again long before this. Got a good freight did’nt he? Don’t believe you are any of you suffering from the heat to day – but this room of mine is just like an oven and the flies are as thick around me and stick as close as if I was a big lump of sugar. Have to break off writing every few minutes to fan myself and drive off flies – “Shoo Fly.” Used up two days of last week on restowing some of our cargo. I closed away in the fore part of the tween decks so that I could get down into the lower hold and found that in finishing off the last day the stevedores had put the grain way forward so that it run way into the “Eyes” of her – but that she was not full up to the deck – So we went aft as far as the ballast hatch, and then worked forward – making as good storage as possible and filling right up to the deck – in that way more room – So that I was able to take up a good deal that was put down forward and put it abaft the fore hatch – and also to take down a few sacks from tween decks – Loading a gain with the same quality of grain – I should empty a few sacks as far aft as possible to tip her and thus go ahead and fill the Lower Hold full and she would be in good trim – If it is’nt too hot and I don’t eat too much chicken
stew I will write another line this PM and tell you where we are. I wish I 
Knew where and how you all are. I hope Carlton is doing well at Brockton 
and that he will not have to go to sea again. Mr Howes says a man is sadly 
deficient in common sense who goes to sea for a living. But I think if I have 
sister Cora with me this passage I should feel perfectly contented with my 
lot – Just at present. Of course having so good officers and crew make it all 
the more pleasant for me.

Lat at Noon 18o 10’ S – Long 125o W – 
Dist sailed in 3 Days 138 miles – My “dot” to day is just on the track of the 
“orphans” on the passage to Liverpool –

Thursday Dec 17th

“There is nothing new under the Sun” I Know it – because yesterday we 
passed directly under “old Sol” and I had a chance to see for myself – Our 
Chronometers are a gain remaining apart from each other and there is now 
a difference of over 2 minutes in them I have had little faith in that one of 
mine although it cost $25 again in San F. to get it “put in order.” Don’t 
Know what Dillon did to it but he had it all the time we were in port. I 
wonder what kind of a time Calvin is having this winter – I hope he won’t 
lose any of his Stock. Good trades and pleasant to day, but how it did rain 
for about four hours last night! Have been reeving off a few new ropes and 
getting ready for little stronger breezes – will shift sails next week if we have 
a good chance

[Page 21:]

Sunday Dec 19th 39 Days out

Lat 30o S. Long 125o W

Setting down South gradually but still have moderate Easterly winds with 
considerable rain. This morning it just poured for 3 or 4 hours. I’ve been 
trying to think who mother’s mother was, but I’ll confess I have’nt the least 
idea I trust you will enlighten me on this point as soon as possible as it 
might be rather embarrassing some time to be obliged to admit such 
ignorance I think any one ought to be able to trace their pedigree a little 
farther back than tha.

Christmas day the morning – I wish you all a merry Xmas – and 
trust you all in as good health as I am. Would greatly enjoy spending the 
day with you but are having pretty good times where I am – as we have a 
good fresh breeze right after us and are going along at a pretty good jog for 
this packet – and it is about

[Page 22:] time for us to make a start as we have been getting about very 
slowly since we crossed 10o S – 20 days ago. Am afraid we won’t make 
much of a passage this time either – but have not fretted much over it yet. 
Have shifted all the sails we are going to, and overhauled all the Gear and 
are now in good condition for the westerly winds which I hope will treat us 
better than they did when we went home from Wilmington – as then they
were very light and of short duration. This is a lonely passage down to the Horn – have’nt seen but three vessels since we left – not much danger of getting run unto by anyone. Raining all the to day and Jack having an easy time of it. Last New years we sighted Fernando do Norinha – rather slow in getting around is’nt it? All in good health yet. no one has the Cape Fever yet, but I think I see signs of it in one of the men. Wonder where Mark Hall is now? Don’t believe he

[Page 23:] will run before it as day as the “Colusa” will – but will probably sail a good deal faster – Suppose he is well down to the Cape by this time – Did Dow buy any of this vessel yet? You did not write at San Franco what he had done in the matter. There are one or two changes I think I should make on the vessel if I thought she would’nt be sold soon – having longer wire brace pendants for one thing – they save so much rope that they would soon pay for them selves – if the wire was bought in Europe – but as there was so much talk of selling her the last time in San F. dont hardly think it worth while to spend any more than I can help. Still I think I had better get new Fore and Aft Stays fitted as these are getting rusted considerably – Especially those that the hands run on. This must be an interesting letter for the women folk but you must understand there is not much society news to give you, Chester says that one of the men claims to be an Ex Lieutenant of Marquis of Lorne’s Body Guard – this is the Latest and Best – Yesterday [Although the thought is not completed, there are no additional pages]