Water receiving Cuba May 22, 1878

Miss Thatcher,

Your letter of the 10th was read today. The last one I think you saw Mr. Thacher alive except those connected with the Hospital was the ship Chandler Man. He left him at 12, past 9 o'clock and he died at 9. He then did not think that he was dangerous sick, as he said he felt pretty well but thought he would soon be better, it was not considered safe by the most of them then to visit any one sick with yellow fever. I was sick myself nearly a week and had no one there except one that I had been to the Hospital three serial times, he came once and stayed only 15 minutes. I did not have the fever but came pretty near it. I think I could get no one to go with me unless their business intended that Capt. Thacher blamed me for writing you about it. If you do not if you do I shall be very careful that I do nothing of the kind again. My address is Quincy Point Mass shall probably leave here Saturday for some 10 miles north of Hatteras and whatever one may be I shall be at home soon after the arrival as I also here for this voyage only, I should any of his friends wish to see me shall meet any of them at Boston any time.

[Signature]

Sincerely Respectfully,

John Hall

S. G. F. Shepard
Miss Thacher.

Matanzas Cuba  May 22nd 1878
Your letter of the 10th was rec'd to day. The last one I think who saw Mr Thacher alive except those connected with the Hospital was the Ship Chandler man. He left him at ½ pas 7 Oclock and he died at 9. He then did not think that he was dangerous sick as he said he felt pretty bad but through he would soon be better. It was not considered safe by the most of them their to visit any one sick with yellow fever I was sick myself nearly a week and had no one to see me except one that I had been to the Hospital to see several times he came once and stoped only 15 minutes I did not have the fever but came pretty near it I think. I could get no one to go with me to see him buried. I understood that Capt Thacher blamed me for writeing you about it. If you do not – if you do I shall be very careful that I do nothing of the kind a gain. My address is Quincy Point Mass. shall probably leave here Saturday for some Port North of Hatteras and whatever one it may be I shall be at Home soon after the arrivel as I am here for this voyage only. should any of his Folks Wish to see me I would meet any of them at Boston any time I am well acquainted with your Uncle I suppose I writeing to his sister Mr Baxter) I have a sister teaching School near Barnstable at South Yarmouth. I am very sorry tht I Cant write you more in regard to his sickness. he was not Considered dangerous until the day before he died and then it was reported the 2nd mate was considered dangerous from the first. a letter directed to Dr Burgess Care of American Consul Havana would reach the Physician who attended to him might be able to give you more information than I am able to do

Yours Respectfully
Capt John Hall
Schr. George Shepard