

We just left New York yesterday, after having been detained a week after we had proposed starting, by stress of weather; and we are now on our way to Norfolk, where we will probably arrive to-morrow. There we will fill up with coal and provisions again, and then start for Key West. So far we know, but no further. Arrived there I anticipate a very pleasant time for myself, as there is a large fleet of vessels there, and consequently a large number of my friends, and as all the European Squadron is there, it will be for me like being home again, being so near my old ships, and my old messmates.