

against the wishes of parents & friends;

Three weeks after our marriage he was ordered to the S. Pacific Squadron, during the first 6 months of his absence I recd kind & affectionate letters, after which they began to grow cold & indifferent in every respect; finally came the stunning blow that he did not love me, and on his return to the United States did not wish to see me, and in spite of all that my friends had warned me, I could not think it true, but it has proved but too true, and from utter despair and mortification I have been obliged to leave my home, to rid myself from the scorn of my friends.

He has many excuses for his conduct, but all are without any foundation whatever, his letters during the last were enough to kill my love, by not so, I love him yet, although he told me he was already engaged to another and he would go on a three yrs. voyage during which time she (his lady) would finish her studies and on his return they would be married, you can imagine my feelings to hear this from a man who married me under