

North Pacific Ocean May 21st /66.

My Dear Father

I have the Piles very bad, they appear to be growing worse instead of better. I try few one medicine & then another but do not perceive as anything does them any good. I have some fear they may ulcerate & turn to a St. Asclepias in the course of time, they are extremely painful for about 12 hours after a motion of the bowels. & then the swelling gradually goes down, & then I feel quite limber for a few hours. Last night sleep beautiful. No one has an idea how painful they are. I don't know how I shall get along when we get where I almost dread to think about it. All the rest appear so small & well. & I can hardly get around deck, I am now taking Iodine & Sarsaparilla, internal, and applying Eucalypti oil external. Oh when shall I get well from this troublesome disease I am afraid is going to last all the season. Oh if I could only see a Doctor, but there is none here. I am in such pain I can hardly stand or lay. May 23rd. feel somewhat better the last two days. I have hopes of soon getting better. May 24th to all down to the heart again nearly as bad as ever. I feel real ashamed to be below for some part of the day I am free from pain, and then I feel real smart, it seems so strange to me to be snoring around deck when I used to think none could get around faster. & now I only walk around. Oh how I wish I was at home where I could enjoy the society of Christians for that is with-held from me. I have now to blame but myself. I feel much cast down in my mind it seems as though I was doing no good in the vineyard, if a man could only be the means of bringing one sinner to see the error of his ways, & he should turn, it would be quite worth living for, yet we have the promise that he never shall nor forsake us. Mr. Herndon said all he could to make me feel to leave and go home & be doctored for the piles, but I did not think they would trouble me much. & then I had been so unfortunate myself in catching whales, my ambition was not above me to leave & come home & now I must suffer the consequence. I think of home quite often & of what I told Rebecca a few moments before I left home when I was him in the 1st bedroom. I warrant he has not forgotten it. I have written a request (as it is more of a request than a will) & put it in my chest in case I should be taken away suddenly. & I trust you will dispose of it as I have requested. I have given you all something. I wish you to respect Belia as though she was never related, for if our lives is shared we doubt for what (they) we shall be. George & Bowman May 25th no better, commenced to smoke the Annie to day with the smoke May 26th the inner piles appear to be a little better as they do not come down as much as formerly. They are when at stool they bleed quite freely. Mr. Weiser stands my watch for me, & so I am free from all care.

Sunday May 26th. very bad to day. bowels loose, sharp pain in the lower part. two stools to day. quite a quantity of thick black blood passed from me to day. 28th feel well all day. & night very painful for six hours. 29th well all day. at 8 o'clock went to stool passed a quantity of red fresh blood. rather coarse. 30th quite well through the day. but very painful last night so I could not lay in my berth. 31st very sore for eight hours. & then free from pain from 11th bowels by rheumatism. pain in my eyes & night. 2nd very painful at night. no blood passed me to day. 3rd bowels loose, very painful at night. I am now taking Harbourn oil 15 drops three times a day. & using it external. I am now internal, & interjection of white oak bark helps a motion of the bowels, yet I do very free from pain nothing passed me then two days. commenced to take cream tartar. but took little. after the operation, and quite quantity of blood passed from me. painful after the operation, the outward tumour did not swell as much as usual. I am now in three inches of the Annie, it appears to be close up to the back bone, enjoy pleasant health otherwise. I am now not feeling quite a quantity of blood. think I am a little better. I do feel free from pain latter part quite painful internal. took a pill at night. 11th had an operation this morning. tumours swollen very little to day. but better all the time. considerable pain internal 12th & 13th feel better very free from pain, stools easy. but some blood & slime. 14th free from pain. 15th night quite painful for about one hour. kept still and was soon easy again. 20th appear to be gaining better slowly. tumours swell as usual but not so painful. bowels loose & have passage once a day 21st 22nd 23rd appear to be gaining slowly. but little blood passes me & tumours. 24th but a little 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st to get about quite comfortable. 27th quite painful after a passage, some black thick blood passed me to day. the pain appear to just inside the Annie. tumours swollen but little. 29th 30th 31st gaining very slow, bowels loose, feel 2nd more comfortable to day. some pain to day then usual. 3rd after once to day blood passed after an operation. I am now using strong tobacco steeped up. but not as it is does any good. I am almost discouraged of getting this season. as I am not able to do my duty. I feel like being in a state mans place. but so is it. yet I do 6 day and appear to be gaining. 7th worse. took a pill from operation some blood, but one stool free from. commenced to try to use Harbourn oil again external. 8th 9th 10th 11th gaining. using Iodine. Harbourn oil appear to irritate is 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st gaining. bowels quite easy. last once in about 48 hours & a bowel. the blood is not so much. one stool blood of light each stool 29th 30th 31st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st gaining. well operation once in 48 hours 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st gaining. well operation once in 48 hours 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st gaining. well operation once in 48 hours 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 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