The last of Nov the Yankee arrived from California, and I with many others was anticipating news from home although I did not really expect letters, but received one however from Sister Sarah written from the 1st to the 10th of September the only sad news it contained was the death of our minister who has been settled since we left home. That evening we went out to make calls on our way home called at Capt. Wilcox's to get some New Bedford papers. after we arrived home I sat down as I usually do on the receipt of home papers to look over the deaths and marriages Samuel had slipped out and I was left alone. Shall I ever forget my sensations when the first paragraph on which my eyes rested was the death of my dear Father. what a shock and how unexpected. Can it be that I have seen him for the last time. Oh how fondly I have anticipated meeting Father Mother brothers and sisters once more it has been the great wish of my heart. Oh it is so hard that I could not have heard one word in connection with his death it seems as if it could not be, the thought that he is no more that he died when I his eldest daughter was far away. that I never more shall see him. oh it almost overpowers me and my poor Mother I fear that the blow was too heavy for her to bear. with what a sad heart shall I return home I feel as if his vacant place would be more than I can bear

We left Honolulu for the last time on this voyage at least, the 22d day of December. I have always fondly anticipated the day when we would leave for a "cruise and home". but I left with a sad heart. home will hardly be home that vacant chair how my heart aches to think of it and I shall not realize it fully until I get home. it will be a sad meeting should we live to reach home. Several ships came out on that day. as there had been bad weather for three a four days previous, so that the pilot declined taking any out. We kept in company with the Bark Behring for Boston with a cargo of oil for several days. Nothing of interest occurred until we saw a school of Sperm whales Dec 20th it was a dead calm and the boats pulled near all day after them without success. We were then in the vicinity of Jarvis Island. We have almost a new crew on board now We have 10 or 12 that came out from home with us the remainder are a new set with the exception of Mr Parker who was our 3d mate last season and is now promoted to 2nd mate, and a boatstiner,