

flower is from a lady's dress
beautiful it is



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at New Bedford waiting for my ship
to get ready for sea which will
be in the course of 10 days. I wish
she was to sail to midnight for I am
tired of the shore & might of sail
& weeks before this and it would of been
much better for I should of got better
pay and been some steps father a long way
about I show an several ship owners
offerd me a second mates berth and pay
but I have been persuaded by those
owners that I had better go a voyage third
mate they have a greed to give me the 48
day and pay my board until the ship
sails but they must give me more or I will
not go in there ship the pay is good
for a third mate But I can get better and
must have it or go in some other employ
and there is a skumbler that would be glad
to get me my experience has been so limited
I have hardly confidence enough for a second
mate all though I believe that I might
do as well as a present meaning others and
there is a chance for me to go second officer
of the Columbus if the one engaged should
not go I am to have his share but I
want him to go for he is an experienced
man and a good seaman with is a great
deal in my estimation So to the Captain
he is a man that they had for a voyage
And the most unfeeling man I have ever
been acquainted with yet he has good traits
as well as bad ones The mate is a young
man that wants to get at head of the ship
now and I hope he may be successful with
others that deserves success
I purchased an octant of New hew for
33 dollars the price was more than I
am able to pay for a scientific instrument
But I am in hopes to dispose of it to a
good advantage and this ledger for 43
cents it is a small book but good paper
and is a great deal to me or many
good penmen so I shall close this
it is most dinner time and I
hope to have my share of
as they go I had
mine done

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