

New Bedford Oct 19 1851

Oh what good business courting is I have just returned from the lady that I love as a cat loves sooth as to her feelings towards me I know nothing about them but I hope she thinks no more of me than I do of her she is good company and I do not think there is any harm in our passing a few hours to gether time seems to pass lively when I am in her company that she is a girl of good understanding no one can doubt and I think she would make a first rate wife for a poor man but this great love we hear tell of I believe to be a humbug if I never marry until I fall in love I fear I shall die an old bachelor I rather think I shall not wait to fall I love but to my girl I certainly can find no fault with her in any respect What ever so all I can say is that I wish her well if I do not love her I can respect her for I could not do other affairs

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The effects of sin what is the man that has been from the path of virtue but has a feeling of himself pride soon as the act is committed then come the vows and protestations to keep from sin for time to come But how long are those vows kept The end we might be in till we have a chance to break them

January 31 1853 On board ship Sea of Warren
Sat 3 South Long 176 East. Bound for
the Lutter Islands, therefore to collect ship
for the Tappan Sea where we intend to get
by the middle of March.

Such as the above was never seen before

Unhappy sailor is there no rest by any
For they old weary limbs that are enfeebled
Is there one to grant thy request
Or make an effort thy misery to relieve

Poor old sailor I pity thee much for to die
Thou art turned in the streets like a dog
With no one pity or care at hand ~~but~~ ^{but} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rich~~ ^{rich}
As have spent all these days gaining wealth

Oh tell me if the midges dog
receives a fair but half as hard
as the hardest scolded dose
And after all what a reward

After the trials of a dreary voyage
The absence of many years
This is the first of a new
to suffer his family dear