

I should "tie up" for the night. Found it to be what was without doubt once a better hotel. But I slept well after the cats dogs and other inmates got ^{over} their fears of a harmless stranger. I slept not so sound but what I woke early and with the thought of letters still in my head took a hasty breakfast of bread butter and boiled eggs which I found ready and started off down street till in with Capt at the Consul's not far from the pier and was so fortunate as to get 7 letters. I can't tell how thankful I am at being again so well rewarded for long waiting. It is all good news from home and I can only make a feeble return by writing to them before we leave here. The State has provision here to lengthen our cruise and also wood water &c. It is now about 4 o'clock and I have been on board nearly an hour. The boat is now about ready and I am off. The Iowa will stand out of the passage to night and come in in the morning.

August 12. Sunday

On board again came off just after sunrise this morning while the people were going to church. Cruised round considerable last night visited coffee shops basket shops (by the way there are some fine specimens of the latter kind here) I smoked

2 cigars without making any other purchases and went to bed at 11. ^{ibid.} Have had leisure to make a more careful perusal of my late letters and was very much pleased with their contents. Some of them dating back to the last of May quite late for me. It is very pleasant today and wind light. Probably we shall run out to night if the wind rises.

August 13.

Stock our stores on board and every thing ready for a start off. Have had a hard days work and I don't know when I have had such been so tired as to night. Several of our crew with the second mate have been on shore. He got some medicine from the hospital doctor and thinks he shall try to finish out the voyage as he feels some better. Are now standing out to the eastward but I believe previous to going I shall touch here again. The Brig Ocean is the only whaler lying here and she is off to night I believe. The make slow headway as the wind is very light are hardly out of the passage yet at dark.

August 14.

These 24 hours remarkably fine and light breezes from N. E. by E. Steady westerly. Capt to night complaining of a bearing about S. Lat 38°