

Friday May 17th 1861

Went to Boston to see our freight with Capt. Barker returned at night met Mr. C. Clarke and went in to Uncle Ephraim and then to the Parker House and then home at 10¹⁵ C. Clarke

Saturday 18

A clear morning had a telegraphic despatch from Mr. Hamlen of Boston and wrote back that we would decide the matter Monday. Mr. Wilcox made a proposition to go to Boston and look after a freight to Rio de Janeiro. Sam. Haines Beete & Wilcox at Parker House at 9¹⁵ left 1¹⁵ from 10¹⁵ retired 11

Sunday 19th

A clear morning rose at 7¹⁵ went down to City Wharf saw the Hector - 1/16 of her cargo sold yesterday for \$500. Fine Sallies and 1/16 of the cargo for \$100. The Wm. Bodys was sold yesterday for about \$300.00 without her traps and the Roman for about \$200.00. Ships are torn at this time. Went to church heard Mr. Potter a sermon in the afternoon at home reading &c. just written a letter to Capt. Barker. I wrote we would inform him as soon as we decide what we will do with the ship. C. Mitchell to day is a glorious day not a cloud in the heavens a little cool perhaps for the season. The times are very quiet and a person feels very differently in war times from what he does in times of peace. In the evening went to B. Beete and then called in at C. Clarke for Mary and then at 6 o'clock and then came home.

Monday 20

In the morning cloudy during the day nothing new has taken place. Cloudy during the day. In the evening went to Pier Haven and with R. B. to see Mr. Fork to make some inquiry about Rio de Janeiro. met Mrs. Beete and another lady in the street got back to the Parker House about 2¹⁵ min to 10 o'clock walked up a letter with Mr. Beete and then ~~thence~~ Haines & I came home and I was at home at 11¹⁵ and retired.

Tuesday 21

A fair day to day wind N.E. quite cool for the season nothing new to day nothing new. Haines went to Boston to day with Mr. Wilcox to see about freight in the evening met him & Beete at Parker House here at 10¹⁵

Wednesday May 22nd 1861

rather special very fair day. Beete made arrangements to go to New York to see about freight. Started last night or rather to night a beautiful night at Clarke and Uncle Ephraim to night home at 10 o'clock.

Thursday 23rd

very pleasant Mr. Beete in New York to day in the evening called on Mrs. Grimes and Susan had a very pleasant call. Mrs. Clarke called with me left at 9 o'clock home at 10 and retired.

Friday 24

a very beautiful morning wind N.E. went to the fort of the Pier this morning with Mr. Wendell had a very pleasant time indeed. Spent some time on the lines but they caught but few fish in the evening went to C. Clarke and then home at 10 o'clock and got home about 10 o'clock.

Saturday 25th 1861

Cloudy this morning. Went to work nothing new a letter came between 11 & 12 o'clock home at 10¹⁵ o'clock went in to C. Clarke for Mary & Liz stopped at Parker House before I came home.

Sunday 26th 1861 May 1861

A beautiful day went to church this morning heard Sermon for Potter a very fair discourse in the afternoon went to the Parker House and met Mrs. Beete and Haines - went to his shop and met from there down to the wharf and left him at the corner of North & Purchase Street home at tea at 5 o'clock. It is awfully trying times for all men engaged in business perhaps I shall only note what takes place from week to week but if anything special should occur I might write on that day and take a general view during the week. The life of almost all persons is not very changeable - in their daily affairs they live (i.e.) go on without putting it on paper in the way next to the Parker House and to C. Clarke & Sam. Haines & Charles & John and came down to the Parker House about 9 o'clock and home at 10¹⁵ a pleasant night.

From Sunday 26 May to Sunday June 2nd 1861

Monday nothing special new we had a very severe thunder shower this morning rain during the day for the evening went to the theatre with Mary & Mrs. Clarke to see Miss Cushman.