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Lat 29° 57' N. Have had quite a pleasant day with very little wind. One sail in sight, astern. Have finished my bag of mail. I wrote to the friends at home. I have not yet sent some, or at least one of our officers is the most disagreeable man I ever met with. and he makes it very unpleasant for me here. He is agreeable, as to accept of the I should enjoy myself much. but he seems inclined to make it as unpleasant as he can for me. I have commenced a letter to Pamela.

Sunday, 28th Sunday is a lonely day for me so far from the land. Lat 29° 10' N. of the church-going bell. I am so tired of those who gather in the church at home and hope that the absent ones are remembered in their prayers. and also pray that we may be speed to gather there again. There is one sail in sight going the same way we are quite a distance from us but cannot see her hull. Have seen a school of jumpers today. The fish seems about the same. We have now a fair wind and hope to arrive at St Catharines by Tuesday. Steering N. by E.

Mon, 31st Have had a pleasant day with light winds. This Lat 29° 58' N. from there was three sails in sight, tonight, there Lat 40° 54' N. is one the same we saw yesterday. I have written another letter to the friends at home. The fish seems about the same. George has not been very well today. Has taken cold. We are steering N. by E. & E.

Tues, Feb 1st Have had another beautiful day. The breeze is still in Lat 28° 26' N. light. We have had but little wind, but expect to be Lat 40° 34' N. up to the South end of the Island, in the morning have been finishing up letters, and shall have finished & mail when we get in. Shall probably finish tomorrow night on shore. We are now steering N. by E.

Wed, 2nd Found this morn that our Chronometers with the sails they had were twenty-five miles to the West. we are off St Catharines and shall leave the Bark soon after dinner.

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Thurs, 6th We left the Bark at two o'clock Wednesday P.M. and steamed for Santa Cruz. where we arrived at Lat 41° 31' N. and Long 81° 37' W. at 10 o'clock.

Lat 41° 31' N. Lat 41° 31' N. until Mon. when we went to the Custom House. Lat 41° 31' N. on Santa Cruz. where we had to wait some time for a letter to take with us to St Catharines. While waiting we walked around the Fort and picked figs from the trees. I was so tired of the beautiful scenery but it is impossible as we passed up the Bay I sat silent watching the shore. High hills covered with dense Coccoloba, Banana, and other beautiful trees, here and there a house almost hidden from view. It was a beautiful sight, surpassing anything I ever beheld. We arrived at St Catharines about eleven o'clock Thursday A.M. and went to the American Consulate. Mr Lindsay, where we were warmly received, and kindly treated. We took dinner there, at three o'clock. Then I went out for a short walk with Charlie, and the children. When I returned found George waiting for me. Then we went to the Hotel de Commerce where we passed the night, and took breakfast. Since and took tea with Mrs Lindsay. The mosquitoes and flies were so fast that we could not get much sleep. They troubled Charlie also very much. I was sick all night (Friday) and when we left Sat. morn. still felt very sick and remained so throughout the day. We stopped at Santa Cruz on our way back and dined at Mr. Lattin's. We got on board the Bark again Sat. at 6 P.M. and glad was I to do so again. I passed my free time curing up in the Hotel. After a nights rest felt some better but George is sick today. He has cold and has a Diarrhoea and a lame back. but I hope he will soon be better. We left St Catharines at the Hospital but did not discharge him. I enjoyed the visit ashore very much. all the company of the flies and mosquitoes. We visited the 68 letters, fourteen for ourselves. The remainder for the officers and crew. Pamela letter wrote to the