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Saturday 15th. The gale abated last eve, and this morn was
very calm and pleasant. We came away from S.C. at
about eight o'clock and arrived on board the
Bark at half past eleven, and there have been
undisturbed till all the afternoon. I have
met the Custom House Officer and Mr. Hart both
for with us. I have washed a few articles for
Ethie and packed my trunk to carry some
tomorrow. Ethie is still troubled with shivers
of malarial fever. That makes her very cross, and I
cannot think I shall be so far if my blood
looks like this I know I should be very cross.
The Custom House Officer brought me some fish
and liquor when he came tonight. Capt. has
traded considerable, so he will not probably have
to send home a cask. The Consul gave me
a lot of books and papers when he came
off today, and I have some for up to my
waist. I am very comfortable. The Holmes has gone
at last at Santa Cruz tonight.

Sat 16th

We are back again at S.C. this morn I have
a few things for Ethie. The Custom House Officer has
come on board every morn and night. He has
breakfast with us this morn and stayed with
us till he left the ship about three o'clock.
This afternoon came down in a shore boat and
arrived here about seven. We shall remain
until Wednesday probably. I should enjoy it much
better if the mosquitoes and flies were not quite
so plenty.

Sunday 17th

Have had a very pleasant day, but it has not
seemed much like the Sabbath. The people are all
and today is what they call Easter. Last night
the bells were ringing, the churches and rockets were
going and music all night long. So we sleep but
little. Break the land of Mexico we were surrounded
by mosquito swarms all night and they frequently
did something besides sing. This morn George went
to the Hospital to see Michael. He is getting

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along much will be able to go out with us when
we are ready to go, which I hope will be soon.
This afternoon made a short call at Mr. Lind's
we dined here at half past three at four
Mrs. Lindage and Miss Webb called for me and
I went with them to call on a German lady.
Had a very pleasant call. She talks English
very nicely. Her house is the most pleasant one
I have seen here. It looked quite like home. She
has a nice piano and played very prettily for us.
I have heard tonight that the Yellow Fever is in the
place, but the report is incorrect.

Monday 18th

This morn Capt. was wakened from his slumber by a
rap. at the door. It proved to be a boatman from
our ship. He said that four men from the ship had
died, and they had three in more, and they
sent him up to see what Capt. Smith wanted to
do about it. Capt. got a writing from the
Officer of Police, to the Police at Santa Cruz, to search for
the deserters, and to allow the other men to have
their liberty but for the Police to watch them
closely. And if they did not go on board the
ship by eight o'clock P.M. to arrest them where-
ever they are found and confine them in the
Fort. Until the ship is ready to sail. Mr. Smith
has been discharged today. About 11 o'clock P.M.
went to Mrs. Lindage and remained until five
o'clock. Have commenced a trip to Georgia.
Mrs. Lindage that was sent here from Savannah
Georgia. It is very pretty. is made of Georgia.
Ethie has been very troublesome today. The mosquito
stings trouble him badly. I have been suffering
much all day from a severe headache. The
names of the deserters are Owen Gallagher, John
Horton, David Perkins, and John Higgins. These
in some are Elmore Clark, Jacob Ruffner,
and Moore. They were put in irons for selling
all their clothes and were reported as going
to run away.