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Friday 5th Have seen several sails during the day but no whales. I am afraid we shall have to go into port without getting any more oil. I have been at work on my Letter Cushion.

Saturday 6th This morn. passed the Desdemona and Globe. They were on the other tack. I have finished my cushion. Think it is very pretty. I have been almost sick since washing. Think I took cold.

Sunday 8th We arrived this morn. the Desdemona and Starlight also came this morn. I got letters from John, Sam and Kate, Sam, Pamela, Geo but another from the Owners. Mr. Mrs. has not heard from the Cape about the vessel but will hear Tuesday. William Cleveland came on board to see us soon after we anchored. have also seen Elysian Watson. and Geddie has made me a long call.

Monday 9th Have had a severe headache all day and the weather has been very stormy so have not been out. Capt. Stikney of the Leinster is here sick with Rheumatism. Capt. he has to go about with crutches. The Lichenwell is laying off and on. Capt. Drift is an officer. has been quite sick. The Globe and Robert Morrison are in.

Tuesday 10th This morn. recd. calls from Elysian, Pat Ross and Mrs. Simpson. have also called. The morn. has gone I know not where. have written to Lydia. I must soon start for dinner. Geddie is packing the day with the Polye children. Sent a box to Lydia from Elysian.

Wednesday 11th This morn. went with Geddie to get his picture taken. but did not succeed. Mrs. Davis took her baby at the same time. but did not get a good picture. This afternoon Mrs. Davis and my mother have been out shopping. Have got my little dress pattern. today but it is not as good as I wanted. but very good for the price. Mrs. Davis has bought one of the Rocking. George has just been in and told me that the third mate of the Starlight has just killed one of the crew

of the Desdemona, or was said. I do not know the particulars except that he killed the man who was and the blow killed him. the corpse has been taken to the last house. the third mate has gone on board the Starlight. a Constable has a warrant for his arrest. he has now gone after him to see what will come next.

Thursday 12th This morn. we went again with the children have not yet seen Geddie's proof. do not think it will be good. Mrs. Davis has a good picture of her baby. The Desdemona's morn. was buried today. The inquest commenced this morn. and is still in session. the evidence are not all in and may probably may continue all night it is a sad affair. Some of our crew were present last eve and are now held as witnesses. Capt. Smith has been out most all day attending the trial. This morn. I finished a letter to Pamela. The Shames has not arrived yet. I then commenced a pair of slippers for George using them by a pattern. Mrs. Davis has sent me a letter. it is very beautiful.

Friday 13th The Shames arrived this morn. but brought no letter to Mr. Mrs. to say whether the vessel was coming or not. we can wait no longer and have therefore agreed to ship by the Robert Morrison all in our take. probably six or seven hundred lbs. we sent but one letter that was to the Owners. Capt. Smith was detained so long seeing about the oil that we had not time to mail more. shall send the first opportunity this afternoon. Capt. Davis and family and Capt. Smith with my mother and Geddie went to a fancy bazaar for the benefit of the Baptist Church. We bought several articles. I like some. This eve went to the theatre. did not get home until eleven o'clock.