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Friday 14th Have been at home all day. Working on my slipper. Today our crew have been getting out the oil on board the Washington being getting ready to ship. Have got out 100 lbs and expect to get it on board the R M tomorrow. This eve we are invited to see at Mr. Pollock. Shall go as soon as Fannie gets to sleep.

Sat 15th This morn Mrs Davis, Mrs Rootger and I went shopping. Went to Mr. Alexander, and put my ticket as it is a long walk. The Sacramento Robbins arrived this morn and the John P. Wash. Manchester this afternoon. Both Capt. stop here. Today 150 bbls of our oil has been put on board the Robert Morrison.

Sunday 16th This morn Capt. Davis, Emma, Capt. Caper, Geo. Smith and myself went to the Baptist Chapel, listened to a very good sermon from Rev. Mr. Collier. Capt. Geo. Smith, 22nd St. 2nd " This eve Geo and I went with Mr & Mrs Rootger and Mrs Carroll, to the Church of England, after the forms and ceremonies were over listened to a good sermon from Mr. Bennett. Sept 1st Chapin Ist Place, before evening service wrote a letter to Emily Ann. Mr Holmes and his wife. Sermon here had a quarrel. Mr MacLennan was supposed to go on board the ship while Mr Holmes is gone. I do not know what will be done. Oh dear there is always something to annoy and vex me, every time we are in Port.

Monday 17th Have been working on my slipper. This morn Capt Robbins gave Capt. Smith a few oranges. He brought from the coast. Capt. Smith and Davis have also brought a sack of Plantains of Mrs. and some wine. Since dinner have been out and done a few errands. At dinner Mrs. Moss told us he would send the carriage in the morn for us to take a drive to the Bazaar tomorrow morn. Mr MacLennan has today been discharged from the Hospital. He is going out and mate of the Victoria. I have written to Emily Wright, and also to Ellen & Geo.

Tuesday 18th The day has been one of excitement and confusion. The morn was so unpleasant that we decided to postpone our visit until more favorable weather. A passenger ship from Calcutta for England arrived this morn. Many of the passengers have been on shore, among a number of which were the Baptist preachers. Mr Collier called to see us this morn. After dinner Mrs Davis, Mrs Rootger and myself went shopping. Mrs Rootger stopped at the Bazaar. Will remain with Mrs Spragg a few days while her husband is out shooting. The Victoria sailed this afternoon, and the George and Susan arrived. Have not yet seen Capt. Geo. Smith to speak with him. Have written to Capt. Hayes, Aunt Susan and Lillian Allen & Geo. Tracy.

Wednesday 19th Have had a shivery day. And a confused one. I have been writing letters and have been trying to do a number of things but amid so much confusion hardly know what I am doing. I sent eleven letters by Capt. Robbins, and one by Capt. Thier, of English Ship, Phoenix.

Thursday 20th Several ships have arrived during the day, yesterday we had a great crowd here. There were 25 at dinner, there was a full table today but not quite as full as yesterday. An English Captain with his wife and little girl five years of age are now here and think they intend to stop the night. They have come in to have their steamer or rather to have him tried for committing rape on the little girl. The poor child is suffering from venereal disease communicated to her by the Coleridge Steamer. Dr. Fowler was called to examine her this afternoon. I suppose the case will be held tomorrow. I have today finished my slipper. It looks very pretty. I like the pattern very much. Shall commence another as soon as Mrs Rootger returns so I can get the pattern.