

New Orleans (Louisiana)

April 5th 1832 A squally rainy day. I tried to find my washerwoman and being to rain heavy, lost myself in the streets and after being well drenched & knocking without gaining an admittance, had to seek places I could, till daylight when friends who came with me to my boarding was thankful enough that I had not perished, altho most perished.

Sick and ailed all this day in consequence of exposure last night. Took a vomit & doubt of its beneficial effects.

* Fair weather. Saw two young men by from Providence. Remained at home in the evening and night, and enjoyed more at I have before, since my arrival at. (partially) annoyed by the sickness of a friend I believe to be a friend.

* Fair pleasant weather, and small breeze. In the forenoon took a walk in the part of the City & Suburbs where I prefer myself, and I found that on examination the whole light burst upon me and I step from the time of leaving as if the

commence was but of a few hours origin; yet as perseverance is my motto, Patient my endurance it will enable me to triumph over Despair. Retired at a reasonable hour.

Monday April 9th Fair weather and small breeze from SW. Walked down to Steamer Arab and saw my brother William in the forenoon of the day. He promised to meet me in the eve, but did not. Saw Capt Bishop who tells me he thinks he can procure me a situation as Mate of a 1st Class Ship.

Tuesday April 10th Fair weather. Still unemployed. Saw Capt Wm L Northam who merely passed the hour d'ne with me. Almost broken hearted in a tumultuous city & nothing to do.

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Wednesday April 11th 1832. Nothing as yet offers for me to do. I cannot make up my mind to any thing in consequence.

Thursday April 12th Fair weather. Saw a Situation for a Book-keeper advertised, which I answered by addressing G. H. through the Post.

Friday April 13th Warm & dry weather. Hope to obtain some thing to do ere long to enable me to discharge my debt of board which is daily increasing and no visible means of payment.

Saturday April 14th Fair weather & dust. In the evening saw my Brother William and conversed with him on my situation.

Sunday April 15th In the morning saw William and he let me have five dollars to relieve my present necessities. Got my clothes from the washerwoman that were carried there from the Sch: on my first arrival with the exception of losing 4 pieces. Went to the Presbyterian Church, Rev Mr Clapp Pastor, in the morning & to the Episcopal Church in the afternoon.

Monday April 16th Fair weather. Concluded to write to Mr S B Boulton, Mobile, to know if I can get any business there. Wrote him and sent it by mail.

Tuesday April 17th Fair weather and nothing to do but wait and look about in hopes of meeting with something to advertise.

Wednesday April 18th Saw an advertisement for a Book-keeper. Answered it as advertised by leaving a line for it at the London Advertiser.

Thursday April 19th Fair weather. Still the same dull course of no employment. In the evening a Capt Cooper of the Brig Olive of Wiscasset called upon me saying he wanted a first officer for his Brig; that he wished one with whom he could associate, specified his rules & regulations in general terms, and stated also that on his arrival in New York he was to resign the command and I would stand a good chance of superseding him. After I had given my assent to go, he then said, "Mr Clifford, I will give you thirty five dollars per month and consider it as settled." I told him it was, also, on my part, and he then asked me when it would be convenient to come on. I told him in the morning & he told me when his ship & we parted mutually satisfied. Saw Wm L Northam.

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