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Friday April 20th 1832. At Sunrise went on board Brig Olive to see the Captain and commence duty as 1st Officer. As Capt Cooper was not up, waited till 7 A.M. when he made his appearance & told me what he wished to have done, and that he wished me to hire two men and come with them after breakfast, and proceed on with the work. Hired 2 accordingly, and in the first place made up the Span Sails lying on deck exposed to the weather & tramping over, with muddy feet. Afterwards cleared his run, taking out that which could be got at, which appeared to be a depository of the sweepings of the cabin ever since she was built. Stowed the after hole and put down all the Span Sails. Dined on board with Capt Cooper. After Dinner got two of the best Water Casks and stowed them away in the after hole and filled them with water from alongside. Received for 32 Bales Cotton from Ord's Ship. Cleaned the decks as well as possible on the larboard side and found a scraper under the wood in one place, Brooms in another, Hatchet in another, Tar Brushes in another, and so on, in like manner, every thing appearing as if the Brig had been lying there for some time without any care or attention from any one. At a few moments past P.m., the Steward's Gang taking in Hides from shore, the Captain of the Brig who until that hour had appeared a very pleasant agreeable man, asked me from the top of the Stage where the men had gone. I told him, why Sir, Have not you paid them for their labor and discharged them? No, but the then says, Where is the Steward's? I told him I believed some of them were still getting Hides on board as I had heard himself tell them they must all go below that night. I ask of the Hides lying on the Hatch he asked how I was to get the Hatches on as I was alone on board. I told him I would see the Hatches put on, after the Hides were below. He then told me he thought we could not agree and I had better go ashore, made my Bill

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and he would settle it and also gave me much abusive language without a word of provocation, or scarcely one spoken, on my part. I accordingly put on my Coat and left the ignorant and intemperate man, conscious of having done more than most men would have done under like circumstances. In the evening he came into the Bar Room of the house where I boarded when I made off my bill for one days services at the rate of \$35 per Month & he paid it. I then asked him what fault he had to find, but he would answer nothing, and after giving vent to my thoughts and feelings, left him sitting like a lump of stupidity & pride. Retired to rest well fatigued & disappointed.

Saturday April 21st Saw Capt Bishop to day at Mr. T. H. Paley's Gambling Room. He informed me William had left for Mobile. I also related to him the success I had met with on board the down east Brig & my determination to return to Providence without something favorable, offered in a few days. He told me as before that if he knew any situation he would inform me. Warm weather and dust. Sunday April 22nd Fair pleasant weather. Attended Church at the Rev Mr. Clapp's. But how different this place from the good old customs of New England. Here most of the Stores are open till noon & the Prayers thundering along the Levy the same as any other day. Yet still, some who have been brought up in the ways of Religion meet at their Houses of Worship amid all this din of noise & confusion, but they are mostly people from the Northern States. Monday April 23rd Much bustle and stir to day in consequence of the Execution of three Pariahs, which took place at 5 minutes before 1 P.M. in the Public Square. The Troops & Military were out & made a very handsome appearance. It was thought by some that there would have been disturbances but none occurred, owing no doubt to so formidable a body of the Military being on the ground. I had a view of the scene from the Mast head of a Ship lying opposite.