

New Orleans (Louisiana)

April 5th 1832 A squally rainy day. In
to find my washwoman's and being
to rain heavy, lost myself in the outer
and after being well drenched & knocking
without gaining an admittance, had to
best place I could, till daylight when
friends who came with me to my boarding
as thankful enough that I had not
perished, altho most perished.

Sick and ailed all this day in con-
sequence last night. Took a vomit &
result 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
I believe to be a friend.

Fair pleasant weather, and shall begin
In the forenoon take a walk in the
part of the City & suburbs where I pre-
tend myself, and found that on examination
the whole light burst upon me and I
step from the time of leaving as if the

occurrence was but of a few hours sight, yet as Providence
is my motto, Patiently my endurance it will enable me to
triumph over Despair. Retired at a reasonable hour.

Monday April 7th 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 time of day 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 J. H. Thompson Esq.

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 washwoman that was carried there from the Sch^o 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
J 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 walk
and look about in hopes of meeting with something to amuse me.

Wednesday April 18th Saw an advertisement for a Book-Keeper
answered it as advertised by leaving a line for it at the Lord's Advertiser.

Thursday April 19th Fair weather. Still the same dull course
of no employment. In the evening a Capt Cooper of the Brig

Oliver 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
succeeding 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 board. I told him in the morning & he told me when
his vessel was to depart & we parted mutually satisfied. Saw Wm with Dr