

At New Orleans, (Louisiana).

Tuesday April 24th 1832. Fair weather & some occasional squalls. No answers to any letters I have written and it is now four weeks I have been here doing worse than nothing. My mind is at times almost crazed in consequence.

Wednesday April 25th In the morning when I came to go to my breakfast the landlord Mr Caldwell told me I could not have it there, unless I paid something of my Board Bill. Consequently went without, & then revolved every thing in my mind and finally came to the resolution to sell a Bill of exchange, to Mr Tully, on my father's wife & return home to Providence. Called upon Mr Tully to whom I made known my distress & he gave me the money for the Bill. Settled my Bill of Board & engaged a passage in Brig George Capt. Trimmer to sail on Sunday. Mr Caldwell told me I could remain if I chose at his house until that time, free of expense.

Thursday April 26th Fair in the day. Rain at night.

Packed up my things ready to go on board and to leave forever this detested city of dissipation & vice.

Friday April 27th First part of the day fair. In the afternoon took a walk out to that part of the City where I lost myself on the 5th inst. as I had left my cloak there, and had exchanged shirt vest & pantaloons, mine having been soaked through. Found the house but they swore they knew nothing about it. Started to return about Sun but thinking it best to put up with the loss rather than go to avoid expense. Coming to rain took shelter in a Tavern for about an hour & a half or until half past 3 P.M. when I again directed my steps to that part of the City where I lodged. I had not walked far when I was knocked down senseless and robbed of all the money I had and every thing else valuable about me. I must have lain in the situation two hours & they most probably left me for dead. When I came to, I found myself lying in the

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mud and from the pain must have been struck just above the right temple. Walked to my boarding house as fast as I was able, being about a mile distant. When Mr Caldwell got up and let me in and I found it to be past 11 o'clock.

Saturday April 28th 1832. Awoke in the morning in much pain and a fever dysentery upon me, which obliged me to keep my chamber the whole day. An aching pain in all my bones.

Sunday April 29th Fair weather. Arose at 7 P.M. a little better but yet weak, and the dysentery had upon me. At 10 A.M. got my chest and baggage on board Brig George of Providence and went on board myself. The Brig ready to sail but the wind blowing on shore could not get away from the wharves. Latter part rain, thunder & lightning. Lodged on board.

Monday April 30th Cloudy weather. At 8 A.M. Capt Bishop came and told me there was a letter for me at Mr Gale's Compting Room. Went & got it and found it to be from J. S. Tolmie Esq. in reply to mine of the 16th. At 3 P.M. was taken in tow by the Steam Tug Boat Florida and towed to the lower part of the City & made fast alongside a Daniel Brig. Soon after came on heavy thunder, sharp lightning and copious showers of rain. Still sick with the dysentery. Took a dose of Calomel for my complaint.

Tuesday May 1st At 9 A.M. was taken in tow by Steam Tug Boat Florida having alongside of her the English brig London and St. Brig Josephina. Passed several sail in the river bound up, among the number Sch. Caribean formerly of Providence & Brig Monticello of Thomaston in which vessel I was, dismasted Dec 6. 1830. At 6 P.M. passed Fort Flaquemine.

At 10 P.M. anchored in 9 fathoms the St. Gap Light House bearing N.W. 2 miles distant. Discovered a Runaway Negro secreted in the hold of the Brig. Only calm.

Wednesday May 2nd At daylight the Steam boat stood out the vessel that were alongside of her & returned & took us in tow. At 9 A.M. discharged Pilot outside the Bar. I then end by civil computation & commenced at sea by Nautical