

it is too as ever you see, the Schooner is call'd the
E. M. Gale. Another choice I suppose. Father & Charles
Peaks have shipped to go to California in her I feel
very bad about his going so far from home as
he is so old a man I almost think sometimes
that I shall never see him again his absence
will be nothing to me compar'd with being sep-
erated from a beloved companion a bosom
friend in whom all my hopes of the future
enjoyments of life depend. hope keeps my spirits
at this time from sinking entirely & may it yours
I want a letter from you very much with all the
particulars about your health and feelings & also
how you like Mrs Smith & the rest of your
crew. the last letter I wrote I sent to Nantucket
to go in the Navigator & one I sent to go in the Corn-
Morris there is so few Ships going. Whaling I
fear you will not get many letters so you must
not think that I have neglected writing to you
some Ships sail'd before I knew that they were going
I think Peter that you will say why dont Susan
take more pains with her writing or half as mu^{ch}
as she does with her house work my pen is not
fit to write with I shall have to get some quill
pens I could always write best with them. Your
Mother was here last evening said I must give her
love to poor Peter for she was worried about him
I have been over there & staid to days since you had