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Moore March 16th 1855

To My Dear beloved Wife

L Susan I wrote
you yesterday a short letter and had to write but a
little of what I wanted too. but now I have leas-
ure I will post you up on all the small mat-
ters the first you will probably want to know is
about my health which is quite good except
my head which bothers me much at present but
I hope will be better when I go north My voya-
ge is not so agreeable as it has been heretofore
I could wish my mate a better man in prin-
ciple My 2^d Officer is a fine man my crew
is as good as usual & my ship first rate. the Company
have written for me to stay 2 seasons and if I
want to come home they will send a man
out to take charge of her I shall write
to them to do so for I think my health will
not allow of my longer stay for I have been
so long at sea already I have taken 1600 all told
and if I can get 1000 more I shall be satisfied
I have landed near 72 of S. oil & sold 150 whale at 63
cents and all charges paid I have about 1100 on board
and shall sail in 3 or 4 days for Honolulu it is
strange there never no more letters for me but
I suppose persons at home (relatives) think it
is a duty that I must perform but those letters