way they attempted the rope, but reached the shore where they remained. All the other hands on board, got into the bar room & were soon drunk

At about 9. in the morning of yesterday I succeeded in getting two men to join me and we reached the shore safely in a small boat with a line, & by this & the passing of the boat back & forward we got all the passengers ashore - So soon as the women & children were landed I left the place, with my hands badly frozen & rode Eight miles to this place. I could not hold a pen yesterday so as to write legibly. Or I should then have written to you to account for my delay in getting back. So soon as I reach New York I will write you.

I intend leaving tomorrow evening. & if the roads are not blocked up hope to be at home on Monday.

Very Truly Yrs

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