

No 2 (We are due at Para 7th Dec
1600 miles from St Thomas)

They fish tuna & dolphins, mid summer, but my counter drift
(not correct) is yet catching Orion in zenith at midnight.
Off Newcastle & St Christopher

Nov 30, 66

very fast boat when she was given boat - a
16 mile and one of the most successful pursuers of
the blackhead whaler - He got 2550 lbs prize

Dear Brother & Sister
The last 2 days I am all right again as on shore ^{quarry} _{in her}
no more discomfort of I sent No 1 by Spanish
of the motion

mail yesterday from St Thomas, where
I went ashore amid cholera yellow
fever and small pox, which I should
not have done on account the ship

but I found myself so weary doing so I scrupled
was overcome ^{in hopes Santa Cruz last night} _{and another fine object -} The Great Bear is not
seen down, only, two of the leading stars
of "the handle" St Thomas is a perfect little

paradise, on the side of a snug harbour
of about 500 acres landlocked with high
green hills, a wilderness of shrubs, Coccoloba
Tamarindos de de de - No white corns
without its detraction of so much of wall

and villa and white wash - ^{the + black} _{the place, and the villa of the modern} ^{history of recent date -} The town has 13000
people packed in stone stucco yellow, white,
& moron colored houses with red roofs. By

little narrow streets, but clean, with most
picturesque narrow gang ways of brick or
stone steps climbing up the ~~bluff~~ hill
in all directions to the more pretentious

residences at the top of the town -
Coconut and other palms abound, but Tamarind
rich & beautiful & thorny, and Stappa trees
make the chief shade of streets & market place

The principal Hotel a most enviable place
of stone arches & mosaic floors, even as
a cicerone with its wide deep Arcades
balconies, covered with, not account to
have a pretty ^{garden} on the water edge in front
where white jessamine covering a large central
alcove with its sweet flowers, under
which ladies & gentlemen greatly called for
refreshments from the hotel etc. The grand
walks are full of various shells, and
the beds edged with large conch shells
are so common on mantels with us, pink
inside. Roses in full bloom, Bananas
Pompanos orange and figs the tropical
things of beauty - The harbor opens
nearly or quite 100 ~~ships~~ vessels riding
mostly ships, 20 at least of these being
disabled, disabled, by the great October
gale. At least 25 Steamers bound for
the island on a coast of the gulf are
lying there each a busy scene of preparation
Smoke and steam pouring out, as if to
make room for the fleet joining in. Islets

500 to 7 or 8 hundred feet high stand the outside
There is a fine marine Rail way, as also an
iron floating dock, the first being a sort of
hospital for disabled craft as well as a great
center of distribution of paper goods from main
lines to branches as well as food, and the port
being free goods are cheap and ship chandler
flourish. - ~~The~~ Good Spanish flour sold
Yesterday at auction for 8.80 its per barrel -
After the Buzanian came the slaver and
planter and the above told me he could
remember when all these hills, ~~now~~ as wild
& ^{unimproved} as Gortney island, were fertile sugar fields.
A large stone palace of a house stands

on the summit of one of them are
enduring monuments of the monarchic
system that built it - ^{The British on board} is Thomas -

I was much gratified at the universal
courtesy of negro and colored races, and
more with their intelligence, and cleanliness
I mean of course the better class of them,
and it is a very large one - all the ships
appear to be kept or at least attended to them,
and a great many of them are spacious &
filled with expensive large stocks of food -

Every body appear to speak English, I found
not one exception and the colored people use
4 or 5 languages generally I am told - American
gold and silver are just as current there
as ~~though~~ us at home, but the natives the
negro refuse as a gift even, just as by you
to stowage coins of small value in Europe -

I saw not a bigger <sup>The Zamorind is a rich beautiful tree
about 30 feet high, wild, but much
planted in the streets.</sup>

The great depot for coal is in an island
opposite the town - Our ship was charged with
English coal by women & girls and men and
boys, all colored (I saw no work done by
whites even on the ~~ship~~ yard) The coal
is carried on the head (by women chiefly) in baskets
containing 90 lbs each, all alike, and a
very set they use, and at their morning
exercise no indication of fatigue. Though
the coal is carried about 300 feet, the load
80 which is ~~carried~~ on inclined plane of loose
planks, rising fully 12 feet in the pitch -
For this work they have 2 cts for each 3 baskets
or 2 cts for 270 lbs or less than 16 cts per net ton.

It is done at night the price is 1 ct per basket
^{about 150 baskets per day} ^{is the average} ^{work}
Two or 3 old stone wind mills stand on the hills
public sites of old sugar mills - Several most
picturesque ^{low} rambling residences half built in
shrubbery are perched about and near the hill
tops where the view must be ever fine and the
air delightful - Elmer's monument has however -

The oldest of whom I speak is a very pleasant old
man, began life in Santa Cruz, when he lived, a
new rich boy has now a dozen sugar estates -
and is one of the Governor's council. His wife is
an educated woman. This is Sullivan's friend -
He told me that some years ago a man
purchased some land on the shore among the hills
near St Thomas. In the habit of walking on his
property he often observed a chain in the fork of
a tree that had evidently long been grown
over by the growth of the fork - at length his
curiosity was excited, he found the chain
had apparently been dipped in lead, apparently
to completely close an open link that could
not be welded at the tree - This excited his
suspicions and hopes and faculty of
doubt - at length he expressed a great
amount of treasure, asserted to pirates of
the older time, where St Thomas had once
was a favorite resort - It is so proved that
pursuit at one entrance could be baffled
by a flight from the other, a shoal
between forbidding pursuit except by a
cruiser of the island first - Great St Thomas,
the "incredible Thomas" as Willie Ashurst
named his statue in Rome to me 10 years ago -
The gates who send most kind regards to
Peter Fern (please tell his sister I hope to say
so to him) mentions 2 remarkable papers - a
ship found at sea all lost, in which he was to go
if the captain (his friend) could wait 1 day longer,
he could not - ^{It has been 14 times & back from N.Y. to Rio.} At St Louis his baggage was in
one voyage 90 days, another only 40 - all by gull.
a steamer he was to go in, but was accidentally
left - In 10 miles she blew up killing 20 at
the dinner table - I therefore think we will sail safely -
A young man "Barker" son of a mine
of wealth near Potomac, is going out to
Brazil to look for bituminous coal he heard of
there, & intends opening it if it offers profit -
He is a very cheery pleasant fellow modest &
plain, and was in the Valentim Mariscal
service of the late rebellion - He was ~~shot~~
and after a prison 11 months on this ship.

This sheet was one of the

in Brazil, The negro who carried the wheelbarrow on his head, 2 1/2 miles did not sit in the cart but walked and drove it - a single egg is carried on the head in Brazil - Coffee bags 160 lbs each are so carried, and some negro take 2 at once. Mr Yates says he also saw in Brazil at a friend's house, a pair of boots ordered to be greased, they were, but inside. This is the 12th time Mr Y. has been to Brazil & he must have spent over 3 years on them. 22 puppers by sail, A Mr Falls of Bristol R. I, family editor of New Bedford obituary is on board, related to Sam Hazard (Capt. Scam) a very intelligent young man, also, from Hartford - Parker who is going to Brazil is son of a Connecticut man - he is 28 years old only - Arrived this ship when she was the quoniam command in the late rebellion & got 1550 prize money - She was one of the fastest & most successful of the blockade fleet - carried very heavy guns, & 2200 tons burthen. Mr Tappan says on the voyage from Rio to Europe last month they saw with great distinctness, about sunrise, Peak of Tenerife 130 miles distant - The sun's line was as clearly defined as could be, they knew the distance by that of another island by which they sailed as they saw it. Most of our passengers left us at St Thomas - and we were not crowded before - about 30 remain, being 225 in the steerage, Germans & Dutch, very quiet people - indeed to go by the free paper given by Emperor of Brazil - who pays 50% for each, to the ship, but is to be repaid by the emigrant in 5 years - He has also a gift of land - It is supposed however they will be forced by circumstances to enlist in the Army there to fight Paraguay -

2^d Dec, we are in the Caribbean see about 12 Southern pine trees and summer weather - Since leaving St Thomas we have passed many beautiful little islands of the "Windward Islands" but are to see no more land until we reach Para - ~~Martinique~~ Martinique, Guadalupe & all others at an angle the Cape Verde are far but we passed near to all the Windward Isles from St Tho. to St Vincent. Most of them are piles of ~~seventeen~~ high hills, some of them mountains, with deep valleys. Beautiful cones off and also truncated volcanic pyramids. The last was Barbados, which is not high & looks more like Block Island against the sky - but unfortunately it was after dark when we got up to and sailed close by its whole length, on the west side of it.

(The steamer Jan 20 I find it difficult to write)
but it was illuminated by continual lightning -
The lights in Bridgetown were very distinct and
the stars lines marked by them. An Eclipse light
is on the S. point of the Island 10 miles from town
and right before it. I was greatly interested and
regretted at even an unfavorable opportunity to
see the Island & hope yet to visit it.

The gulf wind is seen often ever since we entered
and creeps the gulf stream, though much more
rare than in it, and in only small waves now.

X Please have the 3 boxes I left in the
outer garrett put in the locked
garrett - They are all marked -

X also enclose the acct. on opposite
page to Peacedale Co. without fail.

X My address abroad will be always care of
Baring Brothers 76 London unless I direct otherwise.

This line, it is expected will soon contract to stop at
Barbados every trip. J. Busha & Mrs Dully are from Elmira N.Y.
Mrs Dully is friend of Miss Dix and know Mrs De Kay &
Dora D. King and wife whom she met at Baltimore. She and
the Busha (14 yr. brother) are on board for Rio & St. Paul.

Dec 4 - Noon: our latitude is 7.10.60 miles from Para when
we expect to arrive day after tomorrow, but make the coast
first, a light house "Salinas" 40 miles ^{mouth of Amazon} this side. The coast
is very low - but has a bluff at this light house a village of
the sea is ^{smooth} as a river nearby, and weather very
delightful, the trade wind being yet with us but much
weaker, and we shall soon be in the "doldrums" the
dread of sail vessels that lie there helpless 40 or 50 days
sometimes - we have had frequent showers since we
got down to 30°, but rarely enough to drive us to shelter -
light & short - as to heat I was draped just as in winter
at home until yesterday, when I put on a black bombazine
sack, but resumed a black sapphire one at sunset.

X Keep my letters for me, and when you
write mention those received

50 Tons of ice taken in at N. York last, this ship to
Rio and back, six passengers left the Steerage today &
had for cabin passengers. They are small planters (Crecetans I
suppose) from about Chester on the Catawba in So. Carolina
65 miles from Columbia, and are part of a Colony Easton is getting
up for San Paulo Brazil. The one I conversed with is
evidently a sincere good man. They are now going to see how
the county will suit and all who can get away of their district
will join if there be so arranged. He know Mr Carter & Allen stone
at Columbia. Says every body was mind by the war, and the 3 men
he brought last summer has done

Selling their stock in order to live on the corn it could con-
sume - a good horse will not bring 100 dollars - there being no
huckster except from long distance, and it is no better in Georgia,
a French planter from the Saffronche, 3 miles below Donaldsonville
says the entire of that fine region (Savane) is desolated by the war,
the towns & plantations burnt, and ~~said~~ ^{scarcely} a man who has a dollar
in money, among them. The sugar estates on the Mississippi he says
are not burnt, but their owners otherwise are as poor as on the Bayou.
This man was living in Paris, but had to return for want of income,
and is now on his way to Brazil to try to get a sugar estate, but
has not a letter to any one or any acquaintance there - He gets off
at Para, first, - He knows Don A. N. Moran, Duncan, Valcour Aime
Valcour Aime he says is reduced from 8 millions to his
plantation - one of the most enterprising & popular men in the
S. West - P. M. Du Pieu is 1st cousin to this emigrant.
The cracker told me Columbia is just as Sherman left it.
~~Banker~~, mentions a preacher, ^{godd of Stone} he knows who always takes a
penny up and down eating it in his hand during his discourse,
and cannot get along without it - I recollect one of the
quaintest of German professors, now living if not lately dead, must
have a quill to write and twist, in his hand, or he cannot lecture.
A web-footed bird with a long sharp bill, big as a Widgeon
but flying & sailing like a hawk and with similar wings.
lighted several times on our carrying ropes yesterday at dusk
I was not afraid & was taken up & placed in a boat where he
seems content to be examined, but this fact I did not know
until too late to avail myself - a Web-foot preying the stick
to the water, especially a rope to the deck
seems odd.

Dec 8, 66. 8 A. M. we crept bar in 6 or 8 fathoms
 water at 7, and are now in the Amazon with its
 3 mile current of grey muddy water like that of
 the Mississippi - our sister the North Amazon a dead
 5 miles behind us and a Brig & small craft in front.
 Low land covered with trees is seen on the East
 but on the west is unbounded water - Small white
 gulls the only birds yet seen. We lay about 6 miles off
 off from Salinas light house in 6 or 8 fathoms water all night.
 We entered the Southern or Eastern mouth of the river
 with breakers on east hand of us on the bars. The
 river being a vast bay, another passage lies west
 of that we entered, from which more water issues
 than from the Para passage - with few to all
 have affixed letters Jno. I saw one large bird coming at
 apparently a wattle - we are lying 1/2 mile from front
 of town which looks well with large churches all in the
 Spanish & Portuguese style with high material - lighter
 about 20 vessels chiefly brig, lie in the stream besides
 half a dozen steamers chiefly Brazilian gunboats -
 There are also 2 Brigs lying below a little island for
 5 miles down the river. A sand beach marks the shore of
 the river thus far - the first telegraph stands on a bank
 about 20 feet high, after that they grow higher and
 occasionally with peaked cables & bare front, but ground
 with vegetation.

1 P.M. - We are at Para having enjoyed (10)
the glories of tropical vegetation & forests so
much heard of - Exceeding any thing I ever before
saw although the general appearance of the
is that of the Mississippi on a wider scale -
In fact we have passed through an immense
lake at our going to Ilande.

The first life I saw was a telegraph station
on the right bank of the river, about 30 miles
above the bar - Then recurring at intervals all the
way up with pretty effect of flags for they are by
signals, not wires, Cubins half his army the
trees then became constant, with little chambers
here and there, small tide factories (all roofs are
tile and have stone staircases) ~~usually~~ usually a
pretty little low residence with red roof, white
front & green blinds and some of pretension
with glorious Coconut palms & other riches
of sylvan sort - Some enormous trees with
great tall straight trunks rising above
the secondary forest with enormous domes
like hills, regular arches of circles, nearly
half of one - We escape quarantine & leave this
midnight for Pernambuco & Bahia & here at Rio 21 hr
I am just going on shore -