

about our temperance principles, they are fixed, and believe me you shall hear good accounts, I thank you very much for your kind offers. I wrote to father to obtain \$25. as I cannot get along without, that is if I go as passenger, he will not take me, for I have \$75. Graham Foster done all in his power for me. I hope you he is a noble, good hearted, and steadfast friend, he has done me many favors and I hope I shall be able to repay him, I have become acquainted with a family here by the name of Fitzgerald they are fine people I assure. George Fitzgerald a young man of about 22 years of age and just such a person as Geo. Throop stands for, he reminds me more of George the more I become acquainted with him, he is going with us, he has a sister Mary and a sweet girl she is she sends love to Louise, - I have \$3.00 a week for board and it is none of the best at that, every thing is high here, about that money, I did not like to write to father about asking him for the money and I would not have done it if I had not been needed it and what I have of him I shall repay you folk, I really hope he will send it as I need it, I have to save every penny, I shall have to pay 4 weeks board as the paper will say about the 15th of Sept. So you see I have to be economical, I cannot get along without it and I ship before the mast, and I do not wish to do

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Dear Parents
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Since last writing I have been very busy and have not had time to write you much. I have so much to do here and I have to be economical, I cannot get along without it and I ship before the mast, and I do not wish to do

My Dear Mother
I received your letter from Lewis this morning and I was going to answer you very much but I have given this up. The Captain was ill last Sunday and the first Mate Foster said he would not go with a drummer but since we both understood we would take some one else for a drummer. Foster shipped on board the Ship Emily Morgan as 3rd Mate and wanted Foster and myself to go with him, it is a 1000 lbs. carries 300 barrels and goes to the Coast of Peru and Chile to cruise for Spence Whales, as they do not take any but Spence oil. As the Captain was ill, having we thought we would see him, I had a long talk with him. He was desiring I should not go out with him as Surgeon. He is a man of about 35, his wife is to go with him. He said they always carried a Medicine Chest, and I should have to do nothing but attend to the sick, and in case of accidents to the men to mend them up. He appears to take quite an interest in me. The Ship makes Talcumbank the first port on the Pacific Coast, and goes from here directly there, with this understanding I shipped this morning, and then I shipped

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On board Ship Emily Morgan
Port of Henry King, China.
July 1853.

My Dear Parents
When I last wrote you I stated we should go to Sydney N.S.W. But learning bad accounts from that region regard to the Gold mines, and the destruction of Ships crews also the high price of provisions the Capt. changed his mind and we started for this port. On the 4th of Dec. last we arrived here, over 2nd Mate, he was from Auburn N.Y. About one year since he was taken with the Diarrhea, tried all remedies that could be procured but failed, I repeatedly advised him to try the Hæmorrhoidal Medicines but he seemed reluctant, we made the port of Stoney Island in Oct. when he was taken much worse, general debility, &c. I then gave him of Hæmorrhoidal medicine and checked the discharge also giving him strength and appetite, I wished to continue the medicine but he thought he was so much better that he did not need any more. In a short time he was again down worse than before, I immediately resumed the medicine, but could not succeed in checking it for a time I said that the man was failing fast. I told the Capt. who immediately started for some general (the nearest port). For. Last this time complained of