

A 49ER'S DIARY

THE DIARY OF DAVID NEVIUS SIMONSON

THE FOLLOWING WAS COPIED FROM THE ORIGINAL DIARY IN MAY 1933. IT WAS OWNED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ELLEN SIMONSON VOORHEES (MRS. JAMES E.) OF BUSHNELL, ILLINOIS. THIS IS THE STORY OF HIS TRIP FROM NEW YORK CITY TO THE CALIFORNIA GOLDFIELDS VIA THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA. HE WALKED ACROSS THE ISTHMUS TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD HIS TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY. UPON REACHING THE PACIFIC AND FINDING ALL TRANSPORTATION OVERTAXED BY PEOPLE TRYING TO REACH THE CALIFORNIA GOLDFIELDS, HE AND HIS PARTY BOUGHT A BOAT AND TOOK PASSENGERS ENOUGH WITH THEM, THAT WITH THE PRICE RECEIVED FROM THE BOAT AT THE END OF THE VOYAGE, THE OWNERS HAD FREE TRANSPORTATION UP THE PACIFIC COAST.

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FEB. 5--MONDAY--LEFT NEW YORK A LITTLE AFTER 2 O'CLOCK P.M. ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP CRESCENT CITY, BOUND FOR CHAGRES, WITH ABOUT 325 PASSENGERS. A PLEASANT AFTERNOON AND EVENING. QUITE A FEW SEASICK.

FEB. 6--A PLEASANT DAY. QUITE A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS VERY SICK. WAS NOT SICK MYSELF. THE WIND COMMENCED BLOWING IN THE EVENING AND THE SEA VERY ROUGH ALL NIGHT.

FEB. 7--SEA CONTINUES VERY ROUGH. NEARLY ALL THE PASSENGERS VERY SICK. THIS MORNING I WAS TAKEN VERY SICK AND CONTINUED SO THROUGH THE DAY. KEPT TO MY BED NEARLY ALL THE TIME.

PAGE 2--FEB. 8--SEA NOT SO ROUGH. THE WEATHER A GREAT DEAL WARMER, FEEL A GREAT DEAL BETTER. MOST OF THE PASSENGERS OVER THE SEA SICKNESS. ONE OF OUR NUMBER THIS DAY WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION FOR VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION. A COMMITTEE OF THREE APPOINTED TO REPORT UPON THE CASE IN THE MORNING. WE ARE NOW ABOUT 700 MILES FROM NEW YORK.

FEB. 9--TODAY FEEL QUITE WELL, WEATHER AS WARM AS IT IS IN NEW JERSEY IN JUNE. MET ON DECK THIS MORNING TO BE DRILLED IN MILITARY TACTICS AND WERE ALSO DIVIDED INTO MESSES OF SIX, EACH MESS ACCORDING TO THEIR HEIGHT. I AM IN THE SHORTEST MESS. COMMITTEE REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE CASE OF Mc N. HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION AND PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. WAS REPRIMANDED BY THE PRESIDENT AND

UPON A PROMISE OF FUTURE GOOD CONDUCT, WAS FORGIVEN BY THE ASSOCIATION.

PAGE 3--FEB. 10--FEEL AS WELL TODAY AS EVER I FELT IN MY LIFE. IT CONTINUES TO GROW STILL WARMER AS WE GET FARTHER SOUTH, AND WOOLEN CLOTHES FEEL QUITE UNCOMFORTABLE. WE ARE NOW IN LAT. 22.48 AND LONG. 72.18. ABOUT 1200 MILES FROM NEW YORK WE SAW TWO SMALL ISLANDS CALLED (BR?). CAME VERY NEAR RUNNING ASHORE ABOUT 7 P.M.

FEB. 11--SUNDAY--WEATHER CONTINUES TO GROW WARMER. SAW TWO OF THE WEST INDIES ISLES THIS MORNING, ST. DOMINGO ON THE EAST AND CUBA ON THE WEST OF US. ALL WE CAN SEE OF THEM IS THE TOPS OF THE MOUNTAINS. THE PASSENGERS ARE NOW ALL OVER THE SEA SICKNESS AND ALL OF THEM SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN SOME WAY OR OTHER.

PAGE 4---SOME ARE READING, SOME PACING THE DECK AND SOME ARE SITTING DOWN ENJOYING THE SCENE. THE WATER PRESENTS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL APPEARANCE, THE COLOR OF DARK INDIGO BLUE, PRESENTING AS WE GLIDE ALONG, A SIGHT TRULY BEAUTIFUL. HAD PREACHING IN THE FORENOON BY REV. McWILLIAMS FROM (BLINTER-?). NOW BOUND AS A MISSIONARY TO CALIFORNIA. TEXT 11TH PSALM, 13TH AND 14TH VERSES. PASSED THE ISLAND OF ST. DOMINGO ON THE EAST AND CUBA ON THE WEST.

FEB. 12--WEATHER STILL CONTINUES WARMER, THE THERMOMETER STANDING AT 84 DEGREES IN THE SHADE. IT IS VERY WARM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY AND COOLER IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING. PASSED THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA THIS MORNING TO OUR WEST, NOT NEAR ENOUGH TO SEE ANYTHING BUT THE MOUNTAINS DISTINCTLY. SEA A LITTLE ROUGHER THIS AFTERNOON.

PAGE 5. FEB. 13--NOW IN LAT.--- RAN THE LAST DAY 226 MILES, THE FARTHEST DAY'S SAIL IS 241 MILES. THE SEA IS A LITTLE ROUGH AND SOME OF THE PASSENGERS ARE SICK AGAIN. A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO MAKE PLANS FOR CROSSING THE ISTHMUS WITHOUT COMPETITION AMONG THE PASSENGERS. A COMMITTEE OF THREE APPOINTED TO PROCEED DIRECT TO CHAGRES AND THENCE TO PANAMA TO HIRE CONVEYANCE AND MULES.

FEB. 14--NOW IN SIGHT OF THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA, CAN SEE THE TREES AND ROCKS DISTINCTLY, ARE QUITE HIGH MOUNTAINS. HAD A SHOWER OF RAIN AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. NOW IN SIGHT OF CHAGRES. AT 4

O'CLOCK WHEN WITHIN 1 1/2 MILES OF CHAGRES THE VESSEL CAST ANCHOR. AT 5 O'CLOCK THE COMMITTEE LEFT THE VESSEL. THE BALANCE OF THE PASSENGERS REMAINED ON BOARD ALL NIGHT.

PAGE 6-FEB. 15--LEFT THE VESSEL AT 4 O'CLOCK FOR CHAGRES. GOT THERE IN ABOUT AN HOUR.. CONTAINS ABOUT 1500 INHABITANTS. VISITED THE FORT, FOUND IT VERY BEAUTIFUL. COVERED ABOUT TEN ACRES OF GROUND, IS NOW IN RUINS. HIRED A GUIDE TO TAKE US TO GANGONA TONIGHT BUT COULD NOT GET THE NEGROES TO GO. SLEPT OUT UPON THE GROUND ALL NIGHT.

FEB. 16--STARTED THIS MORNING ABOUT 7 A.M. FOR GANGONA WITH 12 OF OUR COMPANY IN A CANOE ABOUT 17 FT. LONG, ROWED BY TWO NEGROES. THE RIVER AT CHAGRES IS ABOUT 300 YARDS WIDE, A BEAUTIFUL STREAM, THE BANKS COVERED WITH BEAUTIFUL TREES AND FLOWERS IN FULL BLOOM. SAW COCOANUT TREES, ALSO MANY BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AND AN ALLIGATOR, SOME FEW HUTS ALONG THE RIVER. RODE THIS DAY ABOUT 14 MILES, SLEPT IN THE CANOE ALL NIGHT, WEATHER VERY PLEASANT.

PAGE 7. FEB. 17--STARTED AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AND KEPT ON TILL NOON, THEN STOPPED AT A HOUSE ALONG THE RIVER AND GOT SOME COFFEE WHICH WAS VERY POOR. SAW SEVERAL MONKEYS, THEIR FACES WHITE AND THEIR BODIES BLACK. HAD TWO SHOWERS TODAY, BUT DID NOT RAIN MUCH. THIS NIGHT SLEPT IN A HOUSE UPON THE GROUND WITH A COW HIDE FOR A BED AND MY COAT FOR A PILLOW, FOR WHICH I PAID 25 CENTS .

FEB. 18--STARTED THIS MORNING AT 6 O'CLOCK, WEATHER VERY PLEASANT. GOT VERY TIRED OF SITTING IN THE CANOE. SAW A SUGAR PLANTATION AND MILL. WITHIN 3 MILES OF GANGONA, LEFT THE BOAT AND WALKED THE REMAINDER OF THE WAY. ARRIVED AT GANGONA AT 5 O'CLOCK, ABOUT ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE CANOE.

PAGE 8--GANGONA IS A PLEASANT SITUATION FOR A VILLAGE, CONTAINS ABOUT 50 HUTS. MOST OF THEM ARE BUILT OF CANE ABOUT 10 FT. HIGH AND THATCHED WITH THE LEAVES OF THE PALM TREES. PITCHED OUR TENT ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM THE RIVER AND SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE.

FEB. 19--ABOUT 500 PERSONS AT GANGONA WAITING FOR MULES TO TRANSPORT THEIR BAGGAGE TO PANAMA. SIX MORE OF OUR NUMBER ARRIVED THIS EVENING. PITCHED ANOTHER TENT.

FEB. 20--THE REMAINDER OF THE ASSOCIATION ARRIVED THIS MORNING, 15 OF THEM STARTED FOR PANAMA WITH 5 MULES, TAKING ABOUT 700

LBS. OF BAGGAGE WITH THEM. THE PLACE APPEARS TO BE HEALTHY, ALL OF OUR NUMBER ARE WELL.

PAGE 9--FEB. 21--FIVE MORE STARTED FOR PANAMA WITH 4 MULES TAKING 500 LBS. OF BAGGAGE WITH THEM. THE MULES OR HORSES ARE VERY SMALL AND POOR. CANNOT CARRY MORE THAN FROM 100 TO 200 LBS. TO PANAMA, TAKES THEM TWO DAYS TO GO ONE WAY, DISTANCE 25 MILES.

FEB. 22--ENGAGED 5 MULES FOR TODAY BUT DID NOT GET THEM. NO DEPENDENCE TO BE PLACED UPON THE NATIVES UNLESS YOU HAVE THEIR NAME TO PAPER. WEATHER VERY WARM IN THE MORNING UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK WHEN A BREEZE RISES AND CONTINUES UNTIL SUNDOWN WHICH MAKES IT VERY PLEASANT.

FEB/ 23--HAD THE PROMISE OF SIX MULES TODAY BUT DID NOT GET THEM. DO NOT FEEL VERY WELL TODAY, TOOK A DOSE OF MEDICINE IN THE EVENING.

PAGE 10--FEB. 24--FEEL BETTER THIS MORNING. ALMOST AN IMPOSSIBILITY TO HIRE MULES AT ALL. AGREED TO SEND COL. P. TO PANAMA TO PURCHASE MULES AT PANAMA TOMORROW.

FEB. 25--AM QUITE WELL THIS MORNING. COL. P. STARTED FOR PANAMA AT 5 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. I WENT TO A CATHOLIC SERVICE THIS MORNING, VERY FEW PEOPLE THERE. (SUNDAY)

FEB. 26--HAD A LITTLE RAIN THIS MORNING, WEATHER QUITE WARM.

FEB. 28--STARTED FOR PANAMA THIS MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK WITH MY BAGGAGE ON THE BACK OF A NEGROE, TWO MEN IN COMPANY WITH ME WITH THEIR BAGGAGE. FOUND THE ROAD MUCH BETTER THAN I EXPECTED. IT IS PERFECTLY DRY. TRAVELED ABOUT HALF WAY TODAY. AT NIGHT WE STOPPED ON THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN AT A NEGROE HUT, COULD GET NOTHING TO EAT EXCEPT WHAT WE BROUGHT WITH US. SLEPT OUT IN THE OPEN AIR UPON THE GROUND. ABOUT 50 PERSONS THERE ON THEIR WAY ACROSS.

PAGE 11--MAR. 1--AT 6 O'CLOCK STARTED ON OUR WAY ACROSS AFTER EATING OUR BREAKFAST ON SEA (?) BREAD AND HERRING. THE ROAD IS QUITE ROUGH AND MOUNTAINOUS, UP ONE MOUNTAIN AND DOWN ANOTHER ALL THE TIME. EXCELLENT WATER BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS IN STREAMS RUNNING BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS. ARRIVED AT PANAMA AT 3 O'CLOCK, VERY TIRED AND NEARLY WORN OUT.

PAGE 12--MAR. 2--HAVE COMFORTABLE QUARTERS HERE, TWO LARGE ROOMS FOR SLEEPING AND TWO ALSO FOR OUR FREIGHT. SLEEP UPON THE FLOOR WITH OUR KNAPSACKS FOR PILLOWS. WENT OUT THIS MORNING TO VIEW THE CITY. IT IS SURROUNDED ON TWO SIDES BY THE BAY OF THE SAME NAME, ON THE NORTH SIDE BY QUITE A HIGH MOUNTAIN AND ON THE EAST BY A VALLEY. MOST OF THE BUILDINGS ARE MADE OF STONE COVERED WITH EARTH. THE STREETS ARE NARROW AND PAVED WITH STONE. THREE SIDES ARE WALLED.

MAR. 3--THIS AFTERNOON SAW A COCK FIGHT, DID NOT STAY TO SEE BUT ONE MATCH, BOTH THE FOWLS WERE KILLED IN TWO MINUTES. THE WEATHER IS VERY WARM BUT QUITE HEALTHY.

PAGE 13--MAR. 4--THE ASSOCIATION PURCHASED A VESSEL AND ARE FITTING HER OUT WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE WE SHALL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

MAR. 13--THIS DAY WE COMMENCED MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR LEAVING, SENT ONE BOAT LOAD OF FREIGHT ABOARD THE VESSEL. FROM THE 4TH TO THE 13TH WE HAVE BEEN DOING NOTHING EXCEPT WALKING AROUND LOOKING AT THE WONDERS OF PANAMA. IT CONTAINS FROM 5 TO 10 THOUSAND INHABITANTS AND HAS ONE DAY BEEN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE BUT NOW ITS PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ARE IN RUINS, THE WALLS OF MANY OF THEM STILL PARTLY STANDING. THERE ARE SEVERAL FINE CHURCHES STILL STANDING IN WHICH THE CATHOLIC SERVICE IS STILL PERFORMED. THERE IS ALSO A NUNERY STILL KEPT UP-I VISITED THAT WITH SEVERAL OF THE CHURCHES.

PAGE 14--MAR. 14--THIS MORNING WE SENT THE BALANCE OF OUR FREIGHT ABOARD. AT 6 P.M. WE STARTED ON OUR WAY. WE RAN AS FAR AS THE ISLAND OF LOBOGO, TEN MILES SOUTH OF PANAMA TO TAKE IN THE BALANCE OF OUR PROVISIONS AND WATER.
(HE DOES NOT MENTION THAT THIS WAS HIS 21ST BIRTHDAY.)

MAR. 15--FINISHED PROVISIONING AND WATERING THE VESSEL. LOBOGO IS QUITE A LARGE ISLAND, ABOUNDS WITH TROPICAL PLANTS, ORANGES, PINEAPPLES, BANANAS, AND LEMONS, THE PINEAPPLES VERY LARGE AND FINE.

PAGE 15--MAR. 16--WE STARTED AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING FOR SAN FRANCISCO--HAD VERY LITTLE WIND UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK, THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY A FAIR WIND. WE HAVE ON BOARD THE VESSEL, BESIDES THE ASSOCIATION, 18 PASSENGERS, THE CAPTAIN, AND FIVE HANDS, MAKING IN ALL 49 SOULS. WE ARE VERY MUCH CROWDED, SEVERAL HAVING TO SLEEP ON THE DECK.

PAGE 16--MARCH 17--WE NOW BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE PLEASURES TO BE ENJOYED UPON A SAILING VESSEL ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN. WE LAY ALL DAY IN A CALM, NOT MOVING MORE THAN 12 MILES WITH THE SUN POURING ITS SCORCHING RAYS DIRECTLY UPON US AND NOT A BREATH OF AIR STIRRING AROUND US. WE GET OUR MEALS TWICE A DAY, OUR BREAKFAST AT 9 IN THE MORNING AND OUR DINNER AT 3 IN THE AFTERNOON. OUR FARE IS A HALF PINT OF COFFEE, A PIECE OF JERKED BEEF, SOME YAMS, FRIED AND SEA BISCUIT FOR BREAKFAST. FOR DINNER, WE HAVE SOUP, BEEF AGAIN AND RICE AND MOLASSES. OUR TABLE IS GENERALLY UPON OUR KNEES AS WE SIT UPON THE SIDES OF THE VESSEL.

PAGE 17--MAR.26--ARRIVED AT PUNTERENAS, A PORT ON THE COAST OF CENTRAL AMERICA, WITH THE EXPECTATION OF GETTING FRUIT, WATER AND PROVISIONS. CAST ANCHOR AT 5 P.M. WHEN WE WERE BOARDED BY THE CUSTOM HOUSE OFFICER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER WE HAD OUR PAPERS ABOARD WHICH WE GAVE TO HIM. HE TOOK THEM WITH THE PROMISE TO RETURN THEM IN THE MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK.

PAGE 18--MAR.27--WE WAITED UNTIL THAT TIME, WHEN NO SIGNS OF HIS APPEARING, THE CAPTAIN AND COL.Z WENT ASHORE IN THE YAWL TO GET THEM AND ASCERTAIN IF WE COULD LAND. WHEN NEAR THE SHORE THEY WERE MET BY A NATIVE MOTIONING THEM NOT TO LAND. THE PAPERS WERE THEN DEMANDED WHICH WERE BROUGHT TO THEM BY SAID NATIVE, WITH ORDERS FROM THE GOVERNOR NOT TO PERMIT US TO LAND, STATING THAT THEY WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY VESSEL TO LAND FROM THE PORT OF PANAMA, THERE BEING A RUMOR THERE OF A CONTAGIOUS FEVER PREVAILING AT THAT PLACE. THEY ACCORDINGLY PULLED TO THE VESSEL, WEIGHED ANCHOR AND PUT TO SEA AGAIN.

MAR. 28-29--PLEASANT WEATHER WITH A GOOD WIND IN OUR FAVOR.

PAGE 19--MAR. 30--THIS AFTERNOON WE ARRIVED AT THE PORT OF RIALAJO, WHICH IS SITUATED UPON A RIVER OF THE SAME NAME, 9 MILES FROM ITS MOUTH. WE RAN UP THE RIVER WITH THE VESSEL WITHIN 4 MILES OF THE TOWN WHEN THEY CAST ANCHOR AND WAITED TWO HOURS FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE PORT TO BOARD US. WHEN NO ONE APPEARED, THE CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL, COL. Z AND FOUR OTHERS MANNED THE BOAT AND RODE UP TO THE TOWN.

PAGE 20--MAR. 30--WHEN WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF THE TOWN THEY WERE MET BY THE OFFICER OF THE PORT, DEMANDING OF THEM THEIR PAPERS. THEY RETURNED TO THE VESSEL AND DELIVERED THEM OVER TO HIM. HE APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THEM AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE THEM TO THE PORT WITH HIM AND RETURN IN THE MORNING WITH

THE PHYSICIAN TO EXAMINE US AND IF HE FOUND NO DISEASE ON BOARD WOULD PERMIT US TO LAND.

PAGE 21--MAR. 31--AT NINE O'CLOCK THERE CAME A CANOE DOWN NEAR THE VESSEL WITH A LETTER TO THE CAPTAIN WHICH THEY TIED UPON A BUSH ALONG THE SHORE TO THE WINDWARD OF US, ORDERING US TO LIFT OUR ANCHOR AND GO TO THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER AND WAIT THERE TWO HOURS AND THEY WOULD THEN SEND A GUARD BOAT ALONG SIDE AND WOULD PROCURE FOR US WHATEVER WE MIGHT WANT. WE WAITED THE TIME APPOINTED. WHEN NO ONE APPEARED IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE VESSEL SHOULD RETURN AND THEY WOULD LAND BY FORCE. ACCORDINGLY AFTER CASTING ANCHOR NEAR OUR FORMER PLACE, 20 OF THE MEN STARTED FOR THE TOWN ALL ARMED TO THE TEETH. WHEN NEAR THERE, THEY WERE MET BY THE OFFICER, FORBIDDING THEM TO LAND AND STATING THAT IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD BE FIRED UPON. IN THE MEANTIME HE FORMED HIS GUARD CONSISTING OF 12 MEN ALONG THE BANK. OUR MEN AT THE SAME TIME MADE A RUSH FOR THE BANK. BY THE TIME THEY HAD LANDED, THE GUARD HAD DISAPPEARED AND THE OFFICER OF THE PORT THEN AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD LAND AND PURCHASE WHATEVER PROVISIONS WERE WANTED.

PAGE 22--APR. 1--THE FORE PART OF THE DAY PASSED OFF QUIETLY, IN THE AFTERNOON A REPORT WAS RAISED THAT A BODY OF CAVALRY WAS EXPECTED TO DRIVE US AWAY. THE MEN WERE CALLED TOGETHER AND WARNED TO STAND TO THEIR ARMS UNTIL THE TIME WAS ASCERTAINED. AFTER WAITING FOR AN HOUR AND NOTHING OCCURRING TO VERIFY THE REPORT, WE WERE DISMISSED, AND A GUARD DETAILED TO WATCH THE PAPERS, WE AT THE SAME TIME AGREEING TO REMOVE OUR ARMS TO THE VESSEL WHICH WAS DONE THE SAME EVENING. I ALSO RETURNED TO THE VESSEL AT THE SAME TIME;

PAGE 23--APR. 2--RETURNED TO THE TOWN THIS MORNING, EVERYTHING QUIET AND PEACEABLE. REALLY IT IS QUITE A RESPECTABLE LOOKING PLACE. THE PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ARE OF STONE GENERALLY LOOKING VERY NEAT AND CLEAN. THE PEOPLE ARE MOSTLY INDIANS. THERE IS AN AMERICAN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA WHO KEEPS A PUBLIC HOUSE AT WHICH WE FOUND----- AND ACCOMODATIONS.

PAGE 24--APR. 3-4--BUSY GETTING WATER AND PROVISIONS ABOARD. THIS AFTERNOON WEIGHED ANCHOR AND RAN TO THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER;

APR. 5--AT TWO O'CLOCK THIS MORNING WE WEIGHED ANCHOR AND STARTED OUR VOYAGE, GOOD WIND ALL DAY, CALM TONIGHT.

PAGE 24--APR.6--A GOOD WIND TODAY, KEPT CLOSE TO THE SHORE. THE LAND GENERALLY HIGH WITH SOME VERY HIGH MOUNTAINS, IS SAID SOME OF THEM ONE DAY HAVE BEEN VOLCANOES.

APR. 7--THIS MORNING OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND.

PAGE 25--APR.7-15--WE RAN OUT TO SEA AND DID NOT SEE LAND UNTIL THE 15TH, WHEN WE HOVE IN SIGHT OF LAND AND IN THE AFTERNOON SAW A SMALL VILLAGE CALLED ESTAPA, ONLY 100 MILES FROM RIAKJO. A HEAD WIND IN THE MORNING AND DRIFTED BACK 15 MILES.

APR.16-MAY 2--WEATHER WARM BUT VERY LITTLE WIND, MOST OF THE TIME BLOWING DOWN THE COAST. HAD SEVERAL THUNDER SHOWERS AND VERY SHARP LIGHTNING. WERE 30 DAYS RUNNING 800 MILES, VERY OFTEN NOT MAKING MORE THAN 10 MILES A DAY, AND TWO OR THREE TIMES FOUND OURSELVES IN THE MORNING SEVERAL MILES BELOW WHERE WE WERE AT NIGHT. PASSENGERS ALL IN GOOD HEALTH.

PAGE 26-MAY 3--THIS AFTERNOON CAME IN SIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOR OF ACAPULCO. BEAT ROUND THE ENTRANCE ALL NIGHT.

MAY 4--LAY IN SIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE UNTIL 11 A.M., WHEN WE MADE FOR THE ENTRANCE AND ARRIVED IN THE HARBOR AT 3 P.M. AND LET GO THE ANCHOR. WE WERE SOON BOARDED BY THE OFFICER OF THE PORT AND PERMISSION GIVEN US TO LAND.

MAY 5--WENT ASHORE THIS MORNING. THE TOWN IS SAID TO CONTAIN 2000 INHABITANTS, MOST OF THEM DESCENDANTS OF THE NATIVE INDIANS AND SPANIARDS. THEY TREATED US CIVILLY AND POLITELY.

PAGE 27--MAY 6--TODAY A BULL AND COCK FIGHT WERE HELD IN THE MAIN STREET UPON WHICH THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF BETTING AND WHICH THE NATIVES APPEARED TO TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF SPORT IN. THE TOWN IS SITUATED ON A LOW PIECE OF GROUND, ON THE SOUTH A BAY AND BOUNDED ON THE OTHER SIDE BY A VERY HIGH MOUNTAIN. THE BUILDINGS ARE ONE STORY BUILT OF SUN BURNED BRICK AND ROOFED WITH LEAVES OR GRASS. THEY HAVE QUITE A RESPECTABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE CENTER OF THE TOWN AND ALSO A PUBLIC SQUARE AND FOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. ORANGES, MELONS, PINEAPPLES, BANANAS, OLIVES AND COCOANUTS ARE HERE IN GREAT ABUNDANCE AND CHEAP. THERE IS NOT A WAGON OF ANY DESCRIPTION, THE PRODUCE IS ALL BROUGHT UPON THE BACKS OF MEN AND HORSES. (SUNDAY)

PAGE 28-MAY 8--TODAY COMMENCED TAKING IN WATER FOR THE VESSEL, ALSO PROVISIONS. REMAINED HERE UNTIL THE 15TH OF MAY

WHEN WE AGAIN SET SAIL AT 10 O'CLOCK AM.M TOOK WITH US FOUR MORE PASSENGERS. FAIR WIND NEARLY ALL DAY.

MAY 16-17--NOT MUCH WIND, MADE BUT LITTLE PROGRESS.

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PAGE 28-MAY 18--TODAY CAME UP WITH A SMALL VESSEL NAMED NAPOLEON, IN DISTRESS. EIGHT PASSENGERS ABOARD. HAD BEEN OUT OF WATER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A LITTLE WHICH THEY HAD DISTILLED. WHEN WE BOARDED THEM, THEY WERE OUT OF WOOD AND ENTIRELY OUT OF WATER. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LAND AND THEY HAD LOST FOUR MEN IN ATTEMPTING TO LAND IN SEARCH OF WATER. WE GAVE THEM A SUPPLY AND LEFT.

PAGE 29-MAY 19--NOT MUCH WIND, SAW THE NAPOLEON IN THE MORNING.

MAY 20-28--PART OF THE TIME A FAIR WIND AND COOL.

MAY 29--ARRIVED AT SAN BLASS AT 12 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT.

PAGE 30-MAY 30--TOOK IN PROVISIONS AND WATER AT SAN BLASS, A DIRTY MISERABLE MEXICAN TOWN WITH TWO OR THREE GOOD BUILDINGS. THE BALANCE WERE MERE HUTS BUILT OF STICKS AND MUD. THE INHABITANTS ARE A MIXED RACE OF INDIANS, SPANIARDS-AND NEGROES. THE MEN ARE A LAZY INDOLENT RACE OF MEN.

MAY 31--AT 11 O'CLOCK P.M. LEFT SAN BLASS.

JUNE 1-6--WERE CROSSING THE GULF, FAIR WIND MOST OF THE TIME AND THE LAST DAY QUITE A HEAVY BLOW.

JUNE 7--PUT IN THE BAY OFF THE CAPE OF ST. LUCAS, FITTED UP AGAIN WITH PROVISIONS AND WATER.

JUNE 8--LEFT THE PORT AND ROUNDED THE CAPE, A SEVERE BLOW AND ROUGH SEA.

JUNE 9--STILL ROUGH AND STRONG WIND.

JUNE 10--WIND CONTINUED AND SEA STILL ROUGH.

PAGE 31--JUNE 11-26--STRONG WIND AND ROUGH SEA NEARLY ALL THE TIME. OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND SINCE WE LEFT THE CAPE, FARTHEST DISTANCE FROM THE SHORE-600 MILES.

JUNE 27-29--NOT MUCH WIND.

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JUNE30--STRONG SOUTHWEST WIND AND HEAVY SEAS. TOOK IN ALL SAIL BUT THE MAINSAIL AND MAIN GIB AND THREE REEFS IN THE MAINSAIL. SHIPPED SOME HEAVY SEAS.

JULY 1--STRONG WIND BUT THE SEA NOT SO ROUGH.

JULY 2--A TREMENDOUS BLOW AND VERY HEAVY SEAS. TOOK IN ALL SAIL AND LAY TO.

JULY 3--AT 10 O'CLOCK THE WIND SLACKENED AND WE HOISTED SAIL...AT 4 O'CLOCK SAW THE SHORES OF CALIFORNIA.

PAGE 32-JULY 4--ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO AT 6 1/2 O'CLOCK P.M. ALL IN GOOD HEALTH, WEATHER VERY COOL.

JULY 5 WENT SHORE THIS MORNING, THE WEATHER QUITE COLD AND VERY WINDY. THE DUST FLYING IN THE STREET SO THAT WE COULD SCARCELY SEE. ONE-AND-A-HALF DOLLARS FOR A MEAL, 50 CENTS FOR A SMALL PIE, 12 CENTS FOR A CUP OF COFFEE. WAGES FROM 10 DOLLARS TO 20 DOLLARS PER DAY.

JULY 6--THE ASSOCIATION THIS DAY DISSOLVED BY MUTUAL CONSENT.

PAGE 32-JULY 7--GOT SOME STORE ABOARD FOR THE VESSEL TO GO UP THE RIVER, PURCHASED MOLASSES FOR 35 CENTS PER GALLON, BREAD 7 CENTS PER LOAF, SUGAR AT 8.

PAGE 33-JULY 8--THIS MORNING STARTED UP THE RIVER, WENT AS FAR AS VALENCIA, A SMALL PLACE 45 MILES FROM SAN FRANCISCO. WERE 3 HOURS AGROUND IN THE BAY.

JULY 9--STARTED THIS MORNING VERY EARLY. GOT AGROUND NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER WHERE WE LAY UNTIL 2 P.M. BEFORE WE WERE ADRIFT AGAIN, TONIGHT NEARLY EATEN UP WITH MOSQUITOES.

JULY 10--SAW GREEN CORN AND MELONS ALONG THE RIVER. AT SUNDOWN REACHED SUTTER'S VIEW, A SMALL PLACE 150 MILES FROM SAN FRANCISCO. SOME OF THE SOLDIERS STATIONED HERE.

PAGE 34--JULY 11--ARRIVED AT SACRAMENTO CITY AT 3 P.M. TODAY. THE LAST TWO MILES WE HAD TO PULL THE BOAT BY ROPES FASTENED TO THE TREES ALONG THE RIVER. WENT ASHORE AND PITCHED OUR TENTS ALONG THE BANK. THIS PLACE IS SITUATED UP THE VALLEY OF THE RIVER, IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE FOR A CITY.

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JULY 12-18--WERE BUSIED IN SEEING TO THE VESSEL AND GOODS AND SETTLING THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY. AFTER THE VESSEL AND GOODS WERE DISPOSED OF AND PRICE STRUCK, EACH MAN'S PROPORTION OF THE EFFECTS WAS \$189.00.

PAGE 35--JULY 18--STARTED FOR THE MINES AT 4 O'CLOCK. ENCAMPED UPON THE BANKS OF THE MEXICAN RIVER, 5 MILES FROM THE CITY.

JULY 19--TRAVELED TODAY 20 MILES OVER A LEVEL COUNTRY WITH VERY LITTLE TIMBER. AFTER LEAVING THE RIVER, THE COUNTRY WAS VERY DRY. THE CROPS ARE BURNED UP BY THE HEAT OF THE SUN, FOUND THE WATER NEARLY ALL DRIED UP.

JULY 20--TODAY TRAVELED 15 MILES, THE COUNTRY NEARLY THE SAME AS YESTERDAY.

JULY 21--TODAY TRAVELED 15 MILES, MORE TIMBER AND THE COUNTRY MORE MOUNTAINOUS.

PAGE 36--JULY 22--SUNDAY--UPSET OUR WAGON TODAY AFTER GOING THREE MILES AND BROKE NOTHING BUT THE TONGUE. GOT ALL TO RIGHTS IN A SHORT TIME. THE ROAD IS BAD AND VERY HILLY. AT 3 O'CLOCK ARRIVED AT THE MINES. PUT UP OUR TENT AND RESTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

JULY 23--THIS MORNING MADE OUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT DIGGING BUT DID NOT MAKE OUR BOARD TODAY.

JULY 24-29--AVERAGED THIS WEEK \$20.00 APIECE, DO NOT THINK THE PROSPECT OF MAKING MUCH MONEY IN CALIFORNIA VERY FLATTERING.

PAGE 37--JULY 29-AUG 5--THIS WEEK ABOUT THE SAME AVERAGE. THE LAST DAY OR TWO, THE WEATHER HAS BEEN MUCH COOLER. DO NOT THINK MUCH OF WORKING IN THE MINES OF CALIFORNIA, THUS FAR, TOO HARD WORK FOR THE AMOUNT RECEIVED. NEARLY ALL THE MEN HAVE LEFT THE BAR, SOME GONE TO THE CITIES AND UP AND DOWN THE

RIVER. RICHMOND'S FEVER LEFT HIM AND HE NOW HAS THE FEVER AND AGUE.

PAGE 38--AUG 12-19--THIS WEEK OUR EARNINGS ARE \$30.00 PER PERSON. WORKED 3 DAYS UPON THE BAR AND THE BALANCE OF THE TIME UP THE RIVER A MILE, DONE VERY WELL FOR ONE DAY WHEN THE PLACE GAVE OUT. RICHMOND MUCH BETTER, HAS NOT BEEN VERY WELL THIS WEEK.

AUG 19-25--THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THIS WEEK MADE \$9.00 PER MAN, THEN WENT DOWN THE RIVER TWO MILES WHERE WE DID MUCH BETTER. THIS WEEK HAVE THOUGHT LESS OF CALIFORNIA THAN EVER. MADE UP MY MIND NOT TO STAY MUCH LONGER IN THE MINES UNLESS OUR PROSPECTS BECOME MUCH BETTER.

PAGE 39--AUG 26--RICHMOND LEFT US FOR SACRAMENTO CITY. MR. MILLER ALSO LEFT THIS WEEK, OUR PARTY NOW REDUCED TO 4. THIS WEEK I EARNED \$17.00.

AUG. 26-SEPT. 2--STILL AT WORK DOWN THE RIVER. HAVE HAD THE TOOTHACHE NEARLY ALL WEEK. THIS WEEK HAVE MADE \$78.00.

SEPT. 2-9--WEATHER MUCH COOLER. STILL AT WORK AT THE SAME PLACE THIS WEEK. MADE \$95.00.

SEPT. 9-16--THIS WEEK, MADE \$128.00, WORKING ON THE SAME BAR.

SEPT. 16-23--THIS WEEK MADE \$56.00 BUT TWO OF US ARE WASHING MOST OF THE TIME. FISHER & P.W.L. BUILT A DAM BELOW ABOUT A HALF MILE.

PAGE 40-OCT. 1--ALL AT WORK ON THE SAME BAR. DIVIDED \$80.00

OCT. 7--AT WORK AT THE SAME PLACE. FISHER NOT WELL THIS WEEK. DIVIDED \$64.00.

OCT 14--STILL AT WORK ON THE SAME BAR. FINISHED IT UP YESTERDAY. FISHER WELL AGAIN. DIVIDED 80.00.

OCTOBER 24--MONDAY--WENT TO THE MIDDLE FORK AND WAS PROSPECTING FOR SIX DAYS UP AND DOWN THE RIVER. FOUND NOTHING ENCOURAGING. SUNK 2 OR 3 LARGE HOLES UPON THE BAR AND FOUND NOTHING. ON SUNDAY CAME BACK TO THE NORTH FORK AND COMMENCED 1/2 MILE ABOVE SAILOR'S BAR TO WORK. MADE ABOUT \$12.00 WHOLE WEEKS WORK \$20. WEATHER QUITE WARM.

PAGE 41-OCT.28--THIS WEEK BUILT A WING DAM ON THE SAILOR'S BAR. DID NOT PAY VERY WELL, MADE \$68.00. WEATHER SOMEWHAT COOLER AT NIGHT.

NOV. 5--WORKED 4 1/2 DAYS THIS WEEK AND MADE \$70.00. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY HAD CONSIDERABLE RAIN.

NOV. 11--RAINY WEATHER MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AND ON THURSDAY MORNING IT CLEARED AWAY. LING AND MYSELF WENT TO THE DRY DIGGINS TO PURCHASE A MULE AND SOME PROVISIONS. ON FRIDAY APGAR AND LIVINGSTON STARTED TO PROSPECT FOR DRY DIGGINS. COMMENCED RAINING AT NIGHT. ABOUT NOON THEY RETURNED. RAINED NEARLY ALL NIGHT, THIS MORNING CLEARED AWAY. HAVE NOT WORKED AT ALL THIS WEEK.

PAGE 42-NOV. 18--SUN. MON. AND TUESDAY CLEAR. APGAR AND P.W.LEGANIS STARTED TO PROSPECT FOR DRY DIGGINS. WERE GONE THREE DAYS AND RETURNED, NOT BEING ABLE TO REACH DEER CREEK IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE BAD ROADS AND RAIN. THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK VERY RAINY.

NOV.25--CLEAR WEATHER ALL THE WEEK. MOVED TO THE AUBURN DRY DIGGINS. THE FORE PART OF THE WEEK WERE PROSPECTING THROUGH THE COUNTRY AND FOUND NOTHING VERY ENCOURAGING. PROVISIONS BEING VERY HIGH AND THE PROSPECT OF DOING MUCH VERY POOR. MADE UP OUR MINDS TO GO TO SACRAMENTO AND THERE SPEND THE WINTER. LEFT AUBURN ON THURSDAY AT NOON AND ARRIVED IN SACRAMENTO SATURDAY NIGHT AT DARK.

PAGE 43-DEC.2--THIS WEEK DID NOT DO ANYTHING BUT WALK ABOUT THE CITY. THE WEATHER FINE, A GREAT MANY PEOPLE HERE. THE STREETS FILLED WITH TEAMS LOADING FOR ALL PARTS OF THE MINES.

DEC.9--THIS WEEK LIVINGSTON, FISHER AND MYSELF PURCHASED A BOARDING HOUSE AND COMMENCED DOING BUSINESS ON THURSDAY MORNING.

DEC. 16--STILL IN THE SAME BUSINESS AND GREAT DEAL OF RAIN AND VERY STRONG WINDS.

DEC.23-30 AND JAN. 6-9 (1850)--THE TOWN OVERFLOWED. 11TH WENT TO THE (COL.).

13TH --WAS TAKEN SICK WITH BILIOUS FEVER, KEPT TO MY BED FOR THREE WEEKS.

PAGE 44-FEB.3-18--FEEL A GREAT DEAL BETTER. WALKED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, IMPROVING THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK. THE WATER NEARLY GONE FROM THE CITY AND THE PEOPPLE ARE AGAIN RETURNING. THE WEATHER BRIGHT AND PLEASANT.

FEB. 10--AM ABLE TO WALK AROUND AND FEEL VERY WELL EXCEPT WEAK.

FEB. 17--MY HEALTH STILL IMPROVING. BUSINESS IN THE CITY IS NOW BEGINNING TO GET QUITE LIVELY. THE STREETS FILLED WITH TEAMS LOADING FOR THE MINES AND GREATNUMBERS GO TO THE MINES IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. ON THE 22ND APGAR LEFT FOR THE MINES.

PAGE 45--FEB. 24--THIS MORNING WAS AGAIN TAKEN WITH A BILIOUS ATTACK WHICH WAS BUT SLIGHT, ONLY LASTING FOR A FEW HOURS. ON THE 25TH SOLD OUT THE BUUILDING AND FIXTURES FOR \$700.00 NOW ALMOST WELL.

MAR.3--ON MONDAY COMMENCED WORKING AT THE CLINTON HOUSE FOR \$100.00 PER MONTH. TUESDAY, FISHER AND LIVINGSTON STARTED FOR THE MINES OF THE YERBEE RIVER. THE WEATHER VERY UNPLEASANT WITH CONSIDERABLE RAIN.

MAR.9--WENT TO THE HOUSE ON SECOND STREET AND STAYED UNTIL WEDNESDAY WHEN I FELT UNWELL. DID NOT GO BACK AGAIN. THE WEATHER VERY DISAGREEABLE AND UNPLEASANT, RAINY ALMOST EVERY DAY. BUSINESS OF ALL KINDS IMPROVING AND THE PLACE BEGINS TO PRESENT QUITE A LIVELY APPEARANCE.

PAGE 46--MAR.17--ON SATURDAY LEFT THE CLINTON HOUSE AND BEGAN TO BOARD AT THE EAGLE HOUSE. FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS HAVE FELT VERY BAD, HAVING AGAIN BEEN TAKEN WITH BILIOUS FEVER.

MAR. 24--THIS WEEK FEEL BETTER AGAIN. THE WEATHER NOW PLEASANT.

MAR. 29--STARTED TO MANY'S HILL ON THE YHAR RIVER AND ARRIVED THERE 31ST.

APRIL 1--STARTED FOR THE BIG BAR OF THE YHAR RIVER AND ARRIVED THERE THE NEXT DAY. NOT MUCH DOING AT MINING ON ACCOUNT OF HIGH WATER.

PAGE 47-APRIL 7--HAVE WORKED BUT TWO DAYS THIS WEEK ON ACCOUNT OF THE HIGH WATER. WEATHER WARM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY AND COOL IN THE EVENING. WORKED TWO DAYS THIS WEEK FOR

DOC DAVEY--WORKING FOR \$2.00 PER DAY.

APRIL 14--THIS WEEK WORKED FOUR DAYS . WEATHER QUITE COOL AND SOME RAIN.

APRIL 23--WORKED ON THE BAR.

APRIL 23--AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, STARTED TO GO UP THE RIVER AND GOT ON THE WRONG ROAD. WENT THREE MILES AND THEN DISCOVERED OUR MISTAKE AND TURNED BACK. TRAVELED ABOUT TWENTY MILES.

PAGE 48-APRIL 24--STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING ON OUR WAY. THE ROAD ROUGH AND HILLY. HAD A GOOD DEAL OF TROUBLE TO GET THE TEAM ALONG, TRAVELED FIFTEEN MILES AND CAMPED IN A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE VALLEY FOR THE NIGHT.

APRIL 25--STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING AND WENT ABOUT TWO MILES WHEN THE TEAMSTER THOUGHT IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO FARTHER WITH HIS LOAD. UNLOADED OUR STUFF ON TOP OF A HILL AND HE RETURNED, LEAVING US TO GET ALONG AS WE COULD. WE PITCHED OUR TENT AND CONCLUDED TO STOP UNTIL WE COULD GET A CONVEYANCE TO CARRY US ON. AT NIGHT IT WAS QUITE COLD AND THE WIND BLEW ALMOST A HURRICANE, BLOWING OUR TENT DOWN. THE MOST DISAGREEABLE NIGHT I HAVE SPENT IN THE COUNTRY.

PAGE 49-APRIL 26--WHEN I AWOKE THIS MORNING I FOUND THE SUN ABOUT TWO HOURS HIGH. AS I UNCOVERED MY HEAD, IT'S DAZZLING RAYS ALMOST BLINDED ME. THE WEATHER WARM AND PLEASANT, PRESENTING A STRIKING CONTRAST TO THE PREVIOUS EVENING, AND ALSO A SPECIMEN OF THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF CLIMATE OF THIS COUNTRY AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.. CONTINUED HERE THROUGH THE DAY WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO FIND MEANS TO GO ON. OUR ENCAMPMENT IS A ROMANTIC AND BEAUTIFUL SPOT. AT A SHORT DISTANCE BELOW US, RUNS A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE STREAM OF PURE MOUNTAIN WATER AND ON EVERY SIDE OF US THE LOFTY HILLS AND TALL AND WAVING PINES. NOT A HUMAN VOICE NEAR US EXCEPT OCCASIONLY A TEAMSTER HURRYING ALONG HIS WEARY TEAM AND AT NIGHT OUR ONLY MUSIC, THE MOANING OF THE WIND AND AN OCCASIONAL HOWL FROM THE MOUNTAIN WOLF. TONIGHT MADE OUR BED UNDER A STURDY OLD OAK AND ENJOYED A SPLENDID NIGHT'S REST.

PAGE 50-APRIL 27--TODAY ENGAGED MULES TO PACK US TO THE FORK OF THE (SIKER-) RIVER AT 40 CENTS PER.

APRIL 28--STARTED AT TEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AND TRAVELED 10 MILES TO FOSTER'S BAR AND CROSSED THE RIVER. THEN ENCAMPED FOR THE NIGHT. THE ROAD VERY HILLY AND A TREMENDOUS HILL TO GO DOWN BEFORE GETTING TO THE RIVER.

APRIL 29--WAS KEPT WAITING TILL NOON BY THE PACKERS. WE THEN LOADED OUR GOODS AND STARTED, TRAVELED ABOUT 20 MILES UPHILL NEARLY ALL THE WAY, SAW CONSIDERABLE SNOW ON THE NORTHY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. TRAVELED THROUGH SOME SPLENDID PINE TIMBERS, SOME OF THE TREES TEN FEET IN DIAMETER.

PAGE 51-APRIL 30--STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING ON OUR WAY, TRAVELED OVER SNOW SIX FEET DEEP, CROSSED THE RIVER AT GOODYEAR BAR. THE MOUNTAIN TO DESCEND BEFORE REACHING THE RIVER IS ABOUT FOUR MILES LONG AND IN SOME PLACES SO STEEP WE HAD TO WIND AROUND IT TO GET DOWN. ARRIVED AT THE FORKS ABOUT SUNDOWN, THE LAST SIX MILES OF THE TRAIL VERY BAD AND DANGEROUS FOR MULES TO TRAVEL.

MAY 1--PITCHED OUR TENT 1/2 MILE UP THE FORK AND REMAINED THERE DURING THE DAY. A GREAT MANY PEOPLE HERE THOUGH NOTHING IS DOING AT MINING ON ACCOUNT OF HIGH WATER

PAGE 52-MAY 2--STARTED TO PROSPECT THIS MORNING, TWO GOING UP THE SOUTH AND TWO UP THE NORTH FORK. I WENT UP THE NORTH FORK AND PROSPECTED NEARLY ALL DAY BUT NOTHING OF ANY CONSEQUENCE.

MAY 3--TRAVELED ABOUT 6 MILES FARTHER UP THE RIVER (?ESMES). A CLAIM AND THEN RETURNED. THE PARTY OF THE NORTH FORK HAVING BEEN MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL, WE CONCLUDED TO GO UP THAT STREAM.

MAY 4--STARTED UP THE RIVER WITH ABOUT 50 LBS OF STUFF ON MY BACK. CARRIED IT ABOUT 8 MILES TO OUR CLAIM.

MAY 5--RESTED DURING THE DAY. COMMENCED WORK AND CONTINUED THROUGH THE WEEK, ALTHOUGH NOT ABLE TO DO MUCH IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIGH WATER.

MAY 8--APGAR FELL AND HURT HIMSELF WHILE PROSPECTING.

PAGE 53-MAY 11--THIS WEEK BEEN DAMMING THE RIVER. THREE OF US AT WORK ONLY, MR. APGAR AND MR. BRAGDON UNWELL. THE WATER VERY HIGH, THE WEATHER VERY WARM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY AND COOL AT NIGHT.

MAY 18--THIS WEEK FINISHED OUR DAM AND WORKED 1 1/2 DAYS IN IT. TOOK OUT ABOUT \$25.00 APIECE. HAD QUITE A SHOWER OF RAIN ON THURSDAY. THE WEATHER COOL AND THE WATER QUITE LOW.

MAY 25--WORKED THREE DAYS IN OUR DAM AND FOUND NOTHING TO PAY US TO CONTINUE. HAVE MADE UP OUR MINDS TO LEAVE.

MAY 29--LEFT AND MOVED DOWN TO THE FORKS.

MAY 30--WENT PROSPECTING THIS MORNING BUT FOUND NOTHING. CONCLUDED TO GO FARTHER DOWN THE RIVER.

MAY 31-JUNE 1--STAYED AT THE FORKS WAITING FOR MULES TO PACK OUR BAGGAGE DOWN THE RIVER.

PAGE 54-JUNE 3--LEFT THE FORKS AND TRAVELED 15 MILES. CAME UP ONE OF THE MOST TREMENDOUS MOUNTAINS I HAVE YET TRAVELED OVER. WERE THREE HOURS REACHING THE TOP. IT IS SAID TO BE SIX MILES LONG.

JUNE 4--STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING AND ARRIVED AT GLOSTEN AT 5 O'CLOCK AFTER HAVING TRAVELED 20 MILES. WE ENCAMPED THEN FOR THE NIGHT. VERY LITTLE DOING AT MINING ANYWHERE ALONG THE RIVER AS YET. MR. APGAR IS QUITE UNWELL.

JUNE 5--LEFT FOSTER'S BAR AND TRAVELED 16 MILES.

JUNE 6--TRAVELED 20 MILES.

JUNE 7--ARRIVED AT MARYVILLE.

PAGE 55--JUNE 8-9--CONTINUED IN THIS SAME PLACE. THE WEATHER WARM AND DRY. BUSINESS OF ALL KINDS DULL, THE REPORTS FROM THE DIFFERENT MINES NOT VERY FAVORABLE.

JUNE 10--LEFT MARYVILLE AND CAME TO SACRAMENTO CITY. ARRIVED AT 10 O'CLOCK P.M.

JUNE 11-16--CONTINUED IN SACRAMENTO. WEATHER QUITE COOL. HAVE NOT BEEN WELL THIS WEEK. RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FATHER AND ALSO WROTE ONE IN ANSWER. BUSINESS IS GENERALLY DULL AND THE REPORT FROM THE MINES RATHER UNFAVORABLE AT PRESENT.

JUNE 17--PURCHASED A HORSE AND STARTED AGAIN FOR THE MINES, AND ARRIVED AT KELLY'S BAR ON THE NORTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER ON THE 19TH, AND CONCLUDED TO STOP FOR A FEW DAYS.

PAGE 56-JUNE 20--WENT TO WORK TODAY AND MADE \$10.00. THE PROSPECTS ALONG THE RIVER ARE DULL.

JUNE 22--WENT ABOUT FOUR MILES UP THE RIVER PROSPECTING, BUT FOUND NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE ME.

JUNE 23--TODAY IS SUNDAY. HAVE THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF MY HOME AND MY FRIENDS TODAY AND LONG TO BE WITH THEM ONCE MORE. HAVE MADE UP MY MIND NOT TO ROAM MUCH LONGER IN THIS COUNTRY.

JUNE 30--HAVE WORKED THIS WEEK 4 1/2 DAYS AND MADE ABOUT \$45.00. THE WEATHER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY IS EXCESSIVELY HOT, THE SUN ALMOST MELTING ONE DOWN FOR FIVE HOURS SO HOT WE DO NOT WORK. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COMING DAILY TO THE MINES AND CROWDING THE ALREADY OVERCROWDED STREAMS TO OVERFLOWING, AND THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THEM SOON WISH THEMSELVES AWAY AND THOSE THAT HAVE THE MEANS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES WHICH I THINK THEY HAD BETTER NEVER HAVE LEFT. I HAVE SEEN MORE PEOPLE WITHIN THE LAST MONTH SICK OF THE COUNTRY THAN THOSE WHO WERE OTHERWISE.

PAGE 57--JULY 1--ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE WEATHER WAS EXCEPTIONALLY HOT. THE THERMOMETER AT NOON STANDS AT 120 IN THE COOLEST PLACE. THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK MORE PLEASANT AND NOT SO WARM. WORKED FOUR DAYS AND MADE \$32.00.

PAGE 58-JULY 7--ON MONDAY WENT UP THE RIVER PROSPECTING ABOUT 4 MILES. SAW NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE US TO MOVE. A GREAT MANY PEOPLE AT WORK ALONG THE RIVER, MANY OF THEM ENGAGED IN DAMMING AND CANALING. THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE JERSEYMEN. ON TUESDAY CAME DOWN THE RIVER AGAIN AND COMMENCED WORK. MADE ABOUT \$42.00 THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK. WATER FALLING QUITE FAST AND THE WEATHER PLEASANT. ON FRIDAY EVENING AS WE WERE GOING TO BED, WE FOUND A LARGE RATTLESNAKE WITHIN THREE FEET OF US, AS USUAL, HE GAVE HIS WARNING. IN JUMPING OUT OF HIS WAY I STRUCK MY FOOT AGAINST A STONE AND HURT IT SO I AM QUITE LAME.

PAGE 59--JULY 14--ON MONDAY CAME UP THE RIVER AND MADE A ROCKER AT KELLY'S BAR. ON TUESDAY CAME DOWN THE RIVER TWO

MILES AND COMMENCED WORK. WORKED ABOUT THREE DAYS AND MADE ABOUT \$40.00 ON THURSDAY WAS TAKEN WITH A SEVERE ATTACK OF BILIOUS FEVER AND DYSENTERY AND WAS NOT ABLE TO WORK THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

JULY 21--DID NOT WORK THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THIS WEEK. ON THURSDAY FELT MUCH BETTER AND WENT TO WORK, MADE \$27.00

JULY 28--WORKED FIVE DAYS THIS WEEK AND MADE \$70.00 WEATHER PLEASANT AND QUITE COOL AT NIGHT.

AUG. 4--THIS WEEK MADE \$60.00 WEATHER WARM AND WATER FALLING FAST.

PAGE 60-AUG.11--THIS WEEK WORKED THREE DAYS AT DIGGING AND THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK BUILT A WING DAM. TOOK OUT \$23.00

AUG. 18--FINISHED OUR DAM ON MONDAY. TUESDAY COMMENCED TO WORK AND MADE \$102.00.

AUG.25--THIS WEEK MADE \$35.00. BUILT A DAM AND FOUND NOTHING.

PAGE 60-SEPT. 1--MADE \$45.00. WE WORKED THURSDAY ON OUR DAM, THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK ON THE BAR.

SEPT. 8--THIS WEEK HAVE HAD A COLD, NOT BEEN VERY WELL. DID NOT WORK ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON OR SATURDAY, MADE \$75.00 WEATHER QUITE COOL, AND CLOUDY ALL THE WEEK WITH A LITTLE RAIN.

PAGE 61-SEPT. 15--CLOUDY TWO OR THREE DAYS WITH A LITTLE RAIN. MADE \$42.00.

SEPT. 22--RAIN ALL MONDAY NIGHT AND THE WATER ROSE TWO FEET. THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK CLEAR AND WARM. MADE \$60.00

SEPT.29--MADE \$90.00

OCT. 6--HAD TWO OR THREE SHOWERS OF RAIN THIS WEEK. WEATHER COOL. WORKED FOUR DAYS, MADE \$30.00, ON SUNDAY WENT TO THE MIDDLE FORK MINDER'S BAR.

OCT. 14--WORKED AND MADE \$20.00

OCT.15--CAME TO THE CONCLUSION TO LEAVE THE RIVER. MOVED OUR THINGS UP TO THE BAR.

PAGE 62-OCT.16--STARTED FOR HANGTOWN, TRAVELED 7 MILES WHEN MR. STEWART BECAME UNWELL. STOPPED UNTIL THE NEXT DAY. OUR FRIEND BEING BETTER, STARTED AT 9 O'CLOCK AND ARRIVED AT COLLOMER AT 1 O'CLOCK. DECIDED TO STOP FOR THE DAY.

OCT.17--LEFT EARLY IN THE MORNING AND ARRIVED AT HANGTOWN AT 1 P.M.

OCT. 18--WENT TO WHITE ROCK VALLEY IN THE MORNING AND RETURNED IN THE EVENING, A FEW PEOPLE AT WORK THERE, BUT NOT DOING MUCH, WATER BEING SCARCE.

PAGE 63-OCT.19--LEFT HANGTOWN FOR SACRAMENTO CITY. A GREAT MANY PEOPLE IN HANGTOWN, MOST OF THEM THROWING UP DIRT.THE PROSPECT FOR WINTER HERE IS POOR, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MADE UP OUR MINDS TO RETURN.

OCT.20--ARRIVED IN JACREAS ABOUT NOON AND CONTINUED THERE UNTIL THE 25TH. THE CHOLERA RAGING HERE QUITE FATAL. MR. APGAR TALKS OF GOING HOME. HE IS TAKING \$125 IN DUST FOR ME TO MR. RAFFERTY AND \$16.00 TO FATHER.

OCT.25--LEFT SACRAMENTO AND ARRIVED AT MORMON ISLAND AT DARK, THE ROAD VERY DUSTY AND THE WEATHER WARM, HAVE NOT FELT WELL TODAY.

PAGE 64- OCT. 26--WENT DOWN THE RIVER THIS MORNING TO SEE MY FRIEND MR. FISHER, BUT COULD NOT FIND HIM, LEFT AT TEN O'CLOCK, STOPPED AT SALMON FALLS FOR DINNER, STARTED AGAIN, TRAVELED ABOUT TEN MILES AND PUT UP FOR NIGHT.

OCT.27--STARTED FOR KELLY'S BAR WHERE WE GOT OUR TOOLS ETC. AND THEN LEFT AT ONE O'CLOCK P.M. AND GOT BACK TO WHERE WE HAD STARTED OUT IN THE MORNING.

OCT. 28--STARTED AGAIN AND ARRIVED IN HANGTOWN AFTER DARK.

OCT.29--WENT TO WORK CLEARING UP THE CABIN AND GETTING SOME PROVISIONS.

PAGE 65-OCT. 30--WENT TO THROWING UP DIRT AND CONTINUED THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

NOV. 3--COMMENCED CUTTING WOOD FOR THE WINTER AND HIRED A TEAM TO HAUL IT. FOR 4 DAYS OF THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN UNWELL AND UNABLE TO WORK. ON TUESDAY RECEIVED WORD OF THE DEATH OF

MR. APGAR FROM CHOLERA IN SACRAMENTO CITY. HE DIED THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER, 1850.

NOV. 10--WORKED PART OF THE WEEK, THE PROSPECT HERE IS VERY POOR; TOO MANY PEOPLE, THE MINES WELL DUG OVER.

NOV. 17--WORKED THIS WEEK AND MADE MY BOARD, HAD SOME RAIN.

PAGE 66--NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY CONTINUED IN HANGTOWN, HAD VERY LITTLE RAIN HERE, SCARCELY MADE EXPENSES.

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FEB. 28--LEFT HANGTOWN AND WENT TO WORK AT WHITE ROCK, 5 MILES DISTANT, AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE 17TH OF MAY, WHEN I LEFT AND CAME TO HANGTOWN. MADE \$340.00.

MAY 20--RETURNED TO WHITE ROCK AND CONTINUED THERE UNTIL THE 17TH OF JULY, WHEN I LEFT AND WENT TO HANGTOWN.

PAGE 67-JULY 17--STARTED FOR THE NORTH FORK AND ARRIVED THERE IN THE AFTERNOON, AT KELLY'S BAR.

JULY 18--LAY STILL, DID NOT FEEL VERY WELL.

JULY 19--WENT DOWN THE RIVER TO PROSPECT AND FOUND THE RIVER WELL WORKED AND EVERYTHING CLAIMED.

JULY 20--STAYED AT THE BAR.

JULY 21--WENT TO (AUBURN?) AND THEN CONCLUDED TO GO TO SACRAMENTO.

JULY 22--ARRIVED IN SACRAMENTO ABOUT NOON, MADE UP MY MIND TO GO HOME.

JULY 22-28--CONTINUED IN SACRAMENTO CITY. BUSINESS OF ALL KINDS DULL.

PAGE 69-JULY 28--STARTED FOR SAN FRANCISCO AT 2 O'CLOCK ON BOARD THE WILSON G. HUNT. RAN A RACE WITH THE SENATOR TO BENVIR AND BEAT HER ABOUT ONE MINUTE, FROM THERE TO SAN FRANCISCO. BROKE OUR BLOWER AND DID NOT GET IN UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK A.M. I PURCHASED A TICKET ON BOARD THE STEAMER INDEPENDENCE FOR SAN JUAN AND

ALSO ON THE OTHER SIDE ON THE STEAMER PROMETHEUS FOR NEW YORK.

JULY 30--WENT OUT TO THE MISSION "DELORES" THREE MILES FROM THE CITY. FOUND THERE AN OLD SPANISH CHURCH AND SEVERAL ADOBE BUILDINGS. IT IS SITUATED IN A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY. THE SOIL IS RICH AND WELL ADAPTED TO CULTIVATION. VEGETABLES WERE GROWING VERY ABUNDANTLY.

JULY 31--AT 4 P.M. WENT ON BOARD OUR STEAMER ON OUR WAY. WIND BLOWING PRETTY STRONG IN THE HARBOR, BUT WHEN WE CAME OUTSIDE IT DIED AWAY AND WE HAD A SMOOTH SEA AND WEATHER.

PAGE 70-AUG. 1--FINE DAY.

AUG. 2--FINE DAY ALSO.

AUG. 3--RAN INTO SAN DIEGO, BUT DID NOT GO ASHORE. CONTINUED THERE OVER THREE HOURS AND THEN STARTED ON OUR WAY.

AUG. 4-9--VERY PLEASANT WITH LITTLE WIND.

AUG. 10--AT 4 P.M. ARRIVED AT ACAPULCO, WENT ASHORE AT NIGHT. FOUND THE PLACE VERY LITTLE ALTERED SINCE '49. THERE IS A GOOD HOTEL KEKPT BY AMOS, AT WHICH WE HAD GOOD ACCOMODATIONS.

AUG. 11--AT 6 P.M. WE STARTED ON OUR WAY FOR SAN JUAN.

AUG. 11-15--VERY FINE WEATHER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A LITTLE RAIN. ALL WELL ON BOARD.

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AUG. 16--AT 1 O'CLOCK ARRIVED AT SAN JUAN DEL SUR, IN THE AFTERNOON WENT ON SHORE. TWO OR THREE POLE HUTS CONSTITUTE THE TOWN, EVERYTHING IN CONFUSION, ALL THE PASSENGERS RUSHING TO GET MULES FOR CROSSING, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANYTHING TO EAT. AT LAST I GOT SOME HARD-BOILED EGGS AND SOME BREAD WITH WHICH I MADE MY SUPPER. RAINY NEARLY ALL THE TIME.

AUG. 17--THIS MORNING BOUGHT A TICKET THROUGH SAN JUAN DEL NORTE AND STARTED FOR VIRGIN BAY (THE STEAMBOAT LANDING ON NICARAGUA), FOUND THE ROAD VERY WET AND MUDDY. THE FIRST 5 MILES WE TRAVELED OVER A VERY HILLY COUNTRY, COVERED OVER WITH TIMBER AND THICK UNDER BRUSH. THE BALANCE OF THE WAY 8 MILES OVER A MARSHY AND ROLLING GROUND. THE SOIL APPEARS TO BE RICH AND WITH LABOR COULD BE MADE A FAIR FARMING COUNTRY.

ARRIVED AT VIRGIN BAY AT ONE O'CLOCK, FOUND THE LAKE STEAMER (HINCTOR?) WAITING FOR US . WENT ON BOARD AFTER TWO HOURS. STARTED AT SIX O'CLOCK. SHE IS CROWDED TO EXCESS AND ROLLING ALL THE TIME, THERE IS BUT LITTLE SLEEPING HERE TONIGHT. I MADE OUT UPON OUR TRUNK AND DID VERY WELL.

PAGE 73-AUG. 18--FINE MORNING. AT NINE O'CLOCK, LEFT THE LAKE AND RAN DOWN THE NICARAGUA RIVER THIRTY MILES, THEN LEFT THE BOAT AND TOOK (BUNGARS?) OVER THE RAPIDS ABOUT 25 MILES. GOT ON BOARD THE STEAMER S.L. BULNE, A HUNGRIER SET OF MEN IS SELDOM SEEN. HAVEN'T HAD SCARCELY ANYTHING TO EAT SINCE WE LEFT VIRGIN BAY AND THE WORST IS THAT WE CAN GET NOTHING TO EAT. HOWEVER WE HAVE THE PROMISE OF A BISCUIT AND SOME RAW PORK FOR OUR BREAKFAST, AND WITH THAT CONSOLATION WE HAVE SPREAD OUR BLANKETS UPON THE DECK AND WILL TRY AND SLEEP FOR THE NIGHT.

PAGE 74-AUG.19--STARTED DOWN THE RIVER AT FIVE O'CLOCK, WENT DOWN BELOW, MY RATIONS OF BREAD AND PORK WHICH WITH A BOTTLE OF RUM I MADE A TOLERABLE BREAKFAST. THE NICARAGUA RIVER IS A BEAUTIFUL RIVER, ITS BANKS ARE SIMILAR TO THE CHAGRES. AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER GOT AGROUND FOR HALF AN HOUR, BUT GOT AFLOAT AND LANDED AT GRAYTOWN OR ST. JOHN AT 12 O'CLOCK, FOUND THE STEAMER WOULD BE IN UNTIL THE 24TH OR 25TH.

PAGE 75-AUG.20--PUT UP AT THE UNION HOTEL WHERE WE HAVE GOOD BOARD FOR \$1.25 PER DAY, WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF LODGING ON THE FLOOR, WHICH WE CONSIDER A LUXURY. THIS PLACE LIES ON A LOW PIECE OF GROUND AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER. THERE IS SOME BUSINESS DONE HERE NOW AND WHEN THE ROUTE ACROSS GETS OPEN, WILL BE A PLACE OF CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH UNHEALTHY FOR PEOPLE FROM THE NORTH.

AUG.24--ONE OF THE PASSENGERS DIED TODAY OF FEVER AND SEVENTEEN MORE ARE SICK. THE STEAMER ARRIVED TODAY AT NOON AND WILL LEAVE ON TUESDAY. \$1,000.00 WAS STOLEN FROM ONE OF THE PASSENGERS YESTERDAY AND NO TRACE OF IT FOUND.

AUG.25--WENT ON BOARD THE STEAMER PROMETHEUS.

PAGE 76-AUG. 26--STARTED AT 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. A GOOD DEAL OF RAIN AND DISAGREEABLE.

AUG.27--ALSO RAINY. A GREAT MANY SEASICK, MYSELF AMONG THE NUMBER.

AUG.28--BURIED ONE OF OUR PASSENGERES TODAY WHO DIED OF FEVER TAKEN ON THE ISTHMUS. MORE PASSENGERS OUT TODAY. MADE 268 MILES.

AUG.29--PASSED THE ISLAND OF CUBA THIS MORNING. FINE DAY, WENT 250 MILES.

AUG.30--THE SEA CALM WITH FINE PLEASANT BREEZE.

AUG.31--VERY ROUGH WITH STRONG WINDS FROM THE NORTH. SOBER FACES TODAY ON BOARD. MANY CASTING THEIR ACCOUNTS IN THE CUP.

PAGE 77--SEPT. 1--MORE PLEASANT TODAY, THE WIND S'ILL HIGH. EXPECTATION RUNS HIGH WITH THE PROSPECT OF BEING IN NEW YORK TOMORROW.

SEPT.2--SEE MANY VESSELS TODAY BUT WILL NOT REACH OUR DESTINED PORT BEFORE MIDNIGHT. MANY SIT UP TO HAIL THE LIGHT OF HOME AGAIN, BUT AS I COULD NOT HASTEN ITS APPROACH BY SO DOING, SHALL GO TO MY BERTH.

PAGE 78--SEPT.3--ARRIVED AT THE QUARANTINE GROUND AT STATEN ISLAND AT 2 A.M. ALL WAS NOISE AND GRAND REJOICING ON BOARD. I CAN NOT SAY THAT I FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE GRAND JUBILEE, NOT HAVING ENTIRELY GIVEN UP CALIFORNIA. MY INCLINATIONS STILL POINT TO THE FAR, FAR WEST. STILL AS WE GLIDE ALONG, THE SIGHT OF OLD FAMILIAR THINGS HAVE A CHARM THAT WILL ALWAYS BE ATTRACTIVE. THE SPIRES OF OLD NEW YORK BEGIN TO SHOW THEIR GLITTERING TOPS AMONG WHICH I NOTICE THAT OF OLD TRINITY TOWER ABOVE THE REST. IT IS NOW ALMOST 8 A.M. AND WE ARE IN SIGHT OF CASTLE GARDEN. THE CONFUSION AND STIR IS TOO GREAT, SO I SHALL STOP FOR THE PRESENT. ARRIVED AT THE WHARF AT 8 O'CLOCK. THE FIRST THING WAS TO GET BREAKFAST, THEN TO GET A HAIRCUT, SHAVE, ETC. AND NEXT TO GET A DECENT SUIT OF CLOTHES TO GO HOME, WHICH WAS SELECTED. I LOITERED AND WALKED AROUND TOWN UNTIL 2 P.M. WHEN I STARTED FOR OLD LAMINGTON AND IN ALL MY TRAVELS THERE WAS NO PART OF IT I REALLY ENJOYED SO MUCH AS MY TRIP FROM NEW YORK TO NEW BRUNSWICK. EVERY LITTLE TOWN, MEADOW, DALE, AND FIELD APPEARED TO POSSESS ATTRACTIONS NEVER BEFORE NOTICED AFTER HAVING BEEN SO LONG IN ALMOST A WILDERNESS. THE IMPROVED AND CULTIVATED FIELDS, THE NEAT FENCES, FINE GARDENS AND MORE NEATLY PAINTED HOUSES, PRESENTED A CONTRAST SO GREAT I COULD NOT BUT STOP AND THINK AND MAY SAY THAT I ALMOST REJOICED THAT I WAS AGAIN IN A CIVILIZED LAND AS WE, WHEN FAR AWAY WOULD CALL OUR FORMER HOMES. AT 5, ARRIVED AT ISELIN. SAW AGAIN SOME OLD FAMILIAR FACES BUT DID NOT MAKE MYSELF KNOWN.

PAGE 80-SEPT. 3--HALF PAST FIVE ARRIVED AT NORTH BRANCH. THERE MET E. COX AND THEN WENT WITH HIM HOME.

PAGE 81-SEPT. 4--NEXT MORNING WENT TO UNCLE S. AND GRANDFATHER'S AND THEN FOR HOME, WHERE I ARRIVED AT 11 A.M., AND FOUND THEM ALL WELL. IT IS NOW 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT AND WHAT A DAY I HAVE HAD OF IT WITH ANSWERING QUESTIONS, RELATING MY ADVENTURES AND GREETING OLD FRIENDS. I CAN SCARCELY SPEAK ABOVE A WHISPER.