The Great S beach is the principal beach on the S shore of long Island. It is about 40 miles long without an inlet & 4 or 5 miles from the main land. separated from it by a very long & shallow bay which in two instances it took me 5 hours to cross on account of head winds. The bay abounds in oysters clams & every inhabitant almost has an oyster boat. This beach alone is 40 miles long without an inlet & half a mile wide or less rarely rising more than 25 feet above the ocean at any point. It is pure sand without rocks--thinly covered with beach & other grasses & shrubs. The western end near Fire Island Inlet is called Fire Island beach from some low sunken islands of that name in the Bay opposite. There are but 4 houses worth speaking of on the whole beach--Selah Strong's at the Light H. one mile from the Western extremity--Felix Dominy's Public house another public house 1 mile furth east--Smith Oakes
3 ms further & Homans 10 miles

further still. There are 2 or 3 temporary fisherman’s bunks beside. Dominys is deserted in the winter. A mile further west across the vertical line is use mark not cancellation.