inlet commences the West Beach.

Almost every family on the neighboring main
land owns a large oyster boat and such
as did not chance to be on the ground
at the time of the wreck--instantly repaired
thither at the time even some women & chil-
dren taking their [provision]--for the pur-
pose of plunder. This they do not pretend
to deny. There are some proper pirates
among them but most do not de-
serve this name--they are rather
low thieves & pilferers without the spirit
of pirates-- A Thorough investigation
would implicate many apparently
respectable people--and I found there
were inclined to
in the [shops] many who ^ hold fast to the property
spoils which their husbands & sons had
stolen, who had already fitted to them-
selves the dresses of the drowned--& were
unwilling to give them up as mementoes to
relatives of the departed
their friends. ^ In the village of Patchogue
& Sayville especially I should say that
whose hands are quite clean of this business

Probably the inhabitants of no shore would have

those ^ honest are in the minority. ^ It behaved worse

the honest

will take ^ a long time & [unusual en-]

deavor for them to wipe out the

which their towns have incurred
disgrace. ^ I found that Islip & Babylon

& Probably

would have been equally disgraced if

inhabitants

their ^ had not been delay by a head wind. their] they

I saw cartloads of [all most]
& the possessor trembled when I whispered of the small pox that it was he had stolen with them

[for there] Oil was sold for little or nothing in that neighborhood--& soap they would not have to buy for many a year for a long time. For whom it would be a fitter punishment that they be publicly whipped than that I heard of in Patchogue who had they be hanged--^ persons who have no visible means of support--who would tell you how they live if you would will give them 5 dollars--
The thieves told me that they Who withdrew a little & divided the spoil--(while the friends of the dead are seeking their remains)--this will do for your child & that for your wife--these were the expressions which they themselves quoted to me. I found the young men playing at dominoes with their hats decked out with the spoils of the drowned. Who trembled when I told them of the small pox they may have stolen with them.

Some ^ heard that there were 3000 dolls in of the Marchioness rings on the fingers. barrels of oil the] her
haf a mile
wer rolled across the beach ^ in the night
& carried off in boats
^though a guard had been set over them ^
trunks were stolen
chests of sewing silk carried off & cc for 2 or
3 nights following. They stole from
one another--what some had hid in the
bushes others stole again--according to the
testimony of a third party.
They went along the shore stoving open boxes & chests & swearing when they did not find what they wanted. & the insufficient guard. Probably there is no worse population in these respects on any coast. & the captains remark is born out that he had better have gone ashore among pirates—i.e. so called honorable pirates.

On Wednesday evening as I walked down the beach I saw great quantities of coarse rags & wood 4 or 5 miles west of the wreck which at first loomed up in the distance like rocks 10 or 15 feet high-- Everything like a pocket among the rags was filled out with sand by the action of the waves though every one had been ripped open. I picked up the skirt of a gentlemans coat with a pair of linen gloves beside it the latter so knotted up among the rags
that I could not separate them without
a knife--yet the fingers were filled
with sand as if there was a hand in them.
I ripped a button off from the former
which I afterward compared with one
which I ripped from a coat known
by the beads in the pocket
to be Ossoli’s ^ at Oakes on Saturday
I do not remember whether the latter coat had lost its skirt. The beach was covered with almonds & juniper berries sometimes in heaps of a bushel or more--& half a mile from the water--and a few bars of castile soap rolled into cylinders & spirally striped like a barber pole.

I saw many leaves of a large unbound Latin Book--scattered over the beach a mile from the wreck. The Universal Anatomy of Paul Mascagnius Pisa 1826

Oakes’ is a proper pirates house with the stern ornaments of wrecked vessels over the doors. Oakes was once a car man in N. York--his house has been searced and he has had much trouble already on account of his dealings with wrecked vessels.

The Captain signs himself “Henry P Bangs Master ship Elizabeth.”

I heard of one of her knees 10 miles east of the wreck on Wednesday.

Selah Strong was there at 3 or 4 PM.
Gregory saw a man with six hats on.