

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 & children taking their [provision]--for the purpose of plunder. This they do not pretend to deny. There are some proper pirates among them but most do not deserve 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 <sup>were inclined to</sup> in the [shops] many who <sup>^</sup> hold fast to the <sup>property</sup> ~~spoils~~ which their husbands & sons had stolen, who had already fitted to themselves the dresses of the drowned--& were unwilling to give them up as mementoes to <sup>relatives</sup> of the departed ~~their friends~~.<sup>^</sup> 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 [w]hen 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 <sup>for many a year</sup> ~~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

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.~~  
had

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.

~~[learn from] themselves.~~

They went along the shore stoving open boxes & chests & swearing when they did not find what they wanted. <sup>in spite of</sup> ~~& 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 un-  
bound Latin Book--scattered over the Latin] latin  
beach a mile from the wreck. The  
Universal Anatomy of Paul Mas-  
cagnius Pisa 1826

Oakes' is a proper pirates house with *vertical line is use mark not cancellation*  
the stern ornaments of wrecked vessels  
over the doors. Oakes was once a car man in  
N. York--his house has been searched 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 saw~~ 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.