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At 2½ o clock A.M. on Friday they had soundings at 21 fathoms, & thinking they were off the Jersey shore NE by E half E. the wind being S. SE, working round to S. (Oakes said that the wind never held long at the SE.) Both he & the Captain expected to know only their latitude, not their longitude! That was too difficult a calculation. The storm was now raging. “Did the Captain turn in?”

“He was in his room & would come out & ask what the weather was.” The ship struck at 10 minutes before 4. About 2 hours afterward the cabin became untenable and the sailors helped the passengers forward to the forecastle, which was stronger; the latter being in their nightclothes. The ship lay along parallel with the shore, headed east, tipped up on the S. or
which was forward to the forecastle where the ship, the latter being in their night clothes was stronger-- The ship now lay along parallel with the shore headed east-- the S or windward side the leeward down the deck tipped up on the S or windward sloping toward the shore--one end about as high

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I found the engraving at Oakes They said that they got left out of the trunk. I found the gown & one article of the child’s dress at Dan. Jones Patchog the other article of the child’s dress at John Skinners in the same village—they said they were picked up 1½ or 2 miles east of the wreck. There were more things here & elsewhere which were either not worth taking or not worth waiting to see.

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seal rings with a kind of family seal on them. He got the money which was in doubloons, about 70 dollars, this he knew was all she had, except some drafts—also the seal rings, & besides two other lady’s rings, one of them with white stones in it, her breast pin, & her eyeglass with a gold handle, & a heavy gold chain—which she did not wear that morning. These things which were more than she asked for, he brought to her, & she told him if she & her husband were lost, to send the child to the Marquis Ossoli, New York.

He supposed that she meant her husband. The Ossoli’s sat still & silent. The child did not cry. Margaret sat in her white night dress, flat on the deck, with her back to the bulwarks on the upper or windward side, & her feet toward the foremast; the sea breaking over all, though the
toward the foremast--The sea breaking over all, though the bulwarks afforded some protection. A smooth place under the lee of the vessel toward the shore was favorable for the passengers getting off.

Having put Mrs Hasty on a plank--he started--swimming behind & pushing her before & they landed about 11 o'clock without any assistance–He complained of a sore chest produced by the sea throwing the plank against him–This was an heroic exploit–& proves great strength courage & skill–They completed about the first eight that got ashore. He stayed on shore till the vessel went to pieces, & was the last of the crew that left the spot.
(He said that) the fishermen had not courage enough to launch the lifeboat--that they might have launched it without risk of life, he had seen a whale boat launched in as rougher sea. If it had been the coast of England they would all have been saved. The men sat for an hour or two on the side of the boat, now doing nothing, but now & then picking up a hat that came ashore. He was at this time the only one of the crew on the shore, there. / They did not begin to load the mortar till it was too late--till the foremast fell--& then they had brought but one ball, though they had plenty of them at the Light House(. 4 or 5 miles distant) One man said, that 'he had done enough, he was not going back for another.
the light House. One man said that he had done enough—he was not going back for another. Did the Captain do his duty?” I asked. “I should think he did what he could. I don’t know,” he said that nobody would come ashore with him.” (The Captain did not get ashore till after the Mate.)

With regard to the sea washing their clothes off he said mate. Celesta’s clothes were torn off perhaps by spikes in the wreck.

Davis & the Captain evidently were not on good terms with one another—The former did not know that B. was gone to Phila till I told him, but apparently he did not wish to say anything against him.)
He said that the Ossolis had four trunks, perhaps five–two pretty large ones, two smaller—one pretty large case full of books—a tin box marked M. F. which he painted over, letters & all, lead color on the voyage. & some more small baggage. A small black iron bound trunk which I saw at Oakes’ was Margaret’s. He saw her put her watch into it. This came ashore empty before his eyes. (The contents of the other were saved, it being late in the day & many people present. It landed itself, & was rolled over & over up the beach.) He saw ladies’ clothing bonnets &c. taken out of the larger trunk when it was opened at Oakes’– He knew that Mrs Hasty never had a tasselled dress such as I found & described to him, but he saw such a one on the voyage—in Margaret’s trunks—two of which were often open before him.

He said that the cook was the only American among the crew—and he was “wild” i.e. intoxicated.
most of the time. The rest were very steady.

Account of John Helstrom a Swede–Carpenter–
last 2nd mate–Davis interpreting.
The Ossolis–Paulina, cook steward Sandford, &
himself & Westervelt were in the forecastle
till it commenced breaking up, which was a few minutes
before the forecastle fell. Then they all
left the forecastle immediately. He
left the forecastle immediately.
The carpenter & Sandford went up the fore mast then which
of course was somewhat slanted over the water–
then the cook & Ossoli–he
helping the latter [lifted up] & The steward [got] --
got up with the child in his arms its legs & arms
& arms sticking out– Same time Sandford
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but the bare mast to cling to; then another
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breaking up of the forecastle. — —

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the earliest on the spot of those who admit that
they were there at all. They happened to be
were on the beach on Friday morn that morn

They happened Selah Wood said to be in the bay with their oyster boat under the shelter of the beach.

There were many other boats a little further north. Wood said that about 2 hours after sunrise the storm a little abating they saw the ship a mile & a half distant over bay & beach—& later went across. The foremast was standing the midmast was off at the top— the main mast cut every sea broke over all. The tide was falling when he got there it had up to the sand hills off short. The sailors kept shouting to him & he to them in vain—he motioning toward Oakes'—that he would go there. There were many chests all stove open, broke with open, and some of their locks prized off.”

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in the Bay in their oyster boat directly opposite. There were many other boats a little farther north seeking the shelter of the beach. Wood who behaved like one suspected & to be suspected said (I omit what has been related) that about 2 hours after sunrise, the storm a little abating, he saw the ship a mile & a half distant over bay & beach, & both went across. The foremost was standing, the midmast was off at the top, the main mast cut off short. Every sea broke over all. The tide was falling when he got there. It had been over the beach as far as the sand-hills, & came over again afterward. The sailors kept shouting to him & he to them in vain through the wind & surf—he motioning toward Oakess that he would go there. Most of the sailors & passengers effects had already
wagon track & a mans track & fresh horse dung--leading at last toward Oakes'.

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own boat ^ lay upset in the Bay, ^ Oakes ^ had
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&c came in & threw himself wet on to the
side of his bed & fell into a sound sleep. Was
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rubbed his eyes & did not know where he was

for a long time. sent a man for the
3½ miles off at the L H ^ at the L H and 3 . . . off marked to transpose
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own boat still lay bottom up in the water.
Oakes said that he had been out early attending
to his boat garden &c., came in, threw himself
wet on the side of his bed, & fell into a
sound sleep. Was waked up about 9 o'clock
out of a very deep sleep, & told that there was
a vessel ashore. He jumped up, (he jumped up
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then another came ashore he went after the former directing him to go on & hasten
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drowning & the rolling ^ while he stayed at
again to show us,) rubbed his eyes, did not
know where he was for a long time. Sent a
man for the life boat at the Light House 3½
miles distant. He met one sailor 20 rods
from the shore, there being nobody else there
He was in good heart,--Oakes directed him
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er came ashore, & he sent him after the for-
mer, directing him to go on to the Light
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to his middle pulled him out with difficulty. He rolled him in a barrel on the shore & in a few minutes he cried “Oh, don’t, you hurt me!” speaking up pretty strong. Then they desisted, wrapped him up in a buffalo skin, & took them all to the house in the wagon—the captain talking by the way. He was the farthest gone of any that were saved, & did not get over the drowning & the rolling which last hurt his breast, while he stayed on the beach.

Mrs Oakes said that she could see the vessel & passengers plainly from the windows—she from Mrs Oakes said the first two sailors rested 15 minutes in her house then went on to the L. H. 3½ miles distant—one came back with the boat—the other not.
After the first 13 got ashore at low tide, there was an interval of an hour or two during which none left the vessel. By this time there were 30 or 40 men on the beach, principally from the boats in the bay. Meanwhile Mrs Oakes got clothing ready for the Ossolis in her bed-room & kept a fire going. The vessel went to pieces about 3½ P. M.--though they did not observe the time. She thought that Mrs Hasty would have fainted when she heard that the ship was all gone to pieces. Mrs Hasty told her that Margaret wanted Mrs Hasty to get ashore & hasten the life-boat. One man Sandford, who had life in him when he came ashore, was not restored--was perhaps wounded by a spike. Paulina washed ashore entirely naked about 4 P. M. (One man told me that he saw her washing about before this with clothes on.) The crew & Mrs
It requires 8 or 10 men to get the life boat to the shore--they had to row it down in the bay 3½ miles then get it across the beach half a mile more. In the winter there are not enough men on the beach to man the life boat & no body is made responsible for the use of it--or is paid for any service in it. Its complement is 7 men 1 to steer & requires Its should have ^ 6 to row. & 1 to steer. The boa

It did not reach the wreck till about 12-- If it had been there at 10½ or at low tide they might all have been saved. Storm at its height in the morning--vessel broke up at high rate in the afternoon.

Hasty 15 in all came directly to Oakes’ & stayed there a day or two\——\— The storm was at its height in the morning, but it was equally bad & worse for the vessel considering its condition at flood tide in the afternoon--at which time she broke up. (It requires 8 or 10 men to get the life boat to the water--more in fact than are on the whole beach in the winter--it being placed on an elevation at a considerable distance from it. It should be nearer & something like a railway provided. Then they must row it down on the inside of the beach in the Bay--7 men are the complement--& finally transport it across the beach half a mile wherever the wreck is.) At present it is made nobody’s business to use, & nobody is paid for service in, the life boat. It did not reach the wreck till almost noon. If it had been there at 10½ says Oakes,
One man told me that he saw Bangs tear up a page part print part writing at Oakes—and Oakes told him not to do that again.

According to all accounts the sailors behaved well & were remarkably ready to assist the passengers. At Oakes’ they used such expressions as “fine lady” “kind lady” with reference to Margaret. xx The child had nothing but its nightgown on at first, when found it was entirely naked. It came ashore soon after the vessel broke up. Mr Oakes brought it up in a buffalo in his wagon. & Mrs Oakes who laid it out in a little blue dress found in the trunk, says, ‘It was a quite long stout & fleshy child, with a large head which it would have outgrown” Mrs Hasty told her it had just begun to talk, Italian & English

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Fuller. Mrs Hasty told her it had just begun to talk Ital & English. It had “very short thin hair, a little lightish” & its hand bled the next day. It was buried Saturday afternoon 50 rods west of the house about 3 feet deep, as deep as the water would permit.

She said that Mrs Hasty was 28 or 9 years old. Had her husband’s likeness on her wrist & his gold watch still running when she got to the house. That Mrs Hasty thought they might all have been saved if they had followed the captain’s advice. She & Margaret split a cotton handkerchief & tied their money about their persons. 60 or 70 dollars each. When they struck the passengers were all abed. There was great confusion, the water coming into the cabin, every wave poured over them.

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Then she got on her knees & prayed an hour as hard as she could pray. & then kept quiet. Ossoli made a ^ prayer all kneeling & the waves washing over them in the forecastle, referring to Mrs Hasty as one of another faith. Mrs Hasty could not endure the thought of being crushed by the deck which was lifted by each wave. The crew in the mean while were above them fixing to get off at low tide.

Few could remember such a storm at this season of the year.

The marble [caused] that at the first thump she broke her knees off like pipe staves
I got a gown & one article of the child[ds]
dress at Daniel Jone's Patchogue

The other article of the child's dress at
Patchogue

at John Skinner's nearby, where also I [brought]

I saw ^ a calico dress like the pattern^
much torn--with silk fringes--and drawers

The above articles were picked & a night gown torn. up 1½ or 2 mi E. of wreck.

Elikom Jones said he would forward a
which a Quorum man had got
ladies shift ^--perhaps with the initial S M F on it--

At Carman's Rowland's in Patch--
a gentleman's shirt a heap of rags

At Wm Gregory's rumor of a
child's petticoat & He said his

brother had much more

2 | Orrin Rose of Sayville had something
   & Obadiah Greene

1 | Wm Smith near Patch. a child's striped
| 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 family abounds in oysters clams & every inhabitant large almost has an oyster boat. This beach alone is 40 miles long without an inlet & half a mile wide rarely rising more than 25 feet above the ocean at any point. It is pure sand without rocks--thinly covered with beach & other grass, & shrubbery. The western or W end near Fire Is. inlet is called Fire Is. Beach from some half sunken islands of that name in the Bay opposite. There are but 4 houses worth naming |

| The great South Beach is the principal one on the South Shore of Long Island. It is separated from the mainland by a very long & shallow bay four or five miles wide, seen over which its low sand hills loom up in the horizon like small islands The Bay is famous for oysters clams &c. It took me 5 hours to cross it in two instances on account of head winds. This beach alone is 40 miles long, without an inlet, & half a mile wide rarely rising 25 feet above the ocean at any point. It is pure sand without rocks, thinly covered with beach & other grass, & shrubbery. The western or W end near Fire Is. inlet is called Fire Is. Beach from some half sunken islands of that name in the Bay opposite. There are but 4 houses worth naming |
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speaking of on the whole beach--Selah Strongs at
the Light H. one mile from the Western
extremity--Felix Dominy's public house
another public house 1 mile further east--Smith Oakes'
low public house 3 miles farther, & Homans 10
miles farther E. still. There are 2 or 3 temporary
fishermen's bunks beside. People come off from the
neighbouring shore & from N. Y. to various parts of
the beach to frolic in the surf. A sail to the beach
is a common recreation of the inhabitants of the neighbouring towns. One
mile further west across the inlet is West Beach. Almost every family in the
neighbourhood has a large oyster boat, & all
who were not already on the spot, & to whom the
wind was fair, repaired immediately to the wreck--
even some women, taking their provisions with them
The inhabitants of Babylon were mostly delayed
[by] a [head] wind. But those of Sayville, Patchogue,
Quorum--&c were early there. They were for the
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 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 themselves 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 most part idle & reckless persons, with a large proportion of low thieves & a few genuine pirates among them. There were thieves of high & low degree whose deeds were described to me by themselves. Some had heard that there were 3000 dollars in [jewels] on the finger of the Marchioness. They stole from one another extensively--& property which [had] a guard placed over it, they rolled off across the beach to their boats in the night--Almost every chest & box was broken open with thievish & dare devil curiosity by night & by day in spite of the guard &c &c
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
will take a long time & unusual endeavor for them to wipe out the
disgrace. I found that Islip & Babylon
& Probably would have been equally disgraced if
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 a long time. For whom
it would be a fitter punishment that
they be publickly 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 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 the Marchioness' rings on her fingers. barrels of oil were rolled across the beach in the night & carried off in boats though a guard had been set over them. chests of sewing silk were stolen &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 gentleman's 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 searced and he has had cancellation 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.

| I found the engravings (some small engravings of Italian pines & firs in Villa Gardens & one or two others) at Oakes They said they were left out of the trunk. The clothing at Daniel Jones’ & John Skinner’s Patchogue The hats of the young men, who were playing at dominoes, were ornamented with the buttons & tassels of the dress which their mother had already fitted to herself. They said that they picked them up a mile & a half or two miles east of the wreck. |