

**Thoreau's draft**

**Hoar's copy**

Houghton Library, MS Am 3032  
(diplomatic version: Thoreau's revisions are reproduced)  
All of Thoreau's revisions are highlighted in gray. Notes in right margin report revisions that can't be represented: "conversed] talked" means that Thoreau initially wrote "talked" and then wrote "conversed" over "talked".

Boston Public Library, MS 1813  
(edited version: Hoar's few revisions have been incorporated)  
Elements Thoreau revised in his penciled draft that appear in this MS as he revised them are highlighted in gray. Vertical spaces have been added to facilitate comparison.

The only ones of the survivors who remained on board till the vessel broke up were the carpenter & the cook. I conversed with the former & the mate, but the cook was not to be found when I called. He was the only American among the crew, & the only one who was unsteady- He was intoxicated most of the time on shore.

[Mem] Hasty & the captain had left [earlier] & I did not see them.

Account of Charles W Davis

1<sup>st</sup> Mate. A Hanoverian. Who went out from N orleans.

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many & Italy. The child did not  
talk. He understood that Bangs had  
been Captain of one or two vessels before.

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& thinking they were off the Jersey shore  
soundings at 21 fathoms--& ^ headed

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~~had~~ said that a SE wind ~~did not~~  
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raging-- "Did the Captain turn in?"

I asked-- "He was in his room!"

and would "come out and ask what the  
weather was"--^ About 2 hours afterward

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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 un

tenantable 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

forward to the fore-castle <sup>which wa</sup> ~~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

*Written vertically, bottom to top, in the left margin:*

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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ret forward the rigging and sail had  
fallen across midships so that it  
was dif. to get under or ove it--while  
the sea was breaking over their heads.  
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money out of her desk? or portfolio?  
and then she ^ would have enough to pay her  
passage to New York--also two large

windward side, the deck sloping to leeward--one  
end about as high

as the other-- When he helped  
Margaret forward, the rigging & sail had fallen  
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under or over it, while the sea was breaking  
over their heads. Margaret then asked him to get  
her money out of her desk? or portfolio? and then she  
said, she would have enough to pay her passage  
to New-York--also two large seal rings, with a

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all in them. He got ^ the money which was all in doubloons about 70 dollars & the except some drafts all she had, ^ he said, except some drafts--

also the seal rings & beside, 2 other ladies smaller ^ rings & one with white stones in

*not sure about &; one] with*

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^ gold handle & heavy gold chain which did wear that mornin she had not ^ worn lately. recently. These

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if she & her husband were lost to send

the child to the marquis of Ossoli in

New York. He supposed that she meant

her husband. The Ossolis sat

There was still & silent. The child did in her white night dress not cry-- Margaret sat ^ with her

back to the bulwarks on the upper-- flat on the deck widward side ^ & her feet on the deck

*flat . . . deck] first marked with a caret to follow side then circled and marked to insert after sat*

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also the seal rings, & besides two other smaller 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

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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 <sup>afforded</sup> ~~were~~ some  
protection. A smooth place under the  
lea of the vessel toward the shore was  
favorable for the passengers getting off.  
Having <sup>put</sup> ~~started with~~ Mrs Hasty on a  
plank--he started--swimming behind & pushing  
her before & they landed about 11 o'clock  
without any assistance ~~for~~ <sup>He</sup> complained  
of a sore chest produced by the sea throwing  
the plank against him. This was a heroic  
exploit, and <sup>great strength</sup> ~~proves~~ a <sup>strength</sup> <sup>^</sup> courage  
~~strength & skill which few at this dis-~~  
~~tance can appreciate.~~ They completed  
[about] the 1<sup>st</sup> eight that got ashore.  
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to pieces and was the last of the crew  
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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.

<p>men on shore  <del>(He said that)</del> the fishermen had not courage  enough to launch the lifeboat--<del>that</del>  they might have launched it without risk  of life, he had seen a whale boat launched  in as <sup>a</sup> 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, <del>now</del>  doing nothing, but now &amp; then picking  up a hat that came ashore. He  <sup>2</sup> was at this time the only one of the crew  <del>on the shore.</del> there. / They did not be-  gin to <u>load</u> the mortar till it was too  late--till the foremast fell.--&amp;  then they had brought but one ball  <sup>1</sup> though they had a plenty of them at a] <i>inserted</i></p>	<p>The men on shore had not courage enough to  launch the life-boat- They might have launched  it without risk to their lives; he had seen a  whale boat launched in as rough a sea. If it  had been the coast of England they could all have  been saved. The men sat for an hour or two on  the side of the boat doing nothing but now  &amp; then picking up a hat, (part of the cargo) that  came ashore. They did not begin to load the  mortar till it was too late--till the fore mast  fell--though it had been there an hour or two  --&amp; 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.</p>

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come ashore with him." (The Captain  
did not get ashore till after the  
With regard to the sea washing their clothes off he said  
mate.) ^ Celesta's clothes were torn

2 | off perhaps by spikes in the wreck.

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on good terms with one another--the  
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He said that the Ossolis had 4 trunks, perhaps 5--2 "pretty large ones" 2 smaller--one "pretty large case full of books"--a tin box ~~which~~ marked MF letters & all which he painted over ^ lead color ^ on the voyage & some more small baggage

A small black iron bound trunk which I saw at Oakes' (~~he said~~) was Margaret's, & He saw her put her [watch into] it. He saw ladies bonnets clothing &c taken out of the larger trunk when it was opened at Oakes'.-- He knew that Mrs Hasty never had a tasselled ~~found & described to him~~ dress--such as I ~~described~~ but he saw such a one on the voyage--in Margaret's trunks--2 of which were often open before him.

He said that the cook was the only American among the crew--& he was "wild" i.e. intoxicated

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He said that the Ossolis had four trunks, perhaps five--2 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 colour, 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 an one on the voyage in

<p>most of the time. The rest were very steady.</p>	<p>Margaret's trunks two of which were often open before him.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">a swede</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Account of John Helstrom ^ carpenter</p> <p>last 2<sup>nd</sup> mate--Davis interpreting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paulina</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Ossolis--^cook--steward--Paulina &amp;</p> <p>(himself (&amp; westervelt? too?) probably)</p> <p>Sandford^ were in the forecastle till the forecastle commenced breaking up which was a few minutes before the foremast fell. Then they all left the forecastle immediately. He The carpenter &amp; Sandford went up the fore mast then which of course was somewhat slanted over the water-- then the cook &amp; Ossoli--the carpenter &amp; sandford helping the latter [lifted] up &amp; The steward got up with the child in his arms its legs &amp; arms sticking out-- ^Same time Sandford [had] Paulina on the forerigging-- When they W] w</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paulina</p>	<p>Account of John Helstrom a Swede-Carpenter-- last 2<sup>d</sup> mate-Davis interpreting.</p> <p>The Ossolis, Paulina, cook steward Sandford, &amp; himself &amp; Westervelt were in the forecastle till it commenced breaking up, which was a few minutes before the foremast fell. They all left the forecastle immediately- He &amp; Sandford went up the foremast-then the cook &amp; Ossoli, he &amp; Sandford helping the latter. The steward got up with the child in his arms, its legs &amp; arms sticking out- 'Did he take the child by force?' He did not see, but supposed he did not.</p> <p>At the same time Sandford had Padena in the forerigging. When he &amp; Sandford helped Padena up</p>

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mad Ossoli was standing behind her nex to  
the mast--^but when they turned for her  
the sea had washed taken her off. She was  
drowned before her husband or child--he was  
very sure of this. a few seas after washed  
off the top by which Ossoli held & left  
nothing but the bare mast ^--then another  
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or after this or at the same time he ^ looked he] the  
up & ^ the child was no longer in the arms of  
the steward. Then Came a sea &  
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about 15 minutes after the forecastle began  
to break up.

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in Patchogue Selah Wood & Daniel Jones  
who were the earliest ^ who admit that they

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behind her next to the mast, but when they  
turned for her, the sea had taken her. She was  
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very sure of this. A few seas after washed off  
the “top” by which Ossoli held & left him nothing  
but the bare mast to cling to; then another  
sea washed him off. Either directly before or  
after this, or at the same time, he could  
not tell which, he looked up & saw that the child  
was no longer in the arms of the steward- Then  
came a sea & washed them all off together.  
It was only about fifteen minutes after the  
breaking up of the forecastle. + +

Selah Wood & Daniel Jones of Patchogue, were  
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.

~~who behaved like one suspected & to be suspected~~

-- Wood ^ said \that about 2 hours

~~& omitting what has been related--~~

after sunrise the storm a little abating ~~they~~ they] he

saw the ship a mile & a half distant over bay

& beach--& later went across. The fore-

mast 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

~~been ove the whole beach ^ & came over again afterward~~

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ing toward Oakes'--that he would go

there. ~~There were many~~ Most of the sailors

~~already~~

& passengers effects had ^ come ashore. 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 op

posite. There were many other boats a little

farther north seeking the shelter of the beach. Wood

~~who behaved like one suspected & to be suscep~~

~~ted~~ 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

foremast was standing, the midmast was off at

the top, the mainmast 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 after-~~

~~ward.~~ The sailors kept shouting to him & he

to them in vain through the wind & surf--he

motioning toward Oakes 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’.

Oakes was mad with him for what  
he had said. When he got to the house  
Mr & Mrs Oakes were not to be found at  
once. Oakes had two men one of whom  
told Wood, after he had pointed out the  
vessel to him, that he had seen ~~the her~~  
~~sh~~ 2 or three hours before & thought  
that she was sailing under bare poles at  
which Wood laughed at him & oakes said  
“You damn fool you shut your jaws  
you know nothing about it.” The first  
man came ashore while he was at oakes’  
and had a life-preserver on. one or two  
more preservers washed ashore afterward. [—]  
~~he did not know what they were.~~ The sailors  
exclaimed--“My trunks, chests, all poor sailors

come ashore. There were many chests all stove open,  
& some ~~with~~ their locks pried off.” They looked  
& his companion found a ~~fresh~~ wagon track & a  
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float[e]d ashore afterward. The sailor exclaimed

things ~~broken open~~ robbed, broken open & gone”.  
himself  
He ^ had a rope round his body & stood in the surf  
save  
& helped ^ all but 2 or 3  
^The Captains head was driven into the sand  
and it was with difficulty that they got  
him out. No dead body came ashore till the  
sailors their  
vessel broke up They ^ did not send ^ clothing  
ashore on planks. Their clothes probably were  
not washed off much--except Paulina's.  
(Prine says it was Le Roy)  
He delivered to Dominy & a large man ^ “sep-  
arate bundles of letters & papers” which  
the large man opened on the spot & separaed  
beach  
& threw down on the spot what he thought  
of no value-- What he threw down had  
writing on them. The Capt said he had  
rather have ashore  
gone ^ among pirates. He gone] been  
could have gone to the wreck in a skiff on

“My trunks, chests, all a poor sailor's things  
robbed, broken open, & gone!” He had a  
rope tied round his body and stood in the  
water to catch those who were washed up.  
The captain's head was driven into the  
sand & it was with difficulty that they got  
him out. No dead body came ashore till the  
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papers”-which the latter opened on the  
spot & separated, & then threw down on  
the beach what he thought of no value  
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<p>Thursday.</p>	<p>a skiff on Thursday. Bangs said he would rather have gone ashore among pirates.</p>
<p>Mr &amp; Mrs Oakes' account</p>	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs Oakes' account.</p> <p>Oakes' is a perfect pirate's house, &amp; his men good specimens of that nearly extinct class. There were the stern ornaments of wrecked vessels over the door, &amp; the fragments of wrecks cluttered the yard. He himself was a carman in New York &amp; the worst stories are told of him.</p> <p>Officers have formerly searched his house—his wife has been arrested—he has concealed himself on the beach &amp; been troubled in many ways on account of his dealings with wrecks.</p>

There had been no such storm since they had  
few could remember such a storm at this season of the year  
lived there or for 11 years ^--they compared it  
to the September gale--the fruit trees on  
the main land were much injured by the spray.  
their fire was put out by the rain--their  
house was isolated, the sea breaking quite  
several oyster boats were sunk in the bay &c  
over the beach in a hundred places. ^ Their  
still bottom up water said that  
own boat ^ lay upset in the Bay. ^ Oakes ^ had  
~~The storm was at its height in the morning~~  
been out early attending to his boat garden  
&c came in & threw himself wet on ~~to~~ the  
side of his bed & fell into a sound sleep. Was  
waked up about 9 o'clock out of a very deep  
sleep & told ~~of the~~ that there was a vessel ashore  
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  
life boat^--& went himself to the beach-- Met  
one sailor 20 rods from the shore--there being

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season of the year-- They compared it to  
the September gale. The fruit trees on  
the mainland were much injured by the  
spray. Their fire was put out by the rain.  
Their house was isolated-- The sea breaking quite over  
the beach (half a mile wide) in a hundred places.  
Several oyster boats were sunk in the bay, & their  
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

nobody else there, he was in good heart &  
then another came ashore he went after the former directing him to go on & hasten  
the life boat

Oakes directed him to the house^ They began to the| toward his

to come ashore pretty fast. He had 3

naked men to take care of at once--

one was entirely naked & Mr Adams put

his frock coat over him-- The sea washed

all their clothes off-- The captain was one

of the three He was a dead man & oakes

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standing in the water up to his middle

pulled him out with difficulty-- He rolled

him on a barel on the shore & in a few

moments he cried "Oh--dont--you

hurt me--" speaking up pretty strong

wrapped him up in buffaloes & all

Then they desisted^-- ^ He took them ^ to his Then| then

to his house in the wagon--the captain talking

by the way--he was the farthest gone of any

who were saved & did not/get over the  
last

which ^ hurt his breast

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

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toward the house. In a few moments anoth

er came ashore, & he sent him after the for-

mer, directing him to go on to the Light

house & hasten the Life-boat- (It would take

2 or 3 hours to go to the Light-house & back)

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frock coat over him- The sea washed all their

clothes off them. The captain was one of the three. He

was a dead man & Oakes standing in the water up

oakes’.

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.

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 the boat

came back with it--the other not

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house, then went on to the Light House. One

came back with the boat, the other not till the

next day.

till the next day-- After the first <sup>13</sup> ~~ones~~  
 at low tide  
 got ashore<sup>^</sup> i.e., <sup>13</sup> there was an interval  
 of an hour or two during  
<sup>^</sup>before the final breaking up <sup>^</sup> which  
 no one ~~came~~ left the vessel. Meanwhile  
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 Ossolis in her bedroom & kept a fire  
 agoing. She thought Mrs Hasty would  
 have fainted when she heard that the ship  
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 told her that Margaret wanted Mrs Hasty to get ashore & hurry the boat  
 had all gone to pieces.<sup>^</sup> One man Sand-  
 ford had life in him when he came ashore  
 2 was injur but was not restored--had a wound  
 in his side. The crew & Mrs Hasty 15  
 in all came directly to Oakes' House  
 3 ~~1 1/2 miles from the wreck~~ & ~~most of them~~ stayed *both cancels in ink*  
 there. Vessel went to pieces says Oakes about *3 in ink] 1 in ink*  
 Paulina washed ashore entirely naked about  
 1 3 1/2 . Pm. | 4 o clock Pm *1 and line marking off there. in*  
*ink*

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  
 a fire going. The vessel went to pieces about 3 1/2  
 P. M.--though they did not observe the time.  
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 to pieces-- Mrs Hasty told her that Margaret had  
 wanted her 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  
haf a mile more. In the winter there are not  
men enough 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.  
complement is 7 men 1 to steer &  
requires  
Its ~~should have~~ ^ 6 to row. & 1 to steer. The boa

Its] It

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.

~~The [sailors]~~

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,

	or at low tide--all would have been saved.
<p>One man told me that he saw Bangs tear up a pape part print part writing at Oakes--and Oakes told him not to do that again.</p>	
<p><del>told mrs Oakes that the sailors</del>  Mrs. Hasty &amp; all thought ^ behave remarkably well were wonderfully ready to assist the passengers.</p> <p>They used such expressions as "fine lady" <del>[Paolena] washed ashore entirely naked about 4 o'clock</del>  kind lady" referring to Margaret.--^</p> <p><del>Mrs Hasty told her that</del>  The chi. ^ The child had nothing but its night gown on at first^ . When ^ it was quite naked.</p> <p>Mr Oakes brought it up in his buffalo. Mrs Oakes who laid it out in a little blue dress found in the trunk--says it was a quite long stout &amp; fleshy child with a large head which it would have outgrown with only a few pits left on its face. Just such a head as Arthur</p> <p style="text-align: right;">left] <i>added in margin</i></p>	<p>According to all accounts the sailors behaved well &amp; 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. &amp; Mrs Oakes who laid it out in a little blue dress found in the truck, says, 'It was a quite long stout &amp; fleshy child, with a large head which it would have outgrown" Mrs Hasty told her it had just begun to talk, Italian &amp; English</p>

<p>Fuller. Mrs Hasty told her it had just begun to talk Ital &amp; English. It had “very short thin hair a little lightish--” &amp; its hand bled the next day. It was buried sat afternoon 50 rods west of the house almost 3 feet deep as deep as the water would permit.</p>	<p>It had “very short thin hair, a little lightish” so short that she could not cut any off. Its hand bled next day. It was buried Saturday afternoon 50 rods west of the house about 3 feet deep, as deep as the water would permit.</p>
<p>She said that Mrs Hasty was 28 or 9 years old. Had her husbands likeness on her wrist &amp; his gold watch still running when she got to the house. That Mrs Hasty thought they might all have been saved if they had done as the Captain directed advised. She &amp; Margaret split a cotton handkerchief &amp; tied their money about their persons, 60 or 70 dollrs each. When they struck Mrs Oaks the passengers were all abed. There was great confusion the water every wave poured over them</p>	<p>Mrs Hasty (twenty-eight or nine years old) had her husband’s likeness on her wrist, &amp; his gold watch still going on her person when she got to the house. She told Mrs Oakes that she thought they might all have been saved if they had followed the captain’s advice. She &amp; Margaret split a cotton handkerchief &amp; 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</p>

*horizontal and vertical lines are use marks not cancellation*

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coming into the cabin--^ they got what they  
could to put on-- Paolena screamed as  
loud as she could for 20 minutes-- Osso-  
li said it was of no use & pacified her--  
Then she got on her knees & prayed an  
hour as hard as she could pray. & then  
kept quiet. Ossoli made a <sup>long</sup> ^ prayer  
all kneeling & the water washing over them  
in the fore-castle--<sup>wish referring to</sup> praying ^for 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. *vertical line is use mark not cancellation*

**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

**pouring over them.** They got what they could to put  
on. Then or afterward Padena screamed as loud  
as she could scream for 20 minutes- The Ossolis said it  
was of no use & pacified her. Then she got on her knees  
& prayed an hour as hard as she could pray, & then kept  
quiet. Ossoli made a **long** prayer all kneeling & the  
waves washing over them in the fore-castle, **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. \_\_\_\_\_

I got a gown & one article of the child's

dress at Daniel Jone's Patchogue

The other article of the child's dress at

Patchogue

at John Skinner's nearby, where also

at] added

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

transposition

S M F on it--

At Carman's Rowland's in Patch--

a gentleman's shirt a heap of rags

At W<sup>m</sup> 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 | W<sup>m</sup> Smith near Patch. a child's striped

<p>apron &amp; a lady's skirt fringed.</p> <p>Geo Curtis of Sayville Skirt of a silk dress lilac ground mid. dark stripe--&amp; many more.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>vertical line is use mark not cancellation</i></p>	
<p>The Great S beach is the principal beach on the S shore of long Island. It is <del>about 40 miles long without an inlet &amp;</del> 4 or 5 miles from the main land. separated from it by a very long &amp; shallow bay which in two instances it took me 5 hours to cross on account of head winds. The bay <sup>family</sup> <del>abounds in oysters clams &amp; every inhabitant</del> <sup>large</sup> <del>almost has an ^ oyster boat.</del> This beach alone is 40 miles long without an inlet &amp; half a mile wide <del>or less</del> rarely rising more than 25 feet above the ocean at any point. It is pure sand without rocks--thinly covered with beach &amp; other</p>	<p>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 &amp; shallow bay four or five miles wide, seen o[ver] which its low sand hills loom up in the horizon lik[e] small islands The Bay is famous for oysters clams &amp;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, &amp; half a mile wide rarely rising 25 feet above the ocean at any point. It is pure sand without rocks, thinly covered with beach &amp; other grass, &amp; 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</p>

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~~ <sup>naming</sup> on the whole beach--Selah Strongs at the Light H. one mile from the Western extremity--Felix Dominy's Public house 1 mile furth east--Smith Oakes'^ 3 ms further & Homans 10 miles further still. There are 2 or 3 temporary fishermen's bunks beside. Dominys is deserted in the winter. A mile further west across the 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

Public] public

on the whole beach. Selah Strong's at the Lighthouse one mile from the Western extremity--Felix Dominy's public house a mile further east. Smith Oakes' another 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 ~~in the [shops]~~ <sup>were inclined to</sup> many who ^ hold fast to the ~~spoils~~ <sup>property</sup> 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 ~~their friends.~~ <sup>relatives of the departed</sup> ^ 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~~ <sup>the</sup> 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  
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

for many a year

have to buy 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.~~

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rings on ~~the~~ fingers. barrels of oil

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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



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

<p>wreck on Wednesday.</p> <p>Selah Strong was there at 3 or 4 PM.</p> <p>Gregory saw a man with six hats on.</p>	
	<p>I found the engravings (some small engravings of Italian pines &amp; firs in Villa Gardens &amp; one or two others) at Oakes They said they were left out of the trunk. The clothing at Daniel Jones' &amp; John Skinner's Patchogue</p> <p>The hats of the young men, who were playing at dominoes, were ornamented with the buttons &amp; tassels of the dress which their mother had already fitted to herself. They said that they picked them up a mile &amp; a half or two miles east of the wreck.</p>