

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] wide 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~~ <sup>family</sup> almost has an <sup>large</sup> ~~an~~ ^ oyster boat. This beach This] The 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 <sup>naming</sup> ~~speaking of~~ on the whole beach--Selah Strongs at the Light H. one mile from the Western extremity--Felix Dominy's Public house Public] public 1 mile furth east--Smith Oakes'^  
<sup>another public house</sup>

3 ms further & Homans 10 miles

further still. There are 2 or 3 temporary fisher-

still] *inserted*

men's bunks beside. Dominys is deserted in

the winter. A mile further west across the

*vertical line is use mark not  
cancellation*