

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 ^{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

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 ^{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

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. ^{in spite of} ~~& 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.