

Ship Esther May Atlantic Ocean
Lat. $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N. Lon. 30° Dec. 13 1851

Dear Friends
A ship just ahead induces me to write a line with the hope of an opportunity to send you. We are well except that I have suffered some with rheumatism. We sailed from Boston Tues. 18th of Nov. We had a pretty stormy time for the first 2 weeks and had water in our stateroom which is between decks. We lost our jib boom and top main mast. We now have good weather and sail well. 42 souls on board - 22 of them passengers

