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Description: Capt. John Curtis to wife

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I return (if I go a long voyage) I will have been
fortunate and be able to buy a peice of
another good ship and stay and build her
and have another good time but I will sell
for never want another to go in a ship I have an
interist unless I know who and what they are
dont forget about your cough have it stoped
and at once do not let it run on for it
wories me ever since I came away I have been
thinking about it Alfred wants Mary to go to
a private house when she goes to Harpswell you
can do as you think best if you could go together
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be as well but do not make yourself miserable to
please any one (but what ever you do write
often to me now and whilst I am gone and
let me know all of the particulars about home
and yourself and how your cough gets along
your thought of consumption has kept that
cough in my ears ever since and every time I
think of it I can hear you so I shall not be happy
untill you write me it is well

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about him and let me know who he brings
over that I know his way is singular but
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walk with Alfred and on our way we went to
the theater but the acting was so miserable
that we came away before it was near done
and now I am sitting here writing to you
C & C is a sleep but he dose enjoy himself to day
I missed him and went all over the ship as I
thought and went out on the deck and looked
all around and felt awful the perspiration
pored right off from me and I walked up and
down the warfts at last came on board and
there he was and he came up to me and said
farther I want you to get these rats out of
this ship as I was down in the lower hold and
saw a rat trying to scratch out of the bow
port and if you do not get them out of the
ship they will sink us when we go to sea
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that is beyond the power of human to devine
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