

U.S. Ship Vincennes
Simon's Bay 23^d Oct^r 1853

Dear Doctor

I write by Mr Ames one of my old messmates of the ~~Vincennes~~ John Hancock whom if he should call on you as he partly promises to do please entertain in your best manner for my sake

I am transferred to the Vincennes ^{and} ~~am~~ in no good humor about it and shall not trouble you with a tedious epistle I have been hard at work nearly every day rambling over the Mts and valleys - studying by night sometimes till ~~till~~ the beginning of the new day puzzling over queer things till I was tired and going to bed no wiser than before Some common things and with very distinct characteristics I have been obliged to throw aside undetermined even generically while I make few and feeble efforts for specific names

I told you I was in ill humor I was satisfied with my old mess and with the great liberty ^{I enjoyed} on board the Steamer Here I was put into a dirty room (it has not been cleaned yet) amid ships with the racket of Ball in front of it - without curtains or writing desk and no boy yet to wait on me and my boots haven't been blacked for a week If things don't mend soon I'll make a fuss about it
The Hancock & J. Cooper went to sea day before yester

day - we follow in a week more or less - next Friday
[28th] says Cumra - The next place we bring up at will
be Australia - may-be - as we say down South - then on
to China - and when we will commence ^{work} - given sake
If we stop at Australia it will be midsummer and every
thing will be dried up - some say however we will go
on direct to China without stopping - why we go
that roundabout way to China, yet we go I know not
perhaps to have better wind. The Hancock I am told
goes direct to Batavia

I found a very small *Loticulaia* with purple flowers
growing as usual in wet soil I send you some spec-
imens but you must say nothing about it but let
me know if it is described so far as you know

Yours truly

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