

Winter Harbor Aug 20 1857

Dear Caroline

This will inform you that I am here and the old Brig on shore hard and fast with a complete gale of wind from North. But I feel happy that I am here for had I not come in last evening I dont know what would become of me the Brig is very tight I should been forced to run before the wind and short of provisions so if she had not capsize we should perhaps have starved. But she lays very easy on the sea and with ice all around so that we can walk on shore any time. I cannot write more at present you see by the writing that I am in a hurry besides being quite unwell having hurt myself in Gloucester heaving up the anchor so adieu for the present

Your ever affectionate Husband

Wm Sweetser