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Puerto Rico, Oct 20th 1856

This morning I and the crew went out from the West Head and it proved to be the long talked of Oranua once more, where we all expect to get liberty and have a good time again. I and it now plain in sight. The Captain has ordered his boats crew and has gone in to see if they can get any ships to take home the sperm oil, and right also in hand to send. This is the same port we had liberty in last year and our way to the port.

Oct 21st
The boat came back this morning with good news only one ship in at Kilo and that was a French Barque so we shall get a liberty here now in any way it is if we cannot send the oil home from old Kilo. Once more all sail at Studing sail to and a good fresh breeze making about eight knots.

Oct 22nd
The breeze has died away and it is nearly a dead calm with squalls not two miles off on each side. Kilo and Oranua. The distance from Kilo to Oranua is 160 miles, some 20 hours sail with an ordinary breeze. I don't like this in the least but I don't want to hear from all time very much. I have already written several letters to some of the crew for different members of the crew. The cables are strung around the deck all ready at a moment's warning to get the anchors dropped. Some of the old tars are sitting up in the monkey rail whistling with all their might trying to