5th mo 2nd 57 Left Vine Street wharf in the Keystone State for Savannah 700 miles distant Ann Preston Anna E Massey and E Carr in company About 10 A M a signal gun announced our departure Capt Hardie very accommodating a bed consisting of 3 tiers of mattresses was soon at my disposal in the corner of upper saloon where void of excitement or stir and rainy weather without I had that repose so favorable to my state of infirmity and might have become quite domiciliated but for the difficulty of becoming reconciled to lounging before strangers happily there were but some 20 passengers on board including two women besides ourselves when near the Ocean A P and self became very seasick and retired to our state rooms which we were scarcely in a condition to leave until we reached Savannah 3 not attempting it till 3d day noon before landing I snatched a hasty breakfast at the public table A E M quickly followed ~~A E M quickly~~ us and E Carr after administering to us all was greatly prostrated from the same cause the epidemic was so universal that the Captain had most of his meals alone Charlee the cabin boy was very attentive he with the captain were happily exempt from the prevailing disorder the chamber maid ~~[illegible]~~ was but a little affected but managed to perform commendable service next day about 11 O'clock A M the captain entered our common entry and looking in upon us in our berths expressed some apprehension of danger the mist was so dense that they saw about 1/4 a mile soundings indicated we were 20 miles from land and he supposed some 55 miles from Cape Hatteras but he added we were in the hands of God and all the service we could render would be by our prayers A P asked if we should dress a thing we had barely strength for he thought not and on retiring we requested him to call again we were favored with a degree of calmness A P the most agitated A E M quite intrepid did not apprehend much danger A P was reminded of the passage "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee" for myself I wished to take the Captain's advice but felt as on a trying occasion formerly that prayer could not be offered in my own strength I naturally reverted to the awful collision of the Artic under similar circumstances and nearly the same time of day the coast U. S. looked ~~rather~~ on the map rather an unpromising one to be wrecked and I was the cause of all the party coming but they concluded it was with their own free will and consent after lying quietly for perhaps an hour and 1/2 the Cap called again and announced that the fog had so far dispersed that they could see 10 or 12 miles distance they had passed a Norfolk vessel he was enabled to take a rather imperfect observation of the sun nearly corresponding with his reckoning making us about 30 miles short of Hatteras it was a merciful preservation for which we ought to be grateful the danger of collision being enhanced by the return steamers taking the same route as in going I was too weak and exhausted to muster energy to cross the state room for a letter which R Collins kindly handed me to read at sea until 2nd day afternoon when the mental effort seemed almost too great fully to appreciate its valuable contents I was rather a disappointment not to catch a glimpse of the mighty deep always a subject of interest when mind and body are in a condition fully to realize its beauties I was even so prostrated ~~when passing up~~ the Savannah River to look at the plantations ~~[illegible]~~ to a northern eye but on stepping in port managed to reach the hurricane deck where the shipping and other surroundings were arrayed in bright sunlight quantities of cotton bales were lying on the wharf the great staple of this land of bondage rooms having been provided at the Pavilion House in consequence of a letter having been sent from Phil we entered a carriage under the escort of our kind Captain were introduced to the Landlord Clark I was curiously enough to emerge from our dreary passage and backward northern spring to the rich foliage and bloom of summer the pride of India (a very characteristic tree in this city) was decidedly on the decline and the roses in abundance adorned the garden front of the Pavilion we were soon ushered into excellent quarters well furnished 2nd story rooms above the basement Savannah unanimously built some quite fine buildings it is said the erection of wood tenements are prohibited of late our Hotel as to outdoor arrangement in mates & offices has two phases for boarders many conveniences such as ought to suit the most fastidious people back are very extended negro quarters whose inhabitants vary in dress age & shades of color though apparently as comfortable as slaves are likely to be they ~~seem~~ are those who ~~appear as if they were under~~ give evidence that the yoke of bondage is a grievous burthen I believe the chamber maid has a fine looking son of ~~perhaps fifteen years~~ upon being asked if he was all she had child she had she said he was her last that ~~[illegible]~~ the third had been sold from her and that husband and children were not much ~~[illegible]~~ use to her ~~[illegible]~~ her husband sold also "husband & children isn't much to servants here they don't stay so thick them long"

When E C was in the nursing room to press my dress she enquired where I get her washing done: they replied they were there to do washing or other work

that they received the pay but at the end of the month give all up to their master who would sometimes give them a trifle if they did a great deal. It was not like going at the north for if a lady hires you it is your own but it is not so with us who have to give up all we earn. 8th Thermometer 69° at 7 A.M. It proved a charming day after yesterdays rain the sandy streets & roads in excellent condition. Started in York a drive of 2 hours from 9 to 1 o'clock in an easy barouche. We called at the Pulaski Hotel for a permit to Bonnieventura cemetery, the proprietor of both places being the same it was quickly handed us and we started through a country we might almost imagine among the Jersey Pines but for the occasional intermingling of more southern forms of vegetation becoming more manifest as we approached our destination when the long grey moss pendent from the trees and the shrub and cabbage palmetto was nearly or altogether gone. The tenements poor generally or altogether poor. Agriculture at a low ebb now and then a vegetable garden presented breaking the general stagnation of the scene. Entered the Cemetery by a rustic gateway the posts of which looked like dead trees with their branches lopped of and barked. A colored woman received the ticket a formality to keep the crowd in check when what a magnificent spectacle presented a wild country with an undergrowth of brush a few lots enclosed for burial with monuments whilst long avenues of live oak hung with their hoary moss canopied us as we rode through these in some instances the overarching branches with their drapery would almost touch those on the opposite side although their branches were generally turned from them showing I think conclusively that they were indigenous to the soil. At the far end a fine view of Savannah River and Bonaventure Creek met the eye a fine broad stream but perhaps the most interesting thing was that we had reached the northern verge of Palmetto two stately Palmetto Palms apparently about 20 ft high with their stark naked trunks and bunches of leaves at their tops made me realize most forcibly the effect of 32° of latitude. Peter our intelligent driver said that the cabbage of which slaw was made from the Palmetto Cabbage he is a slave originally from Virginia and gives a decided choice to that state where his parents live and he had a good master who on asked if he knew anything about Quakers said he understood they were people that would "lead them" as they are them who they to lead you off. Visited Virginia had a pretty nice room but very but I have to put up with it". A woman called to sell Palmetto work her dark mulatto color and Indian physiognomy betrayed her race she represented herself as a half breed Seminole her mother Indian and father white her mistress a French woman promised her freedom at her death knowing that the law was against retaining her in bondage she was kind to her but thought she would rather be free for then she could go to her mother upon questioning her could not discover that she had any African blood in her veins. In the afternoon Ann & Anna went to market a poor affair they seemed most interested in the colored women in attendance some slaves verging on superannuation. One said she was a native African belonging to Castello a Spaniard. Believe Anna took with her Majestic mien. Anna had her head kerchief raised displaying a fine forehead and observed "you were a Queen" confidently expecting an affirmative answer she replied she was next to the Queen "but it was all over now" This information was confirmed by her niece she thought it a pity to have no family of her own and on being reminded that she might be a Queen in Heaven said that was what she longed for. "her name is Nancy" she had worked out in the fields but was now too old for that service. As a contrast to the above a slave in the train of a lady here advocates a life of servitude says she has been to the north and does not like it free people have to work hard and when old may be consigned to a almshouse whilst she has all she wants. On the evening of the 9th the bells sounded an alarm of fire the negroes assembled but on it afterwards passed by in companies. On the 10th first day a delightful morning Thermometer 72° at 7 o'clock A.M. & kindly sing "the fire is out". A P & E went to colored meeting in the evening and listened to an incoherent sermon from a white man. 11th Thermometer about 76° at 7 A.M. Peter drove us to a Public garden 2 miles out of town a great profusion of roses but failed in our object of pindrit which was some indigenous plant to send home or a Magnolia blossom. I volunteered to get one of the latter in a wood near by but found it out of reach he however introduced us to "Jasper's well" in the same words tested the water a barrel is sunken several feet deep a rude fence encloses it. Prevailing trees in neighbourhood of Savannah are Pine White Red Live & Water Oak, Gum &c occasionally a Magnolia. Before leaving for St Augustine on the 12th Peter kindly got us some Magnolias without any negociating of ours saying his brother met with them and hesitated about receiving pay as they were meant as a

present. He drove us to the St Johns steamer bound for Picolatta Savannah
built vessel very creditable both in arrangement and finish on second deck when
ensconced ourselves a neat saloon well provided with sofas on either side
state rooms with opposite doors opening on outer deck thus combining
good ventilation and fine points of observation where from off our berths we
can go out on the shifting scene we took the ocean side and saw the
upper bank of the river for the most part very low grass & woods inter
mingling a few scattering houses. one town or one saw mill judging from
from the boards hung by a one little district where palms abounded
emerging from the river we threaded our way through a wild the sea islands
of Georgia surprised to find them so numerous & intricate chiefly
covered with grass or in other words marsh meadows occasionally
a large growth of vegetation and our eastern horizon frequently
bounded by woods; in the neighbourhood of St Catharine's Island grounding
on shoals but after being fully extricated a more open channel
presented and by morning reached Darien & Brunswick where some
passengers left for land close being at hand at St Simons a poor looking place the most
attractive thing out during a hotel the result of northern enterprise
pursuing our way came for a time on the ocean passing more islands with a
pure white sand margin contrasting with the verdant edges of the
marshes and better wooded again a marshy foreground. Interrupted the
the scene the prody islands at intervals
before 12 O clock at noon and stopped at the town 3 miles from the mouth
rather old looking a steam saw mill indicated some activity but the place
is said to have declined of late stopped at Island a City seemingly a new town
in a marsh emerged from the sea islands so famous for their cotton
cultivated beyond our view & launched fairly on the broad ocean until we
reached the mouth of the St Johns passed its bar and made for
the ~~coastlike~~ interior of Florida stopped at a small place on its shores
its mouth
Pablatka miles beyond Palatka is 100 miles from the mouth of the
river concluded to go there and return in the morning to meet the
stage at Picolata ~~about~~ in the evening stopped at Jacksonville
settled principally by Maine people large brick warehouses
~~indicated activity~~ ~~there~~ ship the other villages ~~there~~ noticed ~~there~~ few & insignificant the low woody banks
of the river sometimes interspersed with meadow pretty fast
not bold trees rather small one or one Bay tree with its lighthouse
~~on the detour~~ occasionally a house & cultivated land but mostly
wild Reached Palatka about 8 A M of the 14th built
frame houses not very large some begun at so high frame
store houses a flat town plat looking picturesque from
boat river said to be 1 mile wide. River 1 mile at Palatka narrows
part
had averages 2 miles in width up to this point & navigable 125 miles
further 350 miles to St Augustine by this route from Savannah
about ½ past 11 A M reached Picolatta a town of one house took in
conjunction with a travelling acquaintance a large 4 horse stage coach 18
miles in about 5 hours over a sandy road made rough by Palmetto roots secluded
no point near saw a abundance of Pines & Palmetto shrubs now & then relieving the
thickets a little run of water enlivened the scene at one place little sand hills
like immense hill numerous driven sand they belonged to Salamanders Myrtles
to be seen and bright little flowers red or orange & purple & enameled the grand
a very space population poorly fed but little cultivation but few fences
in places the
along those that barely admitted a stage and very pleasant but dreary pressed
side and were landed at Plant's Hotel a dreary looking place in comparison of
the Pavilion at Savannah 15th Thermometer at ½ past 12 near 82° About leaving
Pilatka for St Augustine heard the Song of the Mocking Bird the
Date & Palms grow in a garden near the the Planter's Hotel & pine
Pine forests & the striking indications of the having passed over them
Room that's the month of the fruit does not perfect well here also under
the cattle are branded and run at large Bananas growing in the garden
butter better than in Savannah. The Mongrel Mongrels a respectable portion
of the population from a work on Florida it appears that in 1767 Dr Turnbull

sailed for the Peloponese & for 2,000 pounds sterling obtained permission from the Governor of Morden to convey a large number of Greek families to Florida in 1767 he arrived with a small vessel & took as many Greeks as he could obtain on his way back from Modon he put in at Corsica & Minorca & accumulated his number of settlers to 1,500 He agreed to carry them free of expense find them in good provisions & clothing & at the end of 3 years to give 50 acres of land to each head of families & 25 acres to each child if they were dissatisfied in 6 mos he agreed to send them back. 29 died on the passage in one vessel 60,000 acres of land were granted by the Gov of Florida their settlement was named New Smyrna 76 miles south of St Augustine in five years the had nearly 3000 acres of good land highly improved net value of indigo crop 31,175 dolls Turnbull ~~forfeited~~ did not pull pls his treat selected a few Italians for overseers & drove the rest men women & children were reduced to the most abject slavery at the end of 9 years 600 only survived In the summer of 1776 several ~~Eng~~ Irish gentlemen from St Augustine called at ~~St Augustine~~ New Smyrna to see the improvements in course of conversation some of them remarked that if the people knew their rights they would not suffer under such slavery an intelligent boy told his mother who summoned a council of her friends in the night & they devised a plan to gain more intelligence 3 of them were to ask for a long task in order to gain time to go down the coast to catch turtle. This was granted & they were assisted by their fellow slaves they then set off for St Augustine by the coast & swam the Matanzas they arrived safely the first man they met was the Attorney General of the province he promised to protect them they returned with the joyful news that their chains were broken It was about this time they chose their leader collected men women & children and left the plan on the 3rd day they reached St Augustine where rations were served out to them by order of the Gov their case was tried and lands assigned them in the north part of the city

Coquina a soft stone of which the chief buildings of St Augustine are built

fly cepting stood

all the other

PHILADELPHIA RESCUE BAND
826 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA
OCT 4
12-PM
1901

Trip to the South 5th mo 1857
in company with Dr Ann Preston
Anna E Massey & Elizabeth Carr

Miss R. White

3611 Powelton Ave.

City