



Shanghai. Ship T. W. Sears July 22. 1854.

My dear Wife I was very agreeable surprised day before yesterday in receiving two letters from you March 19 and April 16. for I did not expect to hear from you again during this voyage, what pleasure it gives me to hear so often from you, ^{your} can only realize in part - but accept my thanks, it certainly is satisfactory for me to hear that had with passing the severity of the weather you were able to go to Boston and that you are thinking you will do any that must for it.

It is so lately that I wrote to you from this place that I hardly can begin any thing to say - only that I have commenced taking in cargo and that the ship will be in port here for sailing - I have found that leak which I spoke to you about in some of my letters so if it blows hard next winter I should sail next December don't worry yourself I get a good ship a stout heart but what is above all Grace & Wife whose Prayers God will hear and therefore bring me safe to her.

Thank you I feel a little better than when I wrote last - but I do long to get home, to see you once more.

Well adieu it is no use to try to say any more, all I get to say is I am well and every thing on board the ship is all right I give my love to all and believe me I love you more than ever ever ever. I get your Picture hanging up again & salute every time I go in the Cabin - I love.

you will hear from me again less than at home I expect to hear here about the 5 of August.