

At half past two on the afternoon of the 13th of September we
sailed on board the sloop Conductor Capt Peque bound for Albany with
spring breeze from the N.W. Passengers Mrs Conklin Mrs Gardener Mr
Peque Mr & Mrs Frost I W Frost and myself. Had a fine view of
the different situations on the banks of the Hudson. Cruzers Dyckman
Brothers & Ver Plancks & Denning's had a fair prospects of Stony Point
the point of itself is nothing when we view it as it is but when
we reflect that it was once held by the English and considered a very
important post - I fancied to myself that I saw our poor American
soldiers destitute of almost every thing but courage climbing up the rocks
after fording the creek and planting the American banner on the top
How ought we to prize our liberty so dearly it was bought
With such thoughts as these my mind was occupied for a considera-
ble time Mr I W Frost gave me a faithful detail of the different
transactions that happened in the time of the revolution about
this place I think the English must have parted with these places
very reluctantly well they might these points seem to be the key
to all the country above - Ver Plancks point shows very well
from the river there or three houses a dock for the Steamer Boat to
stop at I presume the country along on the west shore seems
to be extremely rocky and barren high mountains ahead
the Ladies begin to fear the highlands and the horse race
as they call it -

at half past 5 in the afternoon we
arrived at Capt Travers's dock ^{Pepkill} where we staid until 1 o'clock
in the morning in which time I had an opportunity to call on
Mrs I Peque with whom I took tea and staid till eight in the
evening when I went on board and went to work till twelve
when went to bed and slept sound till morning
Thursday morning 13th arose at sunrise found we had started and
almost to Pustermilk falls which we soon passed and came to West
Point another place celebrated for being one of the principle posts in
time of the revolution I had to lament my not having had an
opportunity of landing it would have been a satisfaction to me
to have only stepped my foot on shore I was informed by our male
passengers who went that there is a fine plain and some elegant
houses that are not to be seen from the river we hauled along side of
the dock as the tide was against us and thought have lain there
until it served however in this we were thwarted by the coming
two men who told us it was contrary to their orders so we
hauled off and anchored below

We come too here between 8 and 9 and find till 11 o'clock at which time
 we set out with a fair wind which assisted us round the point
 most beautifully there are buildings such as arsenals and others
 with which I am not acquainted on the greatest eminence
 stands Fort Clinton which must have been a great deal of labour
 but no more of this - I said with a good breeze up through
 mountains almost on top of which I was and some came to
 Gold Spring landing two or three dwellings and a store compared
 the village - First that we saw north of water was Old
 Forts more which certainly has the appearance of a man-of-war
 New Cornwall is a small village stands on the right side of the
 river and has nothing very particular in its appearance. This
 place also stands on the bank has about 90 buildings including
 two churches - The next is Newburgh on the left a most beautiful
 but place fine brick houses and some of appeared from the river
 to be out in sight 5 or 6 of which leads back in the country several
 steeply were lying at the river and it appears to be a place of considerable
 trade business - Freshkill stands on the right side opposite Newburgh
 not many buildings near the dock line level land round for some
 distance. Newburgh back on the left several houses nicely furnished
 Newburgh on the left fine fine or six houses one or two
 other houses - Newburgh on the left small place
 Newburgh on the left fine fine it appears to be the whole burning
 of the inhabitants to burn like more like than houses - Mechanics
 situation very pretty on the left - I suppose on the left most beautiful
 place houses so very neatly finished but the greatest part of the
 village stands back from the river how far I could not learn -
 Newburgh on the left some distance apart from 5 houses at
 each - Freshkill on the left small farming place through very
 pretty country very green just above this place on the left stands
 Mr. Freshborn's great estate situation which is very handsome it
 stands on a considerable eminence and has a commanding
 view of the Hudson is little higher up stands Morgan's Landing
 dwelling built of brick in modern style and most elegant surrounded
 with trees almost forming this a little on stands a very pretty
 house belonging to a gentleman in Albany a summer residence I
 suppose the most elegant yard in front I ever saw so very green
 with here and there a small tree reaching almost down to the
 river - Just above this still on the same side stands by far the most
 elegant house I have ever yet seen and here it is a yellow wooden
 building and very large on a kind of ground with a gentle slope
 off in front down to the river where the one docks and summer houses

for the accommodation of his family to whom it belongs Mr Livingston
I understand is the proprietor of this beautiful place
It is now almost night there is coming on a storm and I fear I shall
be deprived of seeing any more of those fine prospects till tomorrow
morning - It is now dark and raining and I have been considerably
but I don't know some one under the great shore South inquiry
in the morning the name of this good place - I am two miles
doubtless have gone on shore to sleep I fear they are fast asleep with
much me home if they have not already for my asking so many
questions the names of places owners of houses &c -
It is now nearly one o'clock in the morning and all are sleeping
around me the wind whistling through the rigging the vessel
rocking too and fro so that I can hardly hold my pen or keep my
seat but I feel no disposition to turn in so we wait for now and
all pretty good sailors for my mind is running about something
home some times to Albany and the different through which
we shall have to pass before we get to our journey's end however
and I must leave my pen -
The storm has a little subsided the moon is up and things
appear quite different -
Sunday morning 20 got up at sunrise this morning they call
this place West's Green Point that we have been in a good
position very good dock and have unconsciously so far a haven
that wait after calling for the two (groves) and soon came to anchor
where we landed and all went up in the town off stands on the
west side of the river a long dock leading out into the river
on the end of which is two houses and three other several houses
for lumber &c this is the principal landing place I believe considerable
quantity of lumber here the town lies about one mile back from the
bay with it handsomely situated a creek running a little below it over
which is a bridge I have seen elegant houses here on three
churches cannot hear and just the beautiful bank is a very fine
building of brick there are all kinds of business going on here looking
forward millinery men are making &c called for dolls and they could get
new got some help and returned to the dock started on again.

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