on board the vessel, when dearest Betsey once more raised her voice in solemn supplication before we parted. "Lord what wait we for" begins and now I ask what could not be better accompanied a my journey than by my beloved Samuel & Sly, & their son Edmund, my dearest sister Fry, & my own darling Anna — & most cordial was it to meet there, dear Isaac & Hannah Backhouse & their family, Fry, & our beloved Wm Forster who had preceded me with my luggage. Alas! What am I, that the Lord shall permit & commission so many of his highly favoured servants to be my helpers & to utter blessed words for my ~~helpless~~ encouragement — words full of hope & confidence, & flowing with a Saviour's love? Surely no poor minister of the gospel, ever went forth on his errand "to the ends of the earth" more richly & undeservedly favoured! Bless O my soul in reverent gratitude before the God of thy life, who has so richly provided for thy needs — cleared away every obstruction — & is now making a path for his servant through the mighty deep. The feeling of being on the bosom of the ocean for so long a voyage is touching & sublime & at night lay painful hold of my nervous nature, were it not for some happy seasons of the sustaining & protecting arm of omnipotent love. Wm Forster's last words in ministry to me were for the purpose of reminding me of an illustrious Saviour's declaration, "Behold I am with you always even unto the end of the world". Here is my security, here is my comfort, here let me take my rest on the bosom of the mighty Deep!

My friend E. Kirkbride who is also a passenger in the for Philadelphia, is well acquainted with the tender ties which I have left behind, & is a very helpful companion. He has a young friend with her as an attendant — Caroline Stokes; & Joseph Scholl, another young friend, bound for Philadelphia is also in the ship. We have some agreeable passengers besides, & Capt. Murdin is a skilful navigator & very kind & agreeable as a host. Thus have I abundant reason, at the close of the first day of my voyage, to praise the Lord for the past, & to trust Him for the future.

First day June 9. morning after breakfast. I felt rather remarkably sustained during the night — lifted up above fear & anxiety — but this morning is marked by a low

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