almost as if our voyage was checkmated.
However amidst & notwithstanding the above
effects there an awful degree of anxiety prevailed
last night, lest our course might after all
yet not be clear of those fatal rocks – However
a nearly fair wind carried us swiftly forward;
& we passed onwards fast the dangers this morning
& have been moving forward very fairly all the
day being now about 1000 miles from Philadelphia.
Thus have we renewed cause for humble
thankfulness to the Author of our Being – & I
retire to rest with a quiet & hopeful mind.

Next morning

What rapid changes are we exposed to on this
restless ocean! Soon after I made the above entry,
the weather became stormy; the wind roaring,
the night exceedingly dark, the lightning flashing;
sails furled – the vessel drifting. My mind
the Captain & his men, all night in action &
consternation! My own mind was mercifully
preserved in considerable quietness – This morning
we have nothing left to alarm; but our portion
is a head wind, with rain & fog. But O the
goodness of the Lord in permitting a gale from
'Arabia the blest' for the cheering of our spirits.
Solemn & sweet has been the meeting – yea & joyful –
which I have had here holding with E. H. in her Cabin.

Seventh day 8 mo 12

Notwithstanding that blessed sense of divine favour,
such as my weakness has advert unto X
some other trying circumstances, brought me very
low last evening – when a favourable breeze
from the N. W. sprung up & has greatly improved
our situation in reference to our future "goings
out" of the Sable Sands – & we are now
moving quickly in our right course. The happy
change has created reverent thankfulness in my
mind – & I trust will preclude any great
discouragement during the remainder of our
journey thro' the waters. We have now
been within a few hours, five weeks on
board this vessel. I had too readily given way
to an impression that this day would be seen as
in part. May I be instructed by the disappointments
of life – Or, is it, I prefer having a few more
days at sea, that I may finish a little essay
at autobiography. Eve. The day has been
favourable & we are in peace – I have been enabled
to take a calm review of home, & the members
of our family circle with a degree of sweetness
& comfort. Second day morning 8 mo 13th.

Lat 42 1/2. Long 61 3/4
680 miles from the Cape

Our Sabbath yesterday, was as I trust not in vain;
we had a good meeting at 12 past 1 in the
Gentlemen's Cabin – [illegible] in the afternoon, [illegible]