Santa Cruz. Tuesday 12mo 8. 1839

For the particulars of our voyage see the Copy of Letter to my children. Through the different scenes of it, it was a favour to feel the Rock underneath - with some capacity to rest in Christ. We were brought by the good hand of Providence safely to our desired haven, here, on 6th day - just two weeks after weighing anchor at New York - We spent two evenings on deck in the consideration of the Book of Nature - I felt strengthened for commencing unfolding the subject each time - & the latter occasion ended with much solemnity. It has been great cause for thankfulness, that the feelings of quietness & peace were graciously permitted me, on settling in our most comfortable (nay, luxurious) quarters here at Robert Rogers's. I am greatly charmed with the climate, which to me seems to breathe benevolence - also with the wonderful productions of nature - profuse, many of them splendid, & all new to me. The people remarkably civil - & slavery, I would hope, in a very mild form, in consequence of the very late provisions of the Danish Govt. It is however affecting to me to find all the slaves crowding the market to day (the Sabbath) with the productions of their provision grounds.

We have been holding a good meeting in Rob's very late this morning - about 40 present. There seemed rather an unusual opening for service among them. The black servants of the house present - & a Mahometan from some other houses. I meet with all distinction acknowledge that I feel no inconsiderable comfort & happiness in being here - wonderfully divested of anxiety & enjoying the indescribably balmy breezes. There is a fanning of the nerves in it, which is certainly very pleasurable; but I humbly trust that the sources of my happiness lie deeper. My companions, in their respective places, are truly valuable - I think I could not be better suited than by Mahlon Day - a friend & brother indeed.

4th day morng 12mo 11.

Since I last wrote debarkation & amusement have come in their turn, & I hope I may thereby be humbled & thus again prepared for service. We held good & relieving meetings on First Day - at our own quarters in the morning; & at Elizy Boyle's in the afternoon - In the evening read the Scriptures at Capt Coburn's. We had, as we supposed, obtained the sanction of the Judge (Anderson) for these comparatively private religious services. But the next day a great fuss was made about these meetings by the Police & a formal order sent to each of the boarding houses to prevent them; . . This was very trying to my feelings -