B. W. Storr, Esq. Paul Lester. I heartily endeavored to do the right thing – & believe I had some little sanction for choosing this vessel. If therefore my patience should be much tried, I must endeavor to believe that the dispensation is appointed for my further humiliation & humbleness. It is a sort of trial in life – a Cryptic condition which may be useful & preparatory to something better, on my return home. Lord, do thou graciously help me, sustain, preserve, & comfort me, for thy mercy & truth's sake. Amen.

Since the above entry the 103d. Psalm, & a good meeting on Deck with the passengers – more wind this aft. Night. In the evening, a comfortable little meeting with the Steerage Pass.rs – The vessel speeding her way very fairly – I trust the day ends in peace. A secret hope seems to be graciously given that the Lord & Master whom I serve has graciously commissioned this ship to carry me safely to my own land; & that in the mean time, he will cause it to be to myself & some others a Bethel & a place of worship on the deep. I must now endeavor to arrange regular business for the voyage, that the time may not be lost. Some opportunities for good may perhaps arise from day to day. Would that the remainder of my days may be more sedulously devoted to the glory of God – that self may be of no reputation. I wish here to record

my beloved friend Sam.l Parsons's rather earnest parting advice that I should very much devote myself to our own Soc.y – continue faithful in the exercise of my gift – & avoid all public actions of parliament – desiring in fact to the ever consecrated Humble Quaker Ground. The more I think of it, the more excellent does the advice appear to be. I do heartily desire that self may be of no reputation; & I believe thoroughfaced humble quakerism to be the condition both of my usefulness & happiness.

Third day Eve.g 7th mo. 28 1840

On First day morng, we held a meeting on Deck which was comforting; & a religious opportunity with the Steerage passengers in the Eve.g. I cannot boast of having been free from trial as the prevalence of calm has sometimes produced rather an anxious enquiry whether the British Queen would not have been preferable – this day I have suffered severely from anxiety occasioned by a particular circumstance – but the "Lord alight" was graciously pleased, in rather a remarkable manner to stay my soul on himself; & a letter for the sea, from E.P. It has been a timely aid. Alex.r & I have enjoyed some precious times of retirement together, & I think he has been helped in helping me. A little faith & trust is permitted, through all, that in this matter