

arrange so many Points of Importance affecting the Happiness and Fortunes of so many People, was not known to me, or, if known, as the most active and strenuous Opposer of the Interests of the Company I came out to represent. Now we were embarked together and thus we commenced our Journey. A simultaneous Movement brought our Hands together and if the Feeling was not a true one, an Intention to act, fairly, kindly, considerately by each other, there is more Hypocrisy in the World than appears to me to be possible.

The Sailing from New York is one of the most picturesque, beautiful scenes that can be imagined; the numerous Steeples of New York, in the Construction of which the Americans have much Taste, the numerous Batteries and Shipping, and bold Shores are objects which form a most magnificent Panorama. The Hudson is about 2 miles broad and this Breadth continues till you approach the Highlands. The Country Houses on the East Side are very numerous, they appear to be built of Wood and have an Appearance of Comfort and Taste.

The Steam Boat has every Convenience which it is possible to imagine—the Length is about 180 feet, the Breadth 50 [feet],—the Tonnage 500—the Power of the Engine 80 Horse Power—the Cost, it is said, [*illegible*]. At 8 o'clock, at the Ringing of a Bell, all the Passengers found themselves in the large Cabin, when Tea with cold meat as a Supper was presented. The party appeared now to be 120—Ladies and Gentlemen—about 20 of the former. After Tea we returned to the Deck where we remained till we entered the Highlands. These are very high mountainous Rocks a Part of the Allegany mountains forming the most beautiful romantic Scenery. It was 10 before we approached them and being a very dark night we could only imagine the Beauty of the Scenery. At 12 we returned to the large Cabin where we found our fellow Passengers in Bed, the sides of the Cabin forming Beds. The Ladies have a separate Cabin. The Beds are very comfortable and clean.

Thursday, 24th [May]. At 6 o'clock I again found myself on the Deck. The Scenery was very beautiful. The Land sometimes was rocky, about 400 ft. in Height—the Breadth of the Hudson $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile—many Country Seats and farm Houses having a comfortable Appearance. Passed Katskill, so called from the Mountains of this Name. Here the Scenery was more bold and romantic.

I was much amused with American Ease and Love of Equality and Freedom. In dressing an American came up, first took my Comb then my Hair Brush, which he used, so fearing he might take my Tooth Brush I stopped Him. Passed the Town of Hudson, a very beautiful Appearance. Passed several Fishing Ports—large Sturgeon. It is