

# From Thomas Story Horn to Thomas Horn

BOSTON, MASS- JULY 17TH, 1855

My dear and affectionate Father,

I write to tell you that all the berths except one a first class in the R Mail Steamer are taken and have been engaged three weeks before our arrival and also all the seconds cabin berths of the three next steamers are taken so you may suppose how disappointed we feel.

There are no sailing vessels leaving Boston before the end of next month therefore I instead reshipping my things and starting for to-morrow for New York where we may have a chance of berths in the American Steamer and if not successful we shall in that Port have the best chance of getting a good sailing ship. If we do not succeed in getting a passage by the American Steamer I will write and let you know the name of the vessel we leave in.

My dear Father we are all sick of travelling and long to be home again poor baby is quite sick and has lost all his flesh and frets and cries all the day as for little Tom he stands it well and I do hope that I may be able to get them both safe to England. I will thank you to let Msrs \*\*\* know our disappointment and tell them not to be uncomfortable about us for should we have to take a sailing vessel the weather is fine and it is not likely we will exceed a three week's voyage.

My dear and affectionate wife joins me in kindest love to you and I hope that before long we may see you all,

God bless you my dear Father  
Is the prayer of your  
Affectionate son

T.S. Horn