

Tom June 28/63

Cousin Amanda

This Am. I was informed that
Jim was in my store last week & see me
I should have been pleased to have seen you
I am away from home much of the time
& am very busy when at home. In doubtless have
heard the melancholy news of Brother John
Cox. he was washed overboard in a tremendous
gale wind off Cape Horn. I now feel I
have a double duty to perform in looking after
his Family as well as my own. We have always
pledged ourselves to each other that when one was
taken away the other should act his part as
far as in his Power. No two Brothers ever lived that
were more devoted to each other than we were &
both have labored hard to pass the evening of our days near
each other. We were blessed with good health & family
devoted to us & both had aimed when we thought we
could get away what labors much more they would
have been his last voyage as he anticipated staying at
home after this. I should be pleased to see you
come out soon or I can at the mean time, shall