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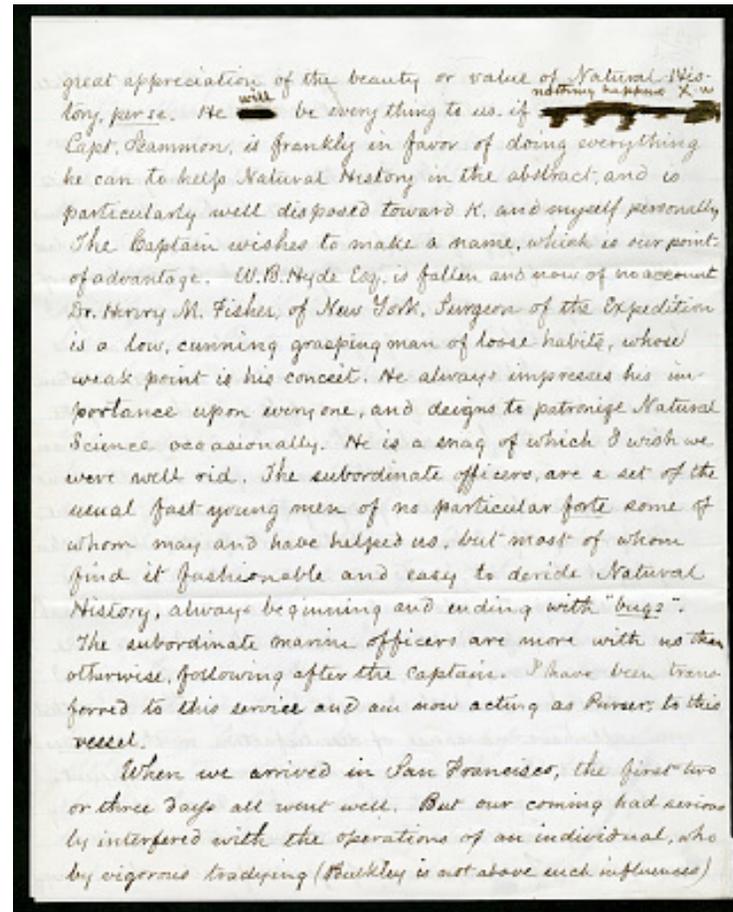
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When we arrived in San Francisco, the first-two or three days all went well. But our coming had seriously interfered with the operations of an individual, who by vigorous toadying (Bulkley is not above such influences)



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