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about these lilliputian elephants. In the States the very hum of a single Musquito is enough to set any one on his guard. How many a poor soul in Cincinnati has been kept in a state of alarm & warfare during all night long by the presence of only two or three Musquitos!

Here in the North, it is a common sorry hour affair to have thousands at one time yes thousands - buzzing around you, some buzzing - some draining your very life-blood from your nose face, hands, arms, legs, backs, others & even diving into your mouth, ears & nose! *Actually the clothing worn in the States is no protection here to the huge probocis with which each lady mosquito is armed.

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* Note. July 10th/

* Two days ago myself with a companion took a tramp into the mountains back of Holsteinborg. We were clad, Cap a pie in thick woollens. We returned pricked covered all over with the smarting wounds of the C. Musquito

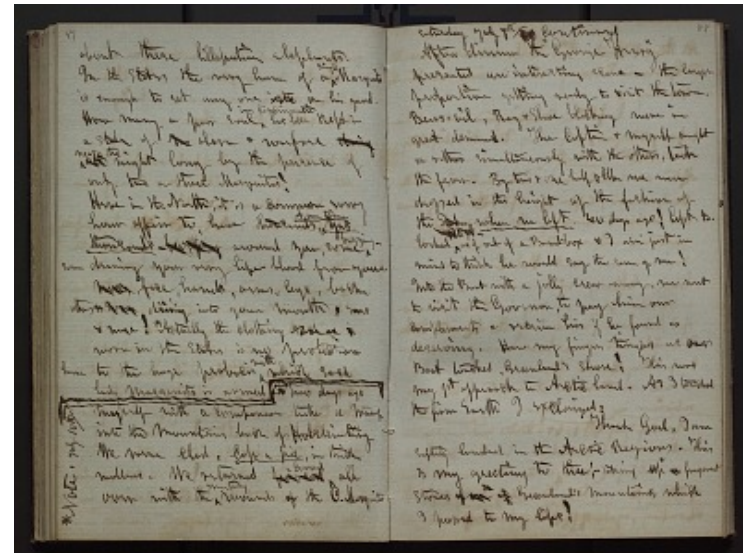
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Saturday July 7th/ continued

After dinner the "George Henry" presented an interesting scene - the larger proportion getting ready to visit the town. Bears-oil, Rag & Shoe blacking were in great demand. The Captain & myself caught or rather simultaneously with the others, took the fever. By two & one half o'clock we were dressed in the height of the fashion of the States when we left 40 days ago! Capt.B. looked as if out of a Band-box & I am just in mind to think he would say the same of me!

Into the Boat with a jolly crew away, we went to visit the Governor, to pay him our complements & receive his if he found us deserving. How my fingers tingled as our Boat touched Greenland's shore! This was my 1st approach to Arctic land. As I touched the firm Earth I exclaimed: Thank God, I am safely landed in the Arctic Regions. This is my greeting to thee;- taking up a fragment stones off Greenland's mountains, which I pressed to my lips!



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