

## Lazaretto Stations \* Student Handout 6

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### STATION 6: Waiting

A Mormon [religious sect] emigrates from Liverpool, England (Great Britain) to the port of Philadelphia in 1855

*“...having sailed five weeks across the Atlantic... Land seen, and we make Cape May [New Jersey and the entrance of the Delaware Bay]; ...-May 18-19, 1855*

It took time to travel through the Delaware Bay. The immigrants spent at least a day just traveling up the Delaware River.

*“We pass beautifully up the river Delaware—land on both sides”-May 21, 1855*

Once anchored near the Lazaretto (three days after seeing Cape May), immigrants awaited their health inspection.

*“...about ½ past nine the doctor came on board...all were assembled and passed, as thank God, no sickness was among us...” -May 22, 1855*

PASSAGE 1: William G. Mills, Historian. Courtesy of The Latter Day Saints Church Archives, Edward Stevenson Collection, Journal of the Chimborazo Emigrating Conference, 18-19, May 1855 and 21-22 May 1855.

### **Merchant Perspective**

John N. Reynolds letters from mother and sister in Philadelphia, 1806:

to mother, Sept. 13:

**“... I have some hopes of shortening my quarantine** from 15 to 12 days. Therefore I hope to see you in the course of 7 days. ...”

to mother, Sept. 22:

**“If this letter should be short please to excuse it for the Boat is now alongside waiting for it. All I can say is that we are all well & in great hopes that we will leave this place** in the course of a few days. ...”

to sister, Sept. 22:

**“... I am in hopes to get leave in the course of two or three days to leave this place of my captivity**, it is now 30 days that I have not had my foot on shore except on patrol, when I did not dare to go out of sight of the river & that was only twice.

**“You must write me in your next concerning the ladies, for you must know that I have become quite a Lady’s Man, & as I hope to see you in a few days I shall expect you to introduce me to some of those Pensilvania [sic] beauties; it has been so long since I saw any of them that I have indeed forgotten how they look.”**

PASSAGE 2: John N. Reynolds’ Letters, Lazaretto [Penn], to mother Catherine L. Kuhn, Philadelphia and to sister Catherine L. Reynolds, Philadelphia, Courtesy, The Winterthur Library: Joseph Downs Collection of Manuscripts and Printed Ephemera, Collection 263.

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Lazaretto 25<sup>th</sup> June 1811  
W. President & Members  
of the Board of Health,  
Your communication  
of yesterday has been duly received.  
The Big Mary has this morning been  
liberated.  
I herewith transmit the Bill of inquiry  
of Schooner Tally - She has been per-  
mitted to proceed.  
The crew of the Franklin continues  
in health - The cargo is in status quo.  
I am very respectfully  
Isaac Hiester

[To] W. President of  
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[Lazaretto physician  
appointed. 1809]

PASSAGE 3: Bill from  
Isaac Hiester, Lazaretto  
Physician, to Board of  
Health, June 25, 1811,  
Credit: Board of Health,  
Philadelphia, Pa.