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Historical or Biographical Note
The JOHN B. COLLEY was a bark built in 1847 in Norfolk, Virginia. The collection material covers a voyage from Norfolk on March 8, 1849. She arrived San Francisco on December 10, 1849, carrying 29 passengers and 12 crew, under command of Captain William Smith. The voyage was apparently quite miserable for passengers. Other records show the bark calling in New York in 1852,; and later it arrived at Astoria, Washington on March 7, 1854, from New York. Final disposition of the vessel is unknown.

Collection Scope and Content
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In 1849, the JOHN B. COLLEY departed from Norfolk, Virginia destined for San Francisco, California. This sea journal was kept by an unidentified author. The title is "A Tribute to those life-lasting feelings of Disgust, Contempt and Scorn Unanimously
entertained, By the Passengers, Officers and Crews of the Bark John G. Colley; For Captain William Smith of New York." The journal begins with a letter to the "Passengers, Officers and Crew, and Fellow Sufferors & to Thomas P. Johnson, Esquire." It is signed by "The Author." The tribute is in two parts and is composed of rhyming verse.

**Collection Arrangement**
This is a one item collection.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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- Gold Rush--California--1840-1850
- Mutiny
- Logbook