

Sailed 9th March 1895-

To. Mrs J Sands,

An Indian woman got off
from the Steamer Mary at
Alzona on the 26th of
Feb^y - She started to cross
on the ice to go to Walpole
Island Some person at the
Town of Alzona told her
not to cross on the ice that
evening as the ice was
breaking up. I was safe
She did not heed this warning
but started and crossed
the American Channel all
right as she was seen on
the Island in the River
St Clair it was getting
dark then, there was a
well beaten Sledge track
on the ice from this

This Island to the main
Island (Walpole) but
This road was abandoned
on account of the ice
breaking, it was partly
Open just where the
Sleigh track was and
full of air holes, as
it was getting very dark
Then poor Elizabeth
must have followed
this track and on
account of being dark
could not see the open
places or air holes on
the ice she must have
walked right into them
She called for help
when the accident

happen by quite a
number of the Walpole
Island Indians she
made a faint noise &
in a very short time it
was all over, no one
dared to go to the place
they know the place
where it happen -

I went every place
on the Island where
I thought that she might
stay but no person
saw her excepting
the whaler at Algonac
when I could not find
her on the Island I
lost all hope of finding

And have made up my
mind it was her that
that was heard shouting
for help. She is gone!

Gone!! forever from us,
never to return to us again
I feel the loss more keenly
than any of my people
that have died, we were
the only two left in our
family, now I am alone.
This is indeed a terrible
Affair but we are in
the hands of a Relious God
who rule all things and who
never makes an error but
does all things right -

Dear Neice. Keep up courage
and let us serve God and all things
will turn out right. Yours affec^t