

## Bround in Shore.

Monday (March) 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Light winds and pleasant, the men employed in lowering down, saw Blackfish lowered two boats did not get any; passed through whale food which coloured the water red, saw two Seal bound in to Inuyaguit. St. Elmer in sight.

Tuesday (March) 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. <sup>at 2.14 P.M.</sup> <sub>2.14 P.M.</sub>

Commenced calm and cloudy, two sail in sight, saw Blackfish, lowered the boats, George went to see if he would strike one, none got near enough to fasten; saw a horn shark; We jumped into the boat and landed two shore birds on board, resembling a robin, land in sight.

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Light winds and pleasant, putting things in order as we are bound in to Poyta; saw a ship bound to Gombos; spoke the Bark Catalpa, of St. Bedford, Capt. Chamblin nearly 31 days out 750 sps. from Poyta the day before, Capt. W. and W. W. Briggs came on board, and got letters, land in sight.

Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Light winds and overcast, working up the coast saw a schooner, round S. also a schooner, wind from the S and W, at night tacked ship and stood off from the land.

Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Light winds and overcast, saw Blackfish, lowered the boats, the S<sup>B</sup> brought one, the W<sup>B</sup> one, the S<sup>B</sup> two; after dinner lowered again, they each brought one to the ship, in all 7, the most that we have had at one time.

Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Light winds and cloudy, the men trying out Blackfish in the afternoon saw more, George is writing a letter home.

## Off Poyta.

Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Moderate breeze and overcast, saw porpoises and Blackfish, a schooner in sight bound in; after dinner saw Poyta Head; myself & sister stayed on deck nearly all day, saw hundreds of sea-birds flying around, at night tacked ship and stood off from land, in the evening wrote letters.

Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Light winds and pleasant weather, passed the islands and the points, came in sight of the port of Poyta.

The Captain gave the mate his discharge, and came to a settlement, and carried him and his things on shore, there were several vessels lying at anchor, and the Catalpa, Capt. Swain of St. Antucket, the Paulina Capt. Stanton of St. Bedford, the Harbinger Capt. Cornell of Westport, the Philip Delaurye of Fairhaven, lying off and on, while it was on shore I busied myself in setting things to rights, so that I can sit down and read letters if we should get any, about the middle of the afternoon W. W. came on board, bringing 17 letters from home; Oh what a feast now, a pleasure we have never known before, we sat down immediately and <sup>read</sup> them in haste so that we could answer a few that night, in the evening wrote untill 12 o'clock, then retired but not to sleep, the excitement was so great for that, to think of friends and home, our letters including those enclosed numbered 25, to tell the truth we were almost beside ourselves with joy, George and Missy received several and were highly delighted, when W. W. came off he also brought off a boat load of sweet Potatoes, George went on shore too.