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Journal at Petrosk

Monday Sept 11th 1854

Fine weather with pleasant breeze from the NW. Men recovering. Kildaness is showered upon us. Dined with Capt. & Lady. Capt. a sailor at heart. Lady one of the first of her sex. Fine weather gone & a gale coming on. Saw 2 ships toiling but so ragged so got so there.

Tuesday Sept 12th

Clouded in the night but the wind strong. Cold weather is coming fast. Must we winter here! Our host, a young German, means that we shall. I can't eat & drink like Russians. Their kind ways will ever make me think well of them.

Wednesday Sept 13th

A fine day came, last night calmed our boat across the Sound so the other ships so be in readiness for ships. Capt. tells us all is for the best, it is hard to realize, a fine ship and good voyage gone in a few hours is a loss not easily trusted. A kind Providence saved our lives. Let us be thankful for that.

Thursday Sept 14th

Like usual this morning found the weather changed & an easterly storm blowing. The air of Salt & C. ceased for a few moments some excitement, I was too young to be disappointed. They will come by & by.

Friday Sept 15th

Another dreary day gone, rain, rain, house not very tight but much better than the bush. This bad weather will drive the ship out of the bay I fear. How pleasant home would be in this weather. I hope still one day to see it.

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Saturday Sept 16th

Cold & dark & dreary, thank God for shelter. Although it is poor yet I have had worse kind of weather so it is with it.

Sunday Sept 17th

I am still continuing with from N.W. & a strong gale, resting & sleeping is we can do. Have not been out for 2 days & am now going, as the rain has ceased & the wind gone down.

Monday Sept 18th

Our bull was but for a short time again soon commenced again. The company last evening made it seem pleasant, although we could not understand them. Pleasant day with fresh breeze from N.W. Our hope now seems to be to get on board a Russian frigate & go to Japan.

Tuesday Sept 19th

A fine day for which I am thankful, but we can expect to have but few such now. I think our chance grows small of getting away from here soon. It is a tedious life & I long so changed it. There is now insight on the mountains. The air is prepared to part the winter here though we could not find a more hospitable people.

Wednesday Sept 20th

Rain during the night but a clear day. Two boats arrived from Pick's dock but nothing for us about leaving here.

Thursday Sept 21st

Still fine weather, but very dull. Long for a change. Wind getting so N.E.

Sept. 22nd 1854
from Petrosk