

Sept 1851

Saturday this morning raining very hard with a fair prospect of a rainy day rain or shine it makes no difference to me I have a good shelter and intend to stay under it as long as the rain continues to come down as it does at present

27 Evening most of the day has been foggy I have spent a good share of the day at the bowling saloon and have had better luck than common at 4 o'clock we heard the cry of fire the firemen were soon in the spot there was but little damage done I heard it was in a carpenter's shop the water they threwed done more damage than the fire at this time the firemen are sporting around the streets with their engines making more noise than 20 muzzies Indians and I suppose they think they are doing something eating.

Sunday the weather is rather cooler than common this morning 28 The wind has hauled round to the S.W. the ship before has gone to sea to day I wish it was the Columbus and I was in her for I am tired of playing the gentleman at my present expenses have just returned from the bottle.

Monday this day commenced raining hard with a light wind from S.E. I have lost a few shillings in the pistol gallery rather poor business without is well followed and I do not think I shall try it again we have one more day left in September then October is left for me to pass the best way I can I am very anxious.

Tuesday the air is quite cool this morning compared with yesterday but the present weather is much more comfortable Capt. Crowell came to New Bedford yesterday to make arrangements about leaving he talks about going by the first 31 of October I am ready any time and glad to get off the quarter the better for me for my expenses will amount up my last voyage.

I received a line from some relatives in the west they tell me they are all in good health and that we are good news as I could wish to hear.

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1 we have had a beautiful day I have been over to Fairhaven the owners are loading the ship as fast as possible I shall soon be a float on the great pond.

Thursday this morning is very clear and quite cool and the change in the weather has given me a severe cold I can scarcely speak and I feel almost sick from the effects of it last evening we had the alarm of fire some where about town I heard this morning that it was a false alarm at this time I am so unwell so work.

Friday the weather is rather cooler this morning than it was yesterday.

Saturday part of this day I have been attending auction I purchased a lot of weighing paper and lost a dollar on the alley captain Crowell left New Bedford for some distance in the evening we had a grand display of fire companies.

Sunday the prospect is good for a pleasant day the sky is slightly overcast but it is brought to clear the sun some of the vessels in the harbor have dressed for the sabbath and that is more than I have done but must soon go through the operation and then get to the ocean better and hear what Elder how has to say for the good of poor devils that goes a whaling for to get there bread I have but 4 sabbaths more to spend on shore this time with is a great plenty four weeks to lay I did my last voyage is gone where I am but a poor chance to get it back but the old saying is live and learn when I get money again I shall know enough to keep it or I am greatly mistaken this earning money and then throwing it away I don't what it is recked up to be if I should have a rainy day I should be in a hard fix my god spare me the pain of being dependant on others for charity. Oh my thing more than what I can relate my services for I believe I have some friends in this place or at least they appear like friends to my face but self interest in the main keeps them here as well as elsewhere.