

On Board Ship Columbus

December 1851

Middle Part strong breeze and squalls of rain at 1 P.M. the wind hauled S & from the yards steering by the wind heading S & S by S under topgallant sails latter part calms and squalls of rain saw a Schooner to the westward steering by the wind to the Southward Employed at raling down the Starboard main rigging Kill one of my water off duty with a sore foot The boatsteerer gets a letter from some of his roommates this is the first letter he has received to get his discharge the first part we make I rather think it that is the game he is playing he will be greatly disappointed

Sat. 11:00 6:00 7:00 Long 29:27

39. Sunday

Commenced calm with squalls of rain saw at 10:00 steering S & S under all sail We are now where we are likely to stay for a time if we cross the equator in a week we are fortunate Middle part fine breeze from the Eastward steering S by E under all sail we had some thing new the second mate had some Madeira wine which was taken a way from him when the ship sailed for no other reason than he used to smother for his health the other day it was giving him on condition that he would make good use of it for the first day he done very well But the more he drank the the stronger grew his apatity He had now got to the height of happiness he could hold no more him self so he thought he would do something for his watch he carried some wine on deck and called his watch and told them to drink and be merry after they had drank several quarts he wanted them to try there I kill at weeping they amused him in this manner untill they had drank as my informant says 5 pots and a bottle and when his watch was out he did not know whether he was on deck or below for him self it is no matter for it is his own fault But I pity his mother she loves him as she does her own life and he has brothers and sisters of high standing in society what must be these fellows when they get and hear of there brothers conduct at sea but there are not all that has the same

The disgrace of his conduct he has a wife and as I have been told one of the most faithful kind and how dose he repay her for faithful ness this is her reward as quick as he is out of he sight he associates with the lowest of the human race there is no brother to low for him to spend his time and money man has never had a greater chance to get along in this world than has been waited on him he is not only abuses his own relative but others that try to for his wellfare Captain Bavel has tried every way to assist him but what dose he get in return he has a man he cannot trust out of the ship for to head a watch at if can get liquor He has done wrong I hope he will do so no more God grant he may suffer part fine breeze from S & S course S by off under all sail saw a brig steering to the Southward

Monday

Sat 5:00 3:00 Long 29:30

Commenced with light winds from the Eastward steering S by W under all sail the wine man insensible Middle part calm with squalls of rain the captain stood the first watch latter part squalls of rain not much wind the wine man on duty but looks as if he had been through the seven cities Employed at breaking out the fore peak the captain thinks he has found the leak we can have the water run in it is after the breasthook saw a brig to the westward steering to the westward

Tuesday

Sat 3:00 5:00 Long 26:05

Wednesday

Commenced with light winds from S & S steering by the wind to the S & S under all sail my roommate is on duty but is out of his head at times he came below at one o'clock and told me it was 8 bells and wanted I should go on deck one more duty and he will be him self once more and I hope this will be a lesson that he will never forget