

53 On Board Ship Columbus
December 1841

Monday
21st commenced with light winds from the North
Saw 2 sails employed at common ships duty
17:24 rose the main top sails by a cross saw the
3:41:15 from the whale kind of middle part fine breeze
from the steering S.W. by S & S.W. all sail
batter part the same saw a sail to the Southward

Monday
22nd commenced with light winds from S.W. by W
Steering S.W. by S under all sail
19:44 Shifted over the standing sails the wind
seems inclined to haul to the westward
the S & trades left us early but we
have had a variable wind in the
stead the has been direct aft which is
not the place that we would wish to have
it as our ship sails very dull before
the wind she sails better with the
wind a beam than any other way we
can have it. And close hauled we
find but few old fashion ship that
can sail with her. The leak in her con-
tinues the same 400 strokes in 24 hours
we are in hopes to find the place and stop
the leak when we get in port

So commence the new week how it will end
no one can tell the Boutatures that was taken
in sick soon after we left home continues
the same. We can pity him and do it
more. But the pity he gets is like
the gold given to the poor which we all
know is very small obidly part the
winds very light may watch below I
had a strange dream I thought our
crew had mutinized or a good part
of them some few of them were true to
the ship. All hands were armed with
knives and blow for a fight I had got
a blow by myself and the crew perceiving
the advantage made for me with uplifted
knives ready to strike me down if I should
show any resistance. I tried to parley
them off by telling them that they were
wrong but they were set to be put off
this way it was rather fight or join
them and at it we went I received
several severe wounds in my right
side and inflicted several on them

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I was contending with after a severe
struggle they were killed and drove
forward all but 3 and they were on the
whale house the Captain said we might
as well finish the job at once and sent
me forward to see if any of them
were willing to assist in taking them
while I was forward I heard a shriek
I ran aft to see what was the matter
and saw some of the mutineers throw-
ing the Captain down off of the house he
was covered with blood as he struck the
deck I saw he had a large gash in the
temple he was in the last agonies of
death he made an effort to speak but
failed and there lay his body but
life had fled. There my despair ended
and I awoke but the thoughts of the
kept from sleep the remainder of the
watch I hope I shall never realize
the misery I saw and felt in that
dream

Batter part of the day fine breeze from
the Northward saw a brig steering
off S.W. She had men at her mast-
head suppose her to be a whaler
saw another sail to the S.W. steer-
ing the same as we are caught a
small yellow tale and had him evoked
for dinner rather a poor fry employ-
ed at mending the jib and taken
the knives out of the pen to kill out
the poor ones

Monday
23rd commenced with light winds from the
Northward steering S.W. by S under all sail saw
20:44 a small brig steering by the wind to
Sun the westward under all sail employed
3:42:20 at the mainmast backstay
so ends the first part Middle part wind
very light and hauled to the S.W. by W
Shifted over the standing sails
Batter part the wind and course the same empl-
oyed at mending the mizzen top sail
and made spungers which we are
short all ways being at we have the
much old junk in the ship so we cover
it with much more