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But as it was not my policy to discharge any one I persuaded him to remain in the ship. His conduct there was such while at Fayal (on one occasion only) as to earn a severe reprimand from me and being of a very sensitive nature he has brooded over the reprimand more than was necessary and since leaving Fayal he has not seemed like his former self at all but has not acted strangely, as to attract attention until about two months ago, of course we can look back now and recall many strange actions in his conduct, but that was so particularly strange at the time as to cause attention. The first time I particularly noticed his strange conduct he seemed very much depressed in spirits and I thought it would soon wear off. But ever since then have more particularly watched his proceedings, and for a long while thought it was nothing but lowness of spirits I did not wish, and would not think, that it was anything more until within a very short time when his action became so strange as to be noticed by all on board, that I was compelled reluctantly to pronounce him partially insane and place him under close surveillance for his own, and others safety. It seems to be of a melancholy insanity and my opinion is that if he can be removed from old associations and brought into contact with new and kindly people and new scenes with cheerful company he will soon recover and become a man again. For this purpose we leave the whaling ground for St. Catherine's to land and leave him the best chance to be sent home for medical treatment as soon as possible.

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We knew not the cause of his insanity and can only conjecture that having received bad news from home that he allowed them to prey upon his spirits that they became in a measure diseased their meeting with disappointment in not getting his share of the whales (as he supposed) but in which I had no reason to complain he became ^{very depressed} ~~much depressed~~ in spirits and commenced brooding over his troubles, then meeting with jokes and rebukes from some of the officers and not feeling himself privileged to resent them allowed them to prey upon his spirits in such a manner as to become completely depressed in spirits and worn and emaciated in body, so poor and weak that he seemed hardly able to get about the ship.

another cause auxiliary to the others has no doubt arisen from an attachment to our daughter Mary.

Meeting with no encouragement from her he galled himself up to disappointment, losing all desire for energy, ambition or enterprise, and continually labored under the delusion that every one on Board was striving to do him some bodily injury.

Saturday Feb. 29th 1879 March 1st 1879
All this day light baffling winds from the S. E. and fine weather ship steering for the island of St. Catherine's for the purpose of discharging Mr. Pesse. He being judged insane and no longer capable of attending duty. He is growing worse and worse sometimes he wishes to go home and then does not wish to go. — Very little signs of whales about here some birds and that is about all. Nothing in sight all day. Lat 25.40 Long 47.26