

Thursday March 10th / 70

Commenced chug from the N.W. Middle and latter part wind about N.W. under two sails reefed topsails & foresail, heading to the S.W. & employed slipping the Starboard boat.

The day is now shortening quite of late it is dark at 5 P.M. & dark at 6.30. or rather it is sunless before that time, I am now looking anxiously at the Minnesota but am fearful we will not see her again this season, if not I suppose I shall not get up to the Bay until the Albion comes there. How I should delight to have a letter from my darling wife, as it is over a year since my last letter was written, oh what a long time, and one year to wait for news how long it takes for a letter to come, and over the year has passed since I last heard from her. The affection is as strong as ever for her whom I have sworn to love & protect, I would that this evening, close her in my arms, would I could catch the hand & join with the in addressing the throne of grace, but alas it is so wicked, my God give me grace to overcome of conquer.

Friday March 11th / 70

Commenced moderate from the N.W. & from much like the fore part. Latter part quite light air at 8 P.M. the whaler raised from the water, on the weather beam (Starboard) five miles off, quite a school of them, I put out one side about 4, lowered all four boats the Captain taking the starboard boat, the whaler appears to be coming for when it comes he shortly after the boat lowered the anchor to windward out of sight, the boat came along side about dark, boat 44, 46 at Long, about 174, 500 lbs.

Saturday March 12th / 70

Commenced fresh from the N.W. with light rain continued rainy all day, put the Starboard boat out & took in the Starboard boat at 9 P.M. He some men had been trading close with a Tiger Hunter, he kept made the men give them back, as he had forbidden all hands trading close with them, one man (Tanner) he was aloft and kept him there until 6 P.M.

Sunday March 13th / 70

Commenced fresh from the S. during the fore part under a little sail, at 3 P.M. made all sail steering about N.W. at 6 P.M. made the land small at 4 P.M. lowered the Starboard boat the Capt & made going on shore at Pitt Island. Tanner aloft all day until 4 P.M. then called him down, at 5 P.M. wind about N.W. To day I have been reading over some of Collins old letters & I want to come home right away if I did not get no letter from home it would not be very hard for me to stop from home as long as I was making something the desire for my wife is very great, I wish I could read her & then learn the same from her. About 12 P.M. the boat came from shore & then I learnt the Bark Minnesota had left her one week ago and as there is but a very slight chance for me to see her, I so my passion of going to the Bay has faded away until the life goes up I live in a very sad disappointment.

Monday March 14th / 70

Commenced strong from the Westward, the wind reefed topsails, going of 8 on Pitt Island at 4 P.M. two boats going ashore, brought of about 30 lbs of Potatoes, at 4 P.M. Boat was near fishing, at 6 P.M. came from shore, kept the ship of for Tewbury beach & picked up both boats, the Boat boat found her very few fish, latter part took in fore part.

Pitt Island after 10 P.M.