

Remarks On Board Seigning In Christmas ^{harbour}

Friday 29th Day of January 1836

Commences with light winds from the N. & W. rainy & foggy weather later part good weather hove up the anchors the 1st & 3rd boats & went ashore went up on the top of the top of the mountain on the opposite side or West side of the harbour the mountain rises with a steep ascent, with more than half the height & then raises from 2 to 300 feet in a solid rock the top of it leans over about 80 feet or there abouts towards the harbour which forms a spiteful appearance in coming up the harbour to see such an immense bulk so high in the air leaning it self towards the ship which if should break of it would make a tremendous roaring on its foundation below & push it self into the water & likely some of it reach the ship, nothing but its strength & solidness keeps it from doing so. As I was to be over above they have down some small rocks which struck on the solid rock below & made a report something like a cannon the men looked about as large as small monkeys from the ship we landed we gave each other two charges which made the mountains echo this Day ends with light winds & cloudy weather

Saturday 30th Day

All this Day fresh gails from the Westward & squally weather with snow squalls went ashore & gunning & shot some ducks saw two right whale meat on board two boats went out side & caught 2 of. See any thing of them the ship Portsmouth had anchored in the harbour about 10 Days ago & drag her anchors & put to sea have in sight Reeling up Carried away her main yard by a sliding flaw & put to sea again

Sunday 31st Day of January

Saturday Commences with fresh gails from the Westward squally weather attended with rain & snow in morning more moderate 3 boats went out side to look for whale saw one right whale gawing fast along shore & was not able to make firm. As first the wind blowing on went on in the ship. Ocean of Bedford arrived Capt. Bourne

Remarks for February Monday 1st 1836

Commences with strong winds from the westward & cloudy weather at 7 A.M. started with one boat from the each ship & the Captains in search of some better Bay farther W to the South & East went about 8 miles to the Edward & paid about the same distance up a Bay & looked to see about 12 miles where the land hid it from our sight which formed the head of the Bay or else it was of some other course this Bay is from 3 to 4 miles wide as far up as we went & runs up. Next we came down the Bay & stopped under the lee of the point killed two sea elephants at our dinner & started for the ship the wind sprang in our teeth blowing heavy the flaws taking the water up from 20 to 30 feet & a very bad sea swept a considerable water rather high pulling to the windward the flaws taken blowing the cars out of the relocks at 4 P.M. we were along side the ship this Day ends with strong gails & cloudy weather

Tuesday 2nd Day

Commences with strong gails from the N. & W. & cloudy weather in the fore part of the Day the ship Ocean under took to work up parted a hawser maid sail & beat up where we lay ends with strong breezes & rainy weather

Wednesday 3rd Day

The first part of this Day fresh breeze from the Westward & wet weather at 6 A.M. went out side with our boats had not been out more than an hour before the wind began to freshen the rain began to fall & we sprung to haul cars went in without seeing any whale saw a ship standing in did not make her appearance to the mouth of the harbour supposed she stood off after 12 meridian the wind increasing every moment at 4 P.M. blowing a complete gail the flaws would strike to the head of the Bay on the water with such force to take the water up about forty feet & drive it along before its rage like the N. Westers does take the down of of the hills in America about this time of the year this Day ends with the gail increasing & our ships dragging slowly down the harbour by some the heaviest flaws.