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some having also recovered being only slightly affected. There was only one who might be said to undergo the usual penalty; but the fore-castle was indeed a scene of pity and curiosity mingled together for those who were so fortunate as to escape sickness were sick at heart of their undertakings and complaining in bitterest accents of their folly or what they considered as such in consenting to sail the salt sea over and it is not strange that even a three years voyage should be so strongly regretted in the first few days when the fact that then is felt and realized the most lonely and disagreeable feelings and an almost irresistible impulse during this uncomfortable state to return home again is considered - feelings which probably during the whole voyage can never recur in so strong a sense.

How I have heard them say: could we only set foot on land again do you think we would be prevailed upon to take another such step? he said they: sooner would we hew stone within the prisons gates than be induced by the highest prospects of wealth and fame to feel as we do now. But like myself of the life before them they are ignorant it may

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prove comparatively cheerful and agreeable and it may not much will doubtless depend on ourselves in insuring either. One thing above the rest seems certain the loss of society and relation can never be repaired at sea.

However slowly pass off the first few months I am told with them go the sadder thoughts and homesick feelings which every one will acknowledge to have felt at first in similar situations and then a sense of reconciliation to fate generally takes place and owing to accustomed absence which is itself a surety against homesick feelings a feeling of indifference and contentment ensues which commonly only terminates with the voyage.

I now began to consider myself one of the favored ones of Neptune having only lightly paid the penalty usually exacted of Sailors on their first Cruise.

Owing to the storm we were obliged to desist a while from labor and as a consequence the time wore more slowly away. In the afternoon we saw blackfish in large numbers. One school came quite near us but it was now rugged and the fish being small and the chances against us we did not over.

During the remainder of the day I studied