

Tuesday, March 3^d 1863 -

87 days from N.Y.

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This morning, awoke with the Sun - shining on my room - Calculated it must be about 6. So I still laid there and meditated on the course of the present events - - The Gaspee was ahead as far as could be seen. At 7 o'clock, and at 8 - we were nearly side by side - 9 - put on soap on the topsails (Mains) - and over the fore was very firm - close reefed - at - 10 - Set, W. Top Sails and sail over our topsails - The wind - blew fresh, with Force - during which we did not gain on the Gaspee - - Heading - NW - by W - - the weather is over - but the Sun - is shining - no appearance of Squalls -

2. P.M. - A Boat - Landing this way - passed a boat our bow looked like an old fashioned vessel - Apparently - "English" - They had up a board Lany - their Longitude marked on it with Chalk - but as it was on a white Board - could not make it out - This vessel came the nearest of any - our Ship - during the voyage and was about 1/2 mile away - 4. P.M. - Put - another Force signal - - which we set - All hands have been ashore in the Cabin - except - myself - - Wind has changed - to SE - and now now had come W by S - so as to clear the land - - The Gaspee is now - ahead from us about - 3 miles -

9. P.M. - wind evidently - coming ahead - as from my window can see the clouds coming from the west - Have been sitting around the stove - Singing and telling stories - etc - we have had a good run this - afternoon - but with us - such things do not last long - - We are all anxious to get to Valparaiso and the prospect that a fresh wind is again in store for us makes us uneasy -

It will be probably - somewhere - the last of March before we get in - and I expect the Doct - is now expecting us every day - Charles - health is good! - But - Cam - & Mary are growing discouraged - cannot eat any of the Cabin fare - - So - Ends - this day -

Wednesday March 4th 1863

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This morning - finds us - close hauled on the Larboard tack and heading - N by compass - 8 - Am - Tack a Ship - and standing - about - S - W - there is two pieces - varnish - of the Compass Run which gives us about - a - SW true course - - The water looks of a dark greenish tint which perhaps indicates land - It may be from the reflection of the clouds - - 12 M - have been shooting - part - and the clouds have equally - with rain - - The Ladies look - - and are as low spirits - to day as they were high yesterday -

Every indication of a blow - at 6 P.M. close reefed the topsails - fore & the main and foresail - - so as to be in readiness to heave to should it blow harder - 9. P.M. Ship pitching badly - so as to make it hard to stand up - The Capt - is on deck - giving orders - and making every thing secure - ! - Cal - is afraid that it will blow as it did - a short time since - The Gaspee - Tack a Ship at 1/2 this morning - and we have not seen her since -

Went into George's room this evening - and there stayed a short time - all on the Cabin - talking - - Returned early myself, leaving Cal - with her fears to come when ready - She wishes to see the Capt - and ascertain the prospects - !!!

Wind does not increase -