

October, 1869

Lat 22. 1/2. The time has passed very pleasantly and that is chiefly about, so we are getting along the backwater way. This evening I went to the cutter I bought yesterday, and this afternoon have sent my sewing machine for the first time since I left home. There have been many a signal for the ship. It is now very quiet, and while I wait the gun are passing heavy clouds. Mr. Bager speaks at the hotel. We are now in Lat 31. 44, Lon 34. 50.

Lat 23. 1/2. The vessel, and I again take my gun although I have nothing of interest to record. It was calm Lat 23. 15. During the night our stove has had a little breeze. This morning I made another signal. This afternoon have been circulating have nearly finished the fish. Have been heated with the water in the sea. Some other things. Have written to Sam and Harri.

Sunday 24th. I would be glad to have the sound of the church going bell, and join the worshippers. But gathering in the church at home, there were no one mingled with them. Months and years will pass before we meet them again. But this thought cheer me. God is above the water, the shore as in the land, and just as willing to have sight as He is to have public prayer, may not perhaps and bless the church and meet once at home and also prosper us and return us safely. We are having quite a breeze today. Steering S.E. We had to diminish our crew, Hamilton, Fie, Coffey, Pugh, and Robert. Lat 26. 00.

Lat 25. 48. I am now on deck for the first time since Monday. Have been quite sick since then. Lat 23. 51. The weather today is better and I am feeling better though not very strong. Frederick is well and happy. One sail on sight. This morning passed a school of porpoises. About 1000 in all. As I was not looking - One large fish came on board a few minutes since. It was very large and some of the men are making a kind of a fish.

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Lat 24. 1/2. Another Sabbath is here, and once more half spent. This morning the men at the wharf seized a school of Whales. The boats were lowered but did not succeed in taking. Lat 25. 48. This morning after my left the ship. Lat 23. 15. One of my Canoes flew away in the cage that being a few days. But since came to the conclusion that it was useless to try for fresh milk. We are still having light, head winds. But fresh is coming. Have finished a letter to Sam, and will now write to Harri.

Lat 24. 1/2. Since last Sunday we have had very much squally weather so I have been unable to work, and have not been out. Lat 24. 12. One of the men, Monday with the help of my Lat 24. 25. Machine made a pair of doublebreasted drawers. Since then have been circulating with a lot. Finished it this morning, and have commenced on doublebreasted chemise. Work a letter to Sam on Sunday. Nothing unusual has occurred during the week. One of the boatmen is quite sick today.

Lat 26. 00. This morning while hearing the sound of three blows greeted my ears. I moved myself and the boat as quickly as possible, and went on deck. Found three boats but Lat 26. 34. then lowered and were in pursuit of the ship, after Lat 26. 44. chasing them two hours. returned to the ship not having yet was enough. A little one seen for we saw a large school of porpoises, watched them some time, also saw the schools of flying fish. About 1000 and a large school of herring. exchanged signals. Given after of the another boat. Lat 26. 1. To the ship. As volume took the starboard boat and carried it down. Lat 26. 1. The ship. I saw a school of three. Since and Sunday, but I know when the vessel was bound should not have put so many on board but waited for a better opportunity. The boatman is better.

Lat 27. 1/2. This morning had quite rough weather but a fair wind. This Lat 27. 22. gave exchanged signals with another Dutch boat. Have written a letter to Sam, and commenced one to Harri.