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Jan 30th Have finished my valise. Now today, we are now leaving for Juan Fernandez. But the wind is very light.

Jan 31st About leaving Juan, will be the same as before. There is but little wind. Saw a large blackbird. Cock heard several of them this afternoon.

Jan 1st Arrived at Juan saw Capt Kelly, anchor as we came about the point. Left went on shore but the Spaniards he wanted to see him out at home. He came back about 1/2 past 4 and introduced to meet a wife on shore got water but finally concluded it was so late there would not be time to get off before night. So sent one boat off for the boat then we started to go on shore but had got about half way there looked back and saw the wind had died out when the boat was and they were drifting toward the rocks rapidly. We returned Mr Brightman had already bought the Sanchos boat to go to the harbor. We took their work and the two boats succeeded in turning her head off shore and then until the wind blew a little. I had successfully frightened I thought we should certainly go ashore. We are now leaving off shore. Have got the anchors out and shall go in and anchor in the bay.

Jan 2nd The anchor this morning near Capt Kelly. He came on board before we anchored and brought us some cherries. Soon after anchoring sent a boat on shore for water then we went to pick cherries. got several quarts. While we were in the bay saw boats coming on shore. forced to go back from two Valparaiso boats. The fishermen (Malks, Capt Heath and the Samuel Roberts, Valparaiso) Capt Heath gave me some pale paper, and gave me a little ship. Just as we got the names of the Valparaiso back in the harbor, and found the breeze is light. I have not written about the boat. As I thought they had not gone to the harbor. Oh how I wish I knew where the boat was, I was just very anxious to get to

the harbor when I saw here all the contractors. Juan Fernandez is a very hilly island, but the soil is very good. almost all kinds of fruit grow spontaneously, but this is not the right season. We can get only cherries. These vegetables are not yet grown. There are but three families on the island. about twelve persons including the children. The best known talks English the remainder speak Spanish. There is now a Spaniard and little by exploring the island. He sent out speak English. He sent us off a mass of fish. He expects a schooner here to carry him to Valparaiso. It is expected tomorrow, and I shall try to write to meet by him.

Jan 3rd cont

Capt Kelly has been on board most all day. This morning the Spaniard, Pascual, came off and shipped to dinner. This afternoon saw met Mr. Kelly and Capt Kelly went on shore. It was so rough I did not go. one boat has been fishing here quite a quantity of fish. We have had a glut of milk from there and the Spaniard has promised a bucketful every day if we will send a bucket on shore. he brought us a bucket of cherries this morning.

Jan 4th cont

By Mr. Kelly's authority I cannot realize I am so old. Capt Kelly came on board this morning about 10 o'clock. the schooner the Churchman expects arrived this morning about 10 o'clock as in the morning early for Valparaiso. I wrote to Pamela & John yesterday. This morning wrote to the Commodore. Mr. Kelly went on shore a little while this afternoon with Mr. Brightman and Mr. Kelly.

Jan 5th cont

This morning Capt Kelly came on board to take us in his boat to visit Salko's cave. Our boats are all full getting worst. We went around near the cave but could not land when we ought as it was very rough. We landed on a small piece and thought we could get down to the cave. I came very near getting overboard. trying to get on the rock. Large bunches of fish and Mr. Kelly to a safe place. then came to help me just as I was slipping on the rock a sea