

Part Baltic Nov 26th 1856

Made it was our right - hours on deck last night and in the first watch we cleared up all the sails except the top sails to keep them from flapping against the masts as it was a dead calm. Two most of us turned in at the fore scupper (as usual) and slept until eight bells our watch began. Turned in my bunk and had a sweet dream. Had not finished when I heard the hoarse cry of "astrolia's ahoy" because out there bulwarks & bells relieve the whole and look out. I did not feel in a very good humor. After getting in O.R. I went to sleep on the Monkey Rail. But the rain came pouring down in torrents and by the time I got finally drunk I woke up after the shower. A fine breeze sprang up and in soon made all sail again. It kept bringing on until daylight and then it had got to be quite a Gale. So that we were obliged to take in all the lower sails. It was my morning mast head & I did not like getting up on the Royal Mast when the wind was so high. But the old Mate said nothing to the contrary and up we got. I expected every moment the whole mast would be carried away. But it only cracked and fell. Until the squall was over we have had a fine breeze and are heading our course S by E.

Light winds, and squalls accompanied the same of a Sunday 28th in the afternoon in our watch are too high at all to us except in taking shells. It makes us most pretty hands.

Part Baltic Nov 30th 1856

Friday 28th We came at the trade again today and have now got a spanking good breeze heading our course S by E. Same to day as regards the wind all hands and busy making up their dirty clothes. Saturday is so day at apart for us to wash and mend our clothes. Nothing else to do.

At 3⁰⁰ P.M. a very unexpected fog came to pass the ship. It was in Saturday 18⁵⁶ and we are within 30 miles of the latitude. Instead of land a sail was seen the grey about 8 miles on our weather bow. She soon ran down to us and proved to be the whaler ship "Albin" from Bedford. which had made land was running away from it. It was so thrilling it would not be kept laying off and on at why took take (or by mistake) as it is called. The Captain of the "Albin" came aboard of us. As is usual the old man with his boat crew went on board of the "Albin" and the afternoon had a very pleasant time. They gave Commodore Porter I wish I was with them. came aboard at 7 P.M. of the Baltic.

We have altered the course and are now heading East S.E. for water with a good breeze. I was to the mast head & saw out land. Oh. at 8 P.M. we headed back the main yard & the Captain went ashore having orders with Mr. Stevens to land in another boat in an hour. I made up my mind to go & I did. It is a beautiful island literally covered with fruit. The women are as fine patened