

Bark Baltic Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856

Remind as any I ever saw. The old man took  
off the two pieces of calico to trade for  
fruit & sugar. We got some 30  
lbs of Pine Apples, 10 bunches of Bananas  
& any quantity of Oranges & Citrus fruits.  
I should like to live there for a few  
months, there is very few white people here  
I believe to is all of

There has a gal of mind & young accomp  
- arrived with hard rain, on more obliged  
to rest to pass, for the first time since  
leaving the whaling ground. We are  
putting out at sea today.

Reckoned down last night in the  
middle watch square the cargo and  
are standing in for land again.  
The old man must be here to bring  
a part of his cargo back & brought  
what things he traded for & are now  
are standing out to sea again. The  
calico he told me he is allowed to trade  
for a good cost yet, pine apples he gives  
in trade 50¢ for 1 lb. Since I got a bush  
Bananas 10¢ a bunch. Oranges 15¢ for  
600

Thus 4<sup>th</sup> The breeze strong, S.W. the ship is  
nearly covered with fruit. In our afternoon  
watch all of a sudden a black cloud  
sprang up to the mid mast & few miles  
(apparently) & soon a water spout the  
old man discovered. He commenced  
heaving like a painter to take in sail  
soon three spouts more and the ship  
was put in the other tack & I never  
saw the Captain so frightened. He told  
Mr. Stiers to load his gun and stand  
by ready to fire his cannon gun in the ship  
if it was likely to come near the ship.

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There has Mr. Stiers informed me how words  
ships lost in these latitudes lost by their  
water spouts if they strike a ship she is  
most sure to be wrecked.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Nearly dead calm. my growth is very sore  
eating so many Pine Apples.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> I am glad each day has come around  
more more. I have that confounded tooth  
ache again today. wonder if I am always  
to be troubled with my teeth.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath day all sailor men are glad to  
see some Sunday. Each man shows marks  
put in clean clothes and then lay around  
Deck making, those that are not able  
to work. Those that can work load  
for them. My teeth still continue aching  
We have several Monrovia Ducks in town  
the only ones I ever saw before here at  
the White Sulphur Springs Va. I then  
thought they were the oddest looking  
things I ever saw.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> No breeze very warm. been busy mending  
lower deck. which each watch have to do  
twice a week. It is done in order to keep  
the lower deck cool so that the casks that  
hold oil shall not burst.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Been mending up old foretop sail in our  
forenoon watch. Our forecabin is nearly  
half full of rotten Pine Apples. My teeth  
have discontinued their ache. and I have  
a jaw as large as a side of a ham.  
I had a curious dream in last morning  
watch below. which I cannot refrain from  
committing to paper. I dreamt it was  
P. and was waiting for my chest to