

Port Baltic Dec 10th 1836

to come up from the City on the night train
which waiting I dropped in at the Post Office
where my Mother came in the Office to receive
a letter to me at the consulate. She said me and
after many embraces she had me go home
which I was very loathe to do as I had
nothing on but my old sailor suit but
I went. I know you had a long sail to
go up. And while getting up the hill I
thought it was nothing but a dream
and told Mother so, and she said no
here I saw flesh and blood. I felt her
and I thought very perceptibly, and was
convinced I was not in the land of nod
when one of the Starboard watch came
down for my Palm. It took him a long
time to make me and great deal longer
to convince me I was not with my
Mother. So lucky my Dream. But before
we got up that Heill she gave me much
good advice, and it seems as if I could
recollect very good

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Wednesday nothing occurring worthy of note
Thursday Friday the wind has hauled
and we are now right before the
wind is having strong squalls at several
Albions under the bow the sea was very
mild 10 lbs & are and spirit ratting
fish. This was a large man of war
Hawk came down on Deck by the sun
last night in thought the fellow
must have broken his neck but we
opened his mouth and found a very
large flying fish stuck in his throat
which I had probably choked him so that
he could fly no longer. We laid
my Deck for five minutes painting it then
spread his large & magnificent wings
up in high

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21st - Been busy all my afternoon watch making
my chest & airing my outfit

About 6 and this morning it commenced raining
and blowing and I do not recollect if we
experienced a colder storm. I helped to haul
both of the Tigeant gallant sails gaff top sail
spanker flying jib. I was scalded through & through
it continued blowing fresher until we must
bring & then the other watch were obliged to close reef topsail
haul the courses & jib. Haul out the spruce & lay
to under storm staysail & close reef topsails. It all
day Sunday & Monday we had quarter watches which
skips all sailor work. She was heading about south
my more steering close to the wind

21st - We commenced making sail this morning
and we have now all sail made once more
& we are going along at the rate of 7 knots
with a fresh trade wind heading E.S. or our
course should be S.E. &

21st - The wind has hauled about two points & we are
now heading South with a good breeze. We
have been busy sorting our potatoes to day in
the fore hold. In the Dog watch the two Blackhawk
sent out their own white water on the water
deck & a whale of some kind was striking up their
Mr Strong ran aft & the whole proved to be a
large Scampus. which is to small for
a Spouter to take any notice of

21st - It was our 8 hours in Deck last night & a right
cold night in our toes. The old man came on
in the midnight watch of the Starboard watch
had the Deck and great forward & found
very me asleep. Fourth watch and all to day
he has had them on Deck all day at work
jobs such as scraping & sheeting down the deck
Drawing salt water to fill the tub. Her sail