

Park Ball's Mch 7th 1837

Feb 7 Beautiful weather with good breeze and all hands with nothing to do. Some of us washed a few pieces + this evening we washed off Dick's in the wash tub + not having cold for the first time in a week. Steering N.W. by W.

Mr. Stevens, Loran and the life of Patrick Henry, the celebrated Orator + Statesman of the Revolution. It was much interesting in it as it was the first time I had ever heard of his many early trials in life. Steering same. Shudding sails + muzzling fore + aft. We had a very heavy squall about 4.30.

Mon 9th Very strong breeze but the old man is carrying all sails. He is very anxious to get to the islands for he expects to find the latter half of the season. The time of the wind makes the sailing + all muzzles crack. But the danger of carrying too much sail for your humble self.

Feb 10th All strong breeze, last night carried away the mainsail. Steering E. N. E. W. in salt + got some 20 degrees of longitude. Keel lays in 15° long + lat 19° 30'.

Feb 11th Breaking out between Dick's + I have got a horrible kind of toothache entirely new to me. It commences in my jaw. It goes in my forehead + set in my temple + goes thro' down in my left ear. They are shooting pains and perfectly insupportable. I am unable to do anything. Repairing out our long stay to

Feb 12th Providence permits when we arrive in sight of St. John's. Have four teeth drawn + sore and not going to suffer this pain any longer. Did not sleep a wink for the first 24 hours. Steering same.

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Feb 13th This confirmed toothache still continues without any abatement. I think I have caught cold by sleeping on Dick's night and I have now made up my mind not to sleep on Dick's any more. Trust after I have my teeth extracted I shall be up and are now heading E. N. E. or

Feb 14th By and having a regular siege of this toothache but I try and bear it with Christian fortitude. Mr. Stevens recommended some ashes put in a little bag wet with some vinegar and bound on my jaw. I applied this remedy + laid down in my bunk + did not wake up until this Sunday morning at 6 A.M. feeling about 14 hours strong sleep + the ache was entirely gone. But I left a remarkably prominent scar. Steering same.

Feb 15th My shall be in at Keel if the wind continues by Wednesday. I am very anxious to hear from home again. For I have had some frightful dreams concerning Mother. I suppose they do not put any faith in them but still they keep haunting my imagination. I took a lat to day and we are in 12° 22' + worked out our longitude this afternoon and I make 158° 20' west. Steering E. or with good fresh breeze.

Feb 16th It was our eight hour in last night + after the watch was called this morning at 3 A.M. I turned out much on Dick's + being very sleepy and not wishing to lay down on Dick's + get it sleep for fear of getting the toothache. I must do in this school + must to sleep this night. I'll give me off the Spaniards who were on the lookout + waken me at four o'clock. It was my trick at the wheel. The Spaniard got asleep in the cockpit and did not hear four bells struck consequently I was not