Bark Baltic March 19th 1859

1st
Mr Marshall came along forward
to man the wheel to know who spoke
mas. some of the boys said it was mine
he was lying out for me that broke me
off. I turned out & he asked me what
was doing down there & why I was not
at my wheel I told I did not hear
it strike four bells, oh, you was asleep
below was you. I told him I was sick
he told me I was well & took it
off for two watches keeping me the whole watch
to night at the wheel. and it is
no fool of a job to stand at the wheel
& steer the ship.
The wind most all died away last night
& we are now going along slowly with
the sails flapping hardly against the masts
Spoke a barque bound to N. W.
Latitude 17.20 Hardly make 2 Degree in 24 hours

Thurs 17th
A good breeze sprung up in the night & we
at daylight & the watch on at 8 20
our first watch for Grub we squared the
yards & Mr Marshall said let the ship
run down & not travel of the Kelgands
as I thought & instead of the Kelgands
it was the Japanese Studding sail halyards
up main the Halyards coming with this nothing
of taking me fifty times. as I was partly
in the bed I threw myself on deck & to
pick out of this flight I said my neck
was bring perhaps broken
Mr Marshall told me to take the turn
out which for a mark for getting
under the Foreshold he wants to
the air & up giving it not usual
I forgot to say down came the Studding sail
the brace & we had an awful time getting

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Sat 18th
Land Ho was sung out from aloft
about 10 am and we soon made it
out to be Omaha although some 140
miles ahead; we saw all day with all
sail set had a light 6 knots and
just before dark it commenced clouding
up and at midnight we hauled
back the main yard and hove too
waiting for Daylight. Spoke Wakeship
Enterprise from Hamburg with only
two boats left and a hard looking
old craft she is and looks very badly

Wed 19th
Land is plain in sight this morning
we have braced forward and are
now standing it straight for land
with mainsail furled. Sent up signal for
a pilot at 11 AM and he soon boarded
we had fair wind until noon and it
then halted right ahead so that the
only way we could in at the Harbor
was by beating & we got in and dropped
anchor about 2 PM. and in a very
short time we had all the sails
snugly furled

Friday 20th
Commenced rafting off fresh water
to the ship finished on Saturday
Starboard watch got liberty on
Friday and our watch had the
same Saturday. We have now
300 bbls of fresh water in the ship
enough to stowage so all through our
voyage on the Coast.
Sunday all hands except five to stay
on board and take care of the
ship got liberty and a very fine Sabbath
we had of it. No religion
any kind sold here not even beer